



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

Council Meeting Date: October 6, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the current participation and use agreements between the City of Dripping Springs and the non-profit organizations involved in the Founders Day Festival: Dripping Springs Lions Club; Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club; St. Martin de Porres; Dripping Springs Knights of Columbus Council #11695; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2933; and Dripping Springs Independent School District. *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*

Agenda Item Requestor: Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

Summary/Background: Several of the Participation and Facility Use Agreements between the City and various non-profit entities for the Founders Day Festival have expired or will be expiring soon:

- Lions Club Agreement – **expires in 2026** (*before next event*)
- Cook-Off Club Agreement – **expires in 2027** (*before next event*)
- St. Martin de Porres Agreement – evergreen until terminated
- Knights of Columbus – **expires in 2028**
- VFW Post 2933 – evergreen until terminated
- Lions Club & DSISD – evergreen until terminated

In addition, the FY 2026-2027 Founders Day Budget as approved appears to be conflict with the terms of the City, Lions Club, and DSISD Agreement, which states that the Lions Club will pay an annual \$6,000 facility use fee to DSISD for use of their property during the event, or the Lions Club will pay the City \$6,000 and the City will pay DSISD. The Founders Day Committee recommended that the use fee be paid by the event as a whole and it was added to the FY 2026-2027 Founders Day Budget as a “Other Expenses” line item.

Staff Recommendation: Staff is seeking feedback and direction from Council to maintain or alter the agreements, particularly the profit-sharing agreements which may help to offset the steadily increasing cost of safely and effectively executing the Founders Day Festival.

Attachments:

- 2025 Dripping Springs Lions Club Participation Agreement Founders Day
- 2026 DS Cook Off Club Inc Participation Agreement
- 2025 St Martin de Porres Participation Agreement
- 2024 Knights of Columbus Participation Agreement

- 2026 VFW Post 2933 Founders Day Parking Profit Sharing Agreement
- 2025 DSISD, DS Lions Club, and City Facilities Use Agreement
- Founders FY 2025-2026 Budget
- Founders FY 2026-2027 Budget

Next Steps/Schedule: Revise/renew agreements based on City Council feedback.