



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

March 16, 2023

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreements for the annual July 4th Celebration

DATE: March 16, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Finance

PRESENTED BY: Rosie G. Vela, Finance Director

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The City budgeted \$35,000 for a 4th of July celebration. At the Mayor's request, potential options were researched to find the cost and feasibility for different types of celebrations. The following options were researched and discussed at the City Council Meeting on February 16, 2023, and on March 2, 2023.

- Traditional fireworks
- Laser show
- Combination of lasers and fireworks
- Drone show

By way of background, the rationale for exploring alternatives to a traditional firework show include but are not limited to the following:

- Exploring options to mitigate fire risk associated with localized drought conditions. Exercising an abundance of caution, the City canceled the 2022 fireworks show due to severe drought conditions. Similar drought conditions may evolve this year.
- Exploring options that address the concerns of our veteran community.
- Exploring options less intrusive to pets and wildlife.

City staff pursued options for a laser show, fireworks show, and combination show based on initial City Council feedback and the discussion at the March 2nd meeting.

If the City Council approves having a Laser Show, the City will execute an agreement for an amount not to exceed \$12,667.

If the City Council approves having a Fireworks Show, the City will execute an agreement for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

The City Council also may approve a combination show by approving agreements for both options for a total amount of \$32,667 as proposed.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

- The City has \$35,000 budgeted in Account 01-613-354.
- An agreement for a Laser Show is expected to cost \$12,667.
- An agreement for a Fireworks Show is expected to cost \$20,000.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

The City Attorney will assist staff with finalizing the agreements.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreements for a July 4th Celebration in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.