



Board: City Commission
Agenda 04/13/2026
Date:
Department: City Manager
Presenter:

Staff Report

Agenda Item Title:

2027 4th of July Fireworks Proposal

Background:

In March of 2026 Jim McNeil, owner of Delta Force Security and Private Investigation, a Gladstone business contacted the city regarding our **2027** 4th of July fireworks display. Mr. McNeil is proposing working with city staff in planning, preparing and executing the 2027 Gladstone 4th of July fireworks display. Mr. McNeil is experienced with setting up fireworks displays, holds the appropriate license for running displays and owns much of the equipment necessary for launching fireworks. Mr. McNeil also purchases his fireworks from Spielbauer fireworks, the same company the city has purchased from for several years. Mr. McNeil has already reached out to Spielbauer to explain how he would like to work with the city. Mr. McNeil will be here this evening to explain what his ideas are for the 2027 display and how he could assist the city in pursuing a memorable 4th of July fireworks display.

Fiscal Effect:

Money would be budgeted in the fiscal year 2027-28 budget. Money for fireworks is usually paid for from the Mary Cretens fund at about \$10,000.

Supporting Documentation:

Please see attached Gladstone Fireworks Proposal from Delta Force and Spielbauer, also receipts from 2025 fireworks display.

Recommendation:

Make motion to authorize Mr. McNeil of Delta Force Security & PI to work with the City of Gladstone Parks & Rec. department for the 2027 4th of July Fireworks Display.