



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION

MEETING DATE: 01/06/2026

PRESENTER: Ray Cerda, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation

TITLE: Ratify purchase of catered meals from Creative Cuisine offered for resale by the Ruthe Jackson Center until a new catering contract has been executed

REVIEWING COMMITTEE: (Reviewed by Finance and Government Committee on 01/06/2026)

SUMMARY:

<i>Vendor Name</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
Creative Cuisine	\$190,000

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

An interim contract for catering service is needed for events at Ruthe Jackson Center until a new contract has been executed.

Clients and guests of the Ruthe Jackson Center select from a variety of menu options to meet their specific catering needs. The menu selected by the client determines the catering vendor utilized for their event. Catered meals offered for resale at the Ruthe Jackson Center are not purchased until after the client has selected a catering option and the required event payment has been secured.

Catering menu pricing reflects current market rates, and all associated costs are fully recovered through the resale of these meals to clients.

City Council authorization is required because the aggregate annual expenditure for these catering purchases is expected to exceed \$100,000. Approval of this item will authorize City staff to procure catered meals and related services for subsequent resale to clients of the Ruthe Jackson Center in accordance with the statutory exemption.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Budgeted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fund Name:	Park Venue Fund
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