



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Agreements with Appalachian Highlands United Soccer Club

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: July 21, 2026
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Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:

Approval of the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved the City will enter into two agreements with Appalachian Highlands United Soccer Club (AHU), formally Tri-Cities United Soccer Club (TRIC). The first agreement for the use of Eastman Park at Horse Creek and the second agreement for Concessions Rights at Eastman Park.

AHU will continue to be the provider of Kingsport's Recreational Soccer Program. For operating the league AHU is given the right to utilize Eastman Park for non-recreation related leagues and programming. Eastman Park serves as AHU's primary facility for program operations. The agreement establishes an oversight committee including representatives of Doby-Bennett soccer coaches.

For FY25 the soccer club had 339 participants in the spring and 472 participants in the fall for ages 4 to 15.

Concessions Rights gives AHU the sole right to operate concessions at Eastman Park

The term of the new agreements is August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027

These agreements allow the City of Kingsport to partner with AHU to provide exceptional recreational soccer opportunities for the citizens of Kingsport.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Agreement

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Baker	—	—	—
Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—