AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator

FROM: Joshua Gentzler, AICP Candidate, Community & Economic Development Director

DATE: January 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Independence Day Celebration Site Selection

Explanation: The City must select a location for the 2024 Independence Day Celebration. Due to the division and selling of the northern lot of Lansing Towne Centre, the Independence Day celebration can no longer be held at Mary Street and Centre Drive. During an after-action meeting, City Staff from all departments discussed where to hold the celebration in 2024 proposed two potential locations: Kenneth Bernard Park and Lansing High School.

The Community and Economic Development Department would like the City Council to provide direction on which location to choose. If the Council would like to explore utilizing Lansing High School, the City will need Lansing Unified School District to agree to hosting the event on High School property.

A brief summary of Staff's discussion of location:

Kenneth Bernard Park

Pro

- + Significant recent investment
- + City-owned property
- + Scenic location

Con

- Limited access/traffic concerns
- No walkability
- No emergency shelter

Lansing High School

Pro

- + Walkable location
- + Multiple access points
- **Emergency Shelter**

Con

- Not City property
- Not central to City

Policy Consideration: None.

Financial Consideration: None.

Action:

- 1) Authorize CED to approach Lansing USD to determine if LHS is a viable option for the Independence Day Celebration.
- 2) Authorize usage of Kenneth Bernard Park as site for Independence Day Celebration.

