



LAUREL 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

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April 3, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
President Kyla Clark
Laurel City Councilmembers

Thru: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator

From: Carreen Koubek, Co-Chair, Laurel 4th of July Committee
Eddie Souder, Fireworks Chair, Laurel 4th of July Committee

Subject: LA 25-008, Independence Day Fireworks (Optional Light/Drone Show)

The Laurel 4th of July Committee is requesting approval to award the contract for Independence Day Fireworks (LA 25-008).

Project Scope:

The Laurel 4th of July Committee requested bids for a three-year contract to organize a fireworks display lasting over 30 minutes for the Independence Day Celebration.

Bid Results:

The Laurel 4th of July Committee aimed to incorporate a drone show into the festivities. However, when the Committee released #LA-003 request bids for a hybrid show, but no responses were received. The Committee then re-released the Request for Proposal (s), with the light/drone show as optional.

The Laurel 4th of July Committee received one (1) submission from Fantastic Fireworks. A bid opening was conducted on March 21, 2025, in the Budget and Personnel Office. The submitted bid by Fantastic Fireworks was for a three-year (3) contract, as follows:

2025: July 5th

Cost: \$35,500

2026: July 4th

Cost: \$36,500

2027: July 3rd

Cost: \$36,500

TOTAL: \$108,500



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Funding:

Funding for this project comes from various sources, including fundraisers organized by the Committee, contributions from individuals and businesses, and a grant from the City under the Community Promotions budget, specifically for Special Events.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council accept the contract for three years (3) from Fantastic Fireworks of Maryland Line, MD, and have the company undertake the Independence Day Fireworks Show in the amount of \$108,500. Fantastic Fireworks was awarded the last three (3) year contract.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Carreen Koubek, Co-Chair, at 301-725-5300, extension 2109.

Reviewed:

S. Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services

Date

cc: Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator