



REQUEST FOR ACTION
Long Lake City Council

MEETING DATE / September 19, 2023

Subject: Special Event Permit Request for Gear Western Half Marathon and 5K

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Recommended City Council Action

Staff recommends the following motion:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-36 approving issuance of Special Event Permit #S2023-11 for the Gear Western Half Marathon and 5K event to be held October 14, 2023; and approve the issuance of a Noise Variance Permit authorizing the use of sound amplification equipment during the races and after-race party.

Overview / Background

Brian McCollor, on behalf of Gear West, has requested a Special Event Permit to hold their annual half marathon and 5K followed by an outdoor race party on Saturday, October 14. The races start at 8:30 am and 9:00 am, with after-race festivities (located at Gear West) anticipated to end around 12:00 noon. Race cleanup along the course and at the start/finish areas would be completed by 1:00 pm.

The races would take place on streets in both Long Lake and Orono, and on portions of the Dakota Trail, Luce Line Trail, Wurzer Trail, and Wayzata Boulevard W trail. The applicant will be required to obtain permission from the Hennepin County Transportation Department for use Brown Road (County Road 146) and for crossing Wayzata Boulevard W (County Road 112). The event organizer will work with the Police Department regarding traffic control planning along race routes. As in past years, to allow some flexibility in addressing any additional route related concerns that may arise due to unforeseen circumstances, staff is recommending approval of Special Event Permit #S2023-11 for the Gear Western Country Half Marathon and 5K with a condition that any changes to final race routes through Long Lake be as agreed to in writing by the Wayzata Police Chief or his designee.

Gear West also proposes to host an outdoor race party with western themed refreshments, amplified music, and race awards following the half marathon and 5K for event participants on their property. No alcoholic beverages will be sold or distributed. The event organizer will be obtaining permission from nearby businesses (Lake Community Bank, Lakeside Wine + Spirits, and Chiro Center) for use of their sites to accommodate overflow parking.

Supporting Information

- Resolution No. 2023-36
- Special Event Permit for the Gear Western Half Marathon and 5K
- Event narrative, half marathon and 5K race route maps
- Noise Variance Permit application