



CITY OF  
**LONG LAKE**

## **City Council Agenda Report**

### **City of Long Lake**

450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606

Long Lake, MN 55356

**MEETING DATE / October 1, 2024**

**SUBJECT:** Special Event Permit Request for the Gear Western Half Marathon and 5K

**Prepared By:** Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk

**Report Date:** 9/26/2024

### **Recommended City Council Action**

Staff recommends the following:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-46 approving issuance of Special Event Permit #S2024-08 for the Gear Western Half Marathon and 5K event to be held October 19, 2024; 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 19. 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 #S2024-08 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 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. 2024-46
- Special Event Permit application for the Gear Western Half Marathon and 5K
- Event narrative and race route maps
- Noise Variance Permit application
- Application for Exempt Permit form