



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 04/22/2025

REQUESTER: Mitchell Richardson, Recreation Manager

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Parks and Recreation Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-115: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY AND GLOBAL WATER & CHARCOAL INNOVATIONS L.L.C., DBA CHLORKING INNOVATIONS L.L.C., FOR THE LEASE OF CHLORINATION EQUIPMENT AT THE WESTWOOD FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2015, Norman residents passed the NORMAN FORWARD Initiative-funding various projects through a ½% sales tax increase over 15 years. The NORMAN FORWARD Initiative included a project to construct a new Westwood Family Aquatic Center.

The Westwood Family Aquatic Center reopened to the public in 2018 to much fanfare and has been extremely popular ever since. In past years, Westwood has consistently sold over 7,000 pool passes annually, has over 700 sign-ups for swim lessons yearly, and is Norman's best stop to cool off during Oklahoma's hot summers. Westwood includes a 50-meter lap pool and a diving area with a family slide, lazy river, zero-depth entry family pool with toddler play features, and a wet deck with dumping buckets and spray features similar to a splash pad.

DISCUSSION:

The Westwood Family Aquatic Center uses a commercial saltwater chlorination system to chlorinate and sanitize the pools. The system is a NEXGEN onsite chlorine generator leading the way to better, safer water. This unique design uses pool water to generate a pH-balanced sodium hypochlorite solution and does not require adding salt to the pool. NEXGEN eliminates hazardous chemical deliveries and bulk storage and will significantly lower the cost of balancing the pH. The NEXGEN is compatible with ORP or PPM controllers and is fully customizable to sanitize up to six bodies of water.

The Parks Department recommends leasing this equipment out. The lease includes a full-service agreement providing maintenance, repairs, and even replacement if the equipment fails. The lease for the NEXGEN system is for 5 years/60 months and is \$3,926 monthly. The system is

sufficient to chlorinate the entire park and is extremely safe for staff because it eliminates the need for dangerous chemicals such as chlorine bleach and muriatic acid.

Because this is a renewal of an existing lease at the same cost, the funding is already in place inside the Westwood Pool cost center.

Funds are budgeted for this in Swimming Pool-Rentals & Leases-Other Rentals (Account No. 29970133-44599)/

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council, acting as the Norman Municipal Authority, approve Contract K-2425-115 for the leasing of Chlorination Equipment at the Westwood Family Aquatic Center.