



AGENDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

VIA: Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager

FROM: Community & Economic Development Department

SUBJECT: Authorization to Secure Fireworks Vendor for July 4th Independence Day Celebration

DATE: December 30, 2025

GENERAL SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The City of Pahokee is scheduled to host its annual July 4th Independence Day celebration, which includes a fireworks display and related festivities. To ensure the successful execution of this event, the City must procure a qualified and licensed fireworks vendor.

Fireworks services require substantial advance planning due to limited vendor availability, extensive permitting requirements, and coordination with public safety and regulatory agencies. This year, those challenges are significantly heightened by the nationwide increase in demand associated with preparations for the United States' 250th birthday celebration, which has already constrained the availability of qualified fireworks vendors well in advance of the holiday season.

Given the short timeline remaining until the July 4th event, the highly seasonal nature of fireworks services, and the unprecedented demand on vendors nationwide, it is imperative that the City proceed with securing a fireworks vendor on an emergency basis. Failure to act immediately may result in the City being unable to obtain a vendor in time, thereby jeopardizing the fireworks display and a key component of the City's Independence Day celebration.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The total expenditure for securing the fireworks vendor shall not exceed \$35,000.00. These funds will be allocated from the budget designated for the July 4th Independence Day Celebration.

LEGAL NOTE:

Defer to the City Attorney.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2026-03