

CLARIFICATION MEMO TO PUBLIC COMMENT



For City Council Meetings held on July 16, 2025

Dance Floor at 13 Nights. At the July 16, 2025, Council Work Session, a citizen commented that the dance area was unsafe and that in previous years, there was a dance floor, that was more safe. The citizen proposed that the City evaluate and create a safer dance floor.

- A review of the issue shows that flooding issues and the construction of the Riverwalk Project led the City to remove the dance floor for the 2025 season. For the 2026 season, the City and the event contractor will be looking at improvements and a different configuration for the temporary stage and dance area with ADA improvements. The current space in front of the stage consists of a concrete pathway embedded into the flat lawn on either side which meets all park use safety requirements

Fire on the Fireworks Barge. At the July 16, 2025, Council Work Session, a citizen commented that he believed there was a fire on the fireworks barge on the Fourth of July and asked if the event manager Treadway is taking steps to make it safer.

- First, the City would like to clarify that it contracts directly with Western Display, the company hired to provide 4th of July fireworks, and has been contracting directly with Western Display for more than a decade. The City's prior Event Manager has never contracted with or managed the fireworks contractor. The City's current Event Manager did not do so this year.

The City has confirmed that there was a fire on the barge and also that there were fire extinguishers on the barge and that the fire was extinguished in accordance with the fireworks contractor's safety protocols, which required waiting until all fireworks were discharged prior to extinguishing the fire. No injuries were reported.

As part of the contract to produce the fireworks show, Western Display is responsible for ensuring the safety of the fireworks show, their crew, supplying their own event insurance, and meeting all required safety regulations to produce a safe show. The City has asked that Western Display assess this year's event to prevent a fire on the barge at future events

The City is evaluating additional comments and questions made at the July 16, 2025, meeting to confirm the factual information prior to responding.