



## AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

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<b>MEETING NAME:</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	03/03/2025
<b>ITEM TITLE:</b>	Consider and take appropriate action on report from staff regarding 4 <sup>th</sup> on 5 <sup>th</sup> celebration.
<b>STAFF INITIATOR:</b>	Randy Criswell – City Manager

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### BACKGROUND:

A few weeks ago, we presented a report to Council on the various community events that had been conducted in 2024. You will recall we presented multiple concerns about continuing the 4<sup>th</sup> on the 5<sup>th</sup> event as it had always been done - for several significant reasons, but mainly because we can no longer conduct that event at Patterson Park. The size and expectations of the crowd were beyond reasonable control last year and are not sustainable going forward. We've met internally on more than one occasion to brainstorm what our options might be. I've personally talked with Frenship and a local landowner about possible new locations for a fireworks show and neither is a possibility. As we see it, the only real option for a fireworks show is to continue to utilize Patterson Park, but as we've pointed out, the event is too large for that area and proper, safe access and crowd management.

We believe we have a solution for something equally *or more* entertaining, but totally unique for this area. We want to propose a drone show. Our thought is to have a drone show with a viewing area in the Tiger Stadium parking lot. If Council is supportive, we will proceed with putting together a real plan for this. We will solicit the EDC for funding like we always have, and we will also request additional funds, likely from HOT. A price sheet for a drone show is attached, and we will have a couple of videos prepared to show you a couple of examples.

### EXHIBITS:

Price/Information sheet

### COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

None - Council discretion