



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 20-1911

MEETING DATE: 10/5/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Chris Slama, Director of Community Services

Subject:

Approve License Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Huntington West Little League, Inc., for the use of baseball fields and related improvements at Marina Park

Statement of Issue:

Huntington West Little League, Inc. (HWLL), formerly Robinwood Little League, has been utilizing and maintaining Marina Park baseball fields since 1976. Since the agreement with Robinwood Little League is expired, a new license agreement is proposed for HWLL to continue the use and maintenance of a portion of Marina Park for youth league activities.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable. Per the agreement, HWLL will provide maintenance of approximately 2.5 acres of the 9.34 acre park.

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the License Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Huntington West Little League, Inc., for the use of baseball fields and related improvements in Marina Park.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the agreement with Huntington West Little League, Inc., and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

In 2014, Little League National merged Robinwood and Westminster Little Leagues to form the Huntington West Little League. HWLL features baseball programs for boys and girls ages 4-14. HWLL provides a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc., to assist with the development of youth through the provision of baseball activities.

The license agreement is for a term of five (5) years, and may be extended for one additional five year period, upon mutual consent of City and HWLL evidenced in writing. In lieu of field reservation

fees, the agreement calls for HWLL to maintain the ballfields, the snack bar, and other baseball related improvements.

The Park, Tree, and Landscape Division of Public Works has reviewed the license agreement and concurs with the terms. It has been determined that a minimum of 1,000 maintenance-related service-hours are saved annually by the agreement. HWLL averages over 1,000 hours of volunteer labor to maintain the fields. In addition, HWLL funds special maintenance such as laser leveling of the infields, professional landscape services, backstop maintenance, and upgrades to the irrigation system.

Staff is recommending approval of this license agreement in order to continue the collaboration with HWLL for youth activities within the community. HWLL serves approximately 500 youth from Huntington Beach who participate in the program. If approved, this agreement will help continue to benefit many youth and their families, while assisting the City to maintain specific park assets.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain high quality City services

Attachment(s):

1. License Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Huntington West Little League, Inc., for the use of baseball fields and related improvements at Marina Park.