



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. VIII. D
9/10/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Annual Oklahoma River Firework Permit with the Riversport Foundation, September 13, 2024 through September 12, 2025. Wards 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Location:

The Oklahoma River

Background:

For many years, the Riversport Foundation (“Permittee”) has managed and programmed City of Oklahoma City (“City”) and Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority (“OCRRA”) property in the Boathouse District and Regatta Park for elite paddle sport competitions, Olympic and Paralympic training activities, and public events celebrating diverse community interests.

Permittee’s large-scale, public events often feature fireworks displays along the Eastern Basin of the Oklahoma River. On September 13, 2023, to help streamline Permittee’s event planning and preparation, the City and Permittee entered into an Annual Oklahoma River Firework Permit (“Agreement”), as authorized under the City’s Municipal Code and the Rules, Regulations, and Policies for the North Canadian River Corridor Recreation Area. That Agreement expires on September 12, 2024, and the parties wish to enter into this new Agreement for the same purpose.

Under the Agreement, Permittee may conduct up to ten fireworks displays along the Oklahoma River during a 12-month period. If separate event Permits are required, this Agreement will be incorporated into them by reference. Upon approval by the City, the Agreement will be effective from September 13, 2024, through September 12, 2025.

At least 30 calendar days before each fireworks display, Permittee must submit a site map and safety plan for approval by the City. If time permits, Permittee must also attend a City Services Meeting. But, in all cases, Permittee must provide an insurance certificate and get approval of the City’s fire marshal. Permittee must comply with applicable laws, rules, and policies and submit a copy of its firework contractors’ State Displayer’s License.

For each fireworks display, Permittee may temporarily close either the North or the South Oklahoma River Trail, as necessary. Such trail closures will last no more than four hours and must be included for approval in the site map.

Consistent with the Amended and Restated Landscaping, Maintenance, and Related Public Amenities Lease Agreement among OCRRA, the City, and Permittee, the City will apply the \$7,500 Agreement fee to Permittee's annual credit for event permits within its leasehold.

Either party may revoke the Agreement without cause upon 30 calendar days' notice. It may be revoked for cause upon ten calendar days' notice or immediately if emergency situations warrant. In August 27, 2024, OCRRA recommended approval of the Agreement.

Review:

Parks and Recreation

Recommendation: Revocable Permit be approved.