



MEMORANDUM

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

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Limited Revocable Rowing and Paddle Practice Use Permit with the Riversport Foundation for use of part of the Eastern Basin of the Oklahoma River, weekdays only from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Ward 7.

Location:

Part of the Eastern Basin of the Oklahoma River

Background:

Since 2014, The City of Oklahoma City ("City") and the Riversport Foundation ("Riversport") have entered into annual Limited Revocable Rowing and Paddle Practice Use Permits ("Permit" or "Permits"). The Permits allow Riversport to hold rowing and paddle practices on part of the Eastern Basin of the Oklahoma River ("Rowing Practice Site").

The current Permit expires on September 30, 2024. Riversport seeks a new Permit to continue its activities at the Rowing Practice Site. Riversport must not interfere with operations of the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority ("COTPA") upon the Oklahoma River or within adjacent, COTPA-managed parking lots, landings, or other facilities. In addition, Riversport must not interfere with the City's construction, operation, or maintenance of the MAPS 4 Pedestrian Bridge or similar structures within or adjacent to the Rowing Practice Site.

The Permit will be effective on weekdays from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Riversport must comply with applicable laws, obtain required insurance, prevent damage to City or Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority ("OCRRA") property, and maintain and remove practice-related improvements within the Rowing Practice Site.

The Permit may be revoked at will by either party. The City's Public Works Director or designee may temporarily suspend this Permit as necessary. In addition, this Permit will be temporarily suspended if the City Council approves a permit for an event using all or part of the Rowing Practice Site. On August 27, 2024, OCRRA recommended approval of the Permit.

Review:

Parks and Recreation

Recommendation: Permit be approved.