



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. AE
6/21/2022

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution authorizing the sole source purchase of pump time at Riversport Rapids for swiftwater rescue training provided by the Fire Department, Riversport Foundation (SS23-C235037), estimated cost \$25,000, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Purpose:

To provide swiftwater rescue training for the Fire Department at Riversport Rapids.

Background:

Swiftwater rescue is the rescue of persons from fast moving water in areas such as stormwater drains, canals, rivers, creeks, or flooded areas. It involves many rescue techniques and includes the use of rope throw lines and suitably equipped and trained rescuers entering the water to perform the rescue. Swiftwater training provides firefighters the knowledge and skill to respond to water rescue emergencies. The Fire Department would like to provide this valuable training to personnel on all three shifts allowing for 144 hours of training at Riversport Rapids. The Fire Department will perform the training with the Riversport Foundation agreeing the department only pay for whitewater pump time costs.

Riversport Rapids is a state-of-the-art whitewater rafting facility and is the only customizable and controlled swiftwater rescue facility in the state of Oklahoma. Riversport Foundation is the sole operator of the Riversport Rapids facility. There is no other facility available in Oklahoma.

Staff requests Council authorize the sole source purchase of pump time at Riversport Rapids for swiftwater rescue training provided by the Fire Department, Riversport Foundation (SS23-C235037), estimated cost \$25,000, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Estimated Cost:

\$25,000

Source of Funds:

General Fund – General Operations – Budget-Fire Administration – Fire Purchasing – Budget-Other Services and Charges (001-0001-45001XX-11550-52000001)

Review:

Fire Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.