



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Doug Story, Community Services Director
DATE: May 7, 2024
SUBJECT: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont Unified School District

Description A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for access and use of swimming pool facilities.

Background and Analysis:

In January 2021, a Pool Study was completed including an Existing Conditions Assessment, Operational Analysis, and options for consideration. In conjunction with the decision to redesign Stewart Park, it was decided that Beaumont's Plunge would be demolished and filled. Not having a public community pool for residents comes with several drawbacks, impacting both individuals and the community as a whole.

Without a public pool, residents have limited access to swimming facilities and in many cases, residents do not have private access to pools elsewhere. This can deprive individuals, particularly those without means of transportation, of opportunities for recreation, exercise, and learning essential water safety skills. Additionally, the absence of a public community pool can have significant implications affecting health, safety, community cohesion, and overall quality of life.

During the budget process for FY 2023/24, staff requested funding for a Summer Aquatics Program with the intent to enter into an Agreement with the Beaumont Unified School District to offer recreational opportunities at the District's Pool. Provided as Attachment B is a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Beaumont and BUSD to establish a Public Recreational Aquatics Program in Beaumont. This MOU has been reviewed by Legal Counsel and is a result of multiple discussions with the District.

Fiscal Impact:

The Aquatics program is included in the FY 2023/24 Budget for Dept 1550. Additionally, staff has included funding for this program in the FY 24/25 Budget Request.

Through negotiations with the school district, they have agreed to waive the Facility Use Fees for pool usage. If any staff time is required for the facility rental it is required those fees will be paid on a per hour rate as described in the MOU.

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated to be \$360.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont Unified School District for the Use of the Facility at Beaumont High School.

Attachments:

- A. Memorandum of Understanding