



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Doug Story, Community Services Director
DATE May 6, 2025
SUBJECT: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont Unified School District to Continue the Public Recreational Aquatics Program

Description A Memorandum of Understanding for access and use of the Beaumont Unified School District's pool facilities.

Background and Analysis:

On May 7, 2024, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Beaumont Unified School District (District) to offer recreational opportunities for the community utilizing the District's pool. Since the closing of the City's pool in 2021, most 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. This partnership with the District has helped close a gap by providing an accessible, safe, and structured environment for residents to learn and develop aquatic skills and enhance overall community well-being.

The 2024 Summer aquatics program was a tremendous success, drawing strong participation from the community and receiving positive feedback from attendees. Staff's efforts in planning and execution ensured a memorable and well-received experience for participants, setting a solid foundation for future seasonal programs.

Provided as Attachment A is an MOU between the City of Beaumont and the District to continue the Public Recreational Aquatics Program in Beaumont for the Summer of 2025. This MOU has been reviewed by legal counsel and is a result of multiple discussions with the District. This MOU is identical to the one signed in 2024, with the exception of the expanded dates that the program will be operating. The District will be taking this same MOU to their board on May 13, 2025, their next scheduled meeting.

Some of the basic terms of the MOU are as follows:

- Length of Time – expires August 1, 2025

- Termination – 60-day notice
- Staffing – City to provide all staffing for programs operated within the pool (lifeguards, pool managers) and the District to provide custodial and pool maintenance workers.
- Facility Use Fees – waived
- Staff Fees – are paid by the City per rates included as “Exhibit B”

Fiscal Impact:

The aquatics program is included in the FY 2024/25 Budget for Department 1550. Additionally, future funding for this program has been included in the FY 2025/26 budget request.

The cost of this program includes the part-time salaries for lifeguards and a pool manager, currently budgeted as \$32,000, as well as the operational and programming costs for the aquatics season, currently budgeted at \$20,000. The estimated cost of reimbursable staff fees to the District for the use of the pool is estimated to be \$22,000.

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated to be \$280.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Beaumont and the Beaumont Unified School District to continue the Public Recreational Aquatics Program.

Attachments:

- A. Memorandum of Understanding