



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of December 10, 2024
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Joint Use Agreement with WellMed Charitable Foundation for Zavala Senior Center
and Joe Garza Recreation Center

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing a three-year Joint Use Agreement with WellMed Charitable Foundation for the operation and use of the Zavala Senior Center located at 510 Osage Street and the use of Joe Garza Recreation Center located at 3204 Highland Avenue, with two one-year options.

PURPOSE:

The Parks & Recreation Department and the WellMed Charitable Foundation (WCF) are proposing a collaborative effort to provide essential services to the senior community. This unique approach will offer a multitude of activities and services at no cost to people 50 years of age and older. WCF has a mission to support seniors and their caregivers with a special emphasis on prevention, wellness, and living well with chronic illness. The City is recognized as having a commitment to providing senior citizens with comprehensive services that will enhance their social, psychological, and physiological wellbeing.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Mayor and City Council approved a similar Joint Use Agreement with WCF in 2015, that expired on September 15, 2020. WCF has been successful with similar Joint Use Agreements in other communities. The Parks & Recreation Department proposes to continue this collaborative effort to offset budget reductions causing limited hours of operation, limited staff, and reduced programming and services for the senior community.

WCF will be responsible for the day-to-day management of Zavala Senior Center and shall provide, oversee, administer, and carry out the following activities/services at no cost to senior and the City:

- Fitness/recreation activities;
- Multigenerational programming opportunities (arts/crafts, computer classes, etc.);
- Health, wellness, and disease prevention educational programs;
- A dedicated call center for no cost qualification checks or renewals of Medicare Savings Programs.

In addition, WCF will contribute up to \$108,000.00 to complete renovations and improvements to the Zavala Senior Center as stated in the Agreement including:

- Interior painting including doors, frames, and walls.
- Installation of covered walkway between Zavala Senior Center and Joe Garza Recreation Center.
- Removing carpet.

The City is responsible for all Senior Center maintenance, including utilities and major repairs (non-cosmetic, structural repairs) to the Senior Center. This includes but is not limited to A/C repair, fencing, and lights.

In addition, the WCF will utilize the Joe Garza Recreation Center solely for the purpose of providing senior educational classes. The City will continue to manage the Nutrition Program (60 years of age & older), providing daily congregated meals with WCF assisting in serving the meals. WCF staff members that assist with serving meals will maintain a Food Manager Certification as well as a Food Handlers Certificate.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Mayor and City Council may choose not to approve the Joint Use Agreement or request that the Parks & Recreation Department further explore other management options. However, doing so will severely impact much needed services to the senior community of which the Parks & Recreation Department does not have the adequate resources to provide these essential services in-house.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this Joint Use Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Joint Use Agreement with WellMed Charitable Foundation for the operation and use of the Zavala Senior Center and the use of Joe Garza Recreation Center.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Joint Use Agreement
Presentation