

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 03/09/2009		Item Number: A-8	
AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Fee Waiver/Reduction Requests from the Culver City Senior Softball League			
Contact Person/Dept.: Pam Robinson		Phone Number: (310) 253-6000	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (03/04/09); Representatives of: Culver City Senior Softball League (by telephone – 03/04/09).			
Department Approval: William LaPointe (03/04/09)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (03/04/09)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (03/04/09)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (03/05/09)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council consider fee waiver/reduction requests from Culver City Senior Softball League and direct staff as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City Council adopts various fees and charges for the City as part of the budget process. In 2007, the City Council authorized a comprehensive review of all of the City's fees. As part of that process, a consultant was selected to perform a comprehensive update to the City's fees and charges. Effective for Fiscal Year 2007/2008, the updated fees and charges, many of which had increased as a result of inflation and a higher level of cost recovery, were adopted by the City Council. Pursuant to the newly adopted fees and charges, staff has been informing various groups and individuals of the fees and charges now applicable.

DISCUSSION:

At a recent Council meeting, the Culver City Senior Softball requested a fee waiver.

Culver City Senior Softball League

On December 1, 2008, Mr. Lan O'kun, representing Culver City Senior Softball, spoke before the City Council requesting a lower fee for the use of the field behind the Veterans Memorial Center.

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The Culver City Senior Softball League has been renting the field for the past twenty-five (25) or more years at no cost. Three (3) years ago, after a conversation with Bill La Pointe, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, they agreed to pay a small stipend. For calendar year 2008 they paid \$1,725 for approximately 240 use hours per year. Under the 2009 agreement, the rental charge of \$45.00 per hour of use for both softball diamonds (as included in the fees and charges schedule) was utilized to calculate an annual fee of \$10,500).

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The revenues projected for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 and those to be projected for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 have been based upon the fees and charges included in the adopted fees and charges schedule. Therefore, each fee waiver/reduction granted would lower the amount of revenues received by the City. Given the current deficit estimated at \$500,000, every reduction in revenue would require either an increase in revenue in another General Fund area or a further reductions in expenditures above the \$500,000 in reductions already needed to end Fiscal Year 2008/2009 with an operating surplus.

Should the City Council grant the fee waivers/reductions as requested, the following revenue impacts would be realized:

ORGANIZATION	FY 2009/2010	FY 2010/2011
Senior Softball	\$8,775	\$9,126*

- **City User Fees and Charges are typically increased on an annual basis to account for, at minimum, cost-of-living-allowances (COLA). In order to address potential COLA increases, the table above includes a 4% increase to the 2010/2011 estimate.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Excerpt of Minutes from the December 1, 2008 City Council Meeting

MOTION:

That the City Council:

That the City Council:

- (1) Approve the fee waiver request as presented; OR

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(2) Approve the fee waiver request in the amount of \$_____ resulting in a revised fee of \$_____; OR

(3) Deny the fee waiver request (thereby leaving the current fee in the fee and charges schedule applicable);

AND

(4) (If motion 1 or 2 is adopted) Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents including the amended fee amounts authorized by the City Council; and,

(5) (If motion 1 or 2 is adopted) Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.