

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 03/09/2009		Item Number: A-9	
AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Fee Waiver/Reduction Requests from Temple Akiba.			
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: Westside Regional Center, La Playa Nursery School, A-1 Hardware, Culver City Senior Softball League, Temple Akiba (by telephone – 03/04/09) and the Parks and Service Foundation (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)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council consider a fee waiver/reduction request from Temple Akiba and direct staff as deemed appropriate. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> 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. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> At a recent Council meeting, the Temple Akiba requested a fee waiver. <u>Temple Akiba (Summer Camp)</u> Temple Akiba offers an Summer Camp program for Culver City and other local children. As part of their program, Temple Akiba has entered into a rental agreement with the City for space at El Marino Park. In the past, Temple Akiba has			
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been charged approximately \$1,300 per Summer. This year, upon review of the actual usage which includes multiple areas in the park, staff adjusted the fee to reflect the amount included in the fees and charges schedule.

Temple Akiba approached the City Council with a request to implement this increase in fees over two years. Specifically, Temple Akiba proposed to implement 50% of the fee increase effective July 1, 2009 and 100% of the fee increase on July 1, 2010.

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 reduction 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
Temple Akiba	\$3,600	\$0**

- *** As previously noted, Temple Akiba has proposed to pay 50% of the increase in the first year and the total amount of the increase in the second year.*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Temple Akiba

MOTION:

That the City Council:

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- (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.