

City of Fontana

8353 Sierra Avenue
Fontana, CA 92335



Minutes

Thursday, August 26, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall - Flex Conference Room

Parks, Community and Human Services Commission

Anahi Ahumada - Chair
Michael McGinnis - Vice Chair
Germaine McClellan Key - Secretary
Fay Glass - Commissioner
Ricardo Quintana - Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A. 6:00 P.M. Call to Order/Roll Call:

A Joint Meeting of the Fontana City Council and Parks, Community, and Human Services Commission was held in the Flex Conference Room, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Chair Ahumada called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with all members of the Commission present.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Following the invocation by Council Member Roberts, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Glass.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

A. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no public communications received.

WORKSHOP:

A. Review Athletic Field Permit Process and User Fees

Community Services Manager Daniel Schneider and Community Services Supervisor Geneo Farrar provided a brief review of the current processes and fee structure and presented the proposed Four Tier process and fee structure.

Commissioner Quintana asked staff to further clarify the proposed Four Tier process and how that aligned with traditional use for current leagues.

Commission Secretary Key thanked staff for answering questions of the Commission and Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Cothran asked staff to clarify the cost savings that the Leagues would feel with the proposed Four Tier process.

Council Member Garcia posed the question that staff should look into doing a tier system as such for our aquatics rentals. Mayor Warren seconded this and asked for staff to look into this at a later date.

Council Member Sandoval asked staff to identify the amount of league revenue that goes towards the maintenance of the fields used and stressed the concern of having a discount for the leagues would come at a cost to the maintenance of the fields. In addition, inquired more information on the resident vs. non-resident registration fees per league.

Mayor Warren mentioned that the County had reached out regarding the use of our public parks and advised staff that future building of parks should be made close to County boundaries. In addition, commented on Council Member Sandoval's comments regarding resident vs. non-resident registration fees per league.

Council Member Sandoval asked staff to look into how many leagues provide scholarships for participants to join due to financial restraints.

Mayor Warren closed the item with thanking staff for listening to the public's need and bringing this item forward.

B. City Council / Commission Comments

Commission Chair Ahumada thanked staff for a thorough report and stated that the new Four Tier process will help accommodate our current and future leagues.

Secretary Key thanked staff for a thorough presentation and reminded the public that, " It's Okay to Not be Okay" and for those who are suffering from Mental Health illnesses to call 211 for help. Closed with reminding the public to Mask Up, Vaccinated or not, to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Commissioner Glass thanked staff for a thorough presentation and hopes that the sport leagues continue to invest in Fontana as their home. Closed in comments of recent attendance at A Sound Mind, Mental Health Resource Fair.

Commissioner Quintana commented on his excitement for the proposed Four Tier process presented; stated that the City receives a lot of business from those who participate in the Sport Leagues; urged City staff to continue to maintain the fields as they are a large part of what makes Fontana great; and closed in recognizing Community Services Coordinator Hector Vasquez for all his hard work on the Sport Leagues.

Mayor Pro Tem Cothran thanked Commissioners for the Joint meeting; commented on his excitement to see the Commissioner's in an upcoming Joint meeting regarding the Commission Charters; and made closing comments about the Four Tier process, urging that Fontana residents receive a discount when participating.

Council Member Garcia had no additional comments.

Council Member Sandoval made closing comments regarding the current League's status in the City and urged that the League's make their programs affordable to participate in . In addition, asked the public to look into donating equipment to the Leagues.

Council Member Roberts thanked staff for an excellent presentation and asked staff to clarify the difference between a City resident vs. a County resident for participation in Sport Leagues.

City Treasurer Koehler-Brooks thanked staff for an excellent presentation.

Mayor Warren made closing comments on the funding of programs and scholarships available to those who would like to participate in one of the Sport Leagues; announced upcoming Community events; and thanked the Commission and Council for the Joint Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Prior to adjournment, City staff played a video in tribute to Late Commissioner Michael McGinnis.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. in memory of Parks, Community and Human Services Commissioner Michael McGinnis; and to the next Regular Parks, Community & Human Services Commission Meeting on September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana California.