



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** March 25, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Approve services agreement with Nasser Ozzie, dba NTX Umpire Association, for providing umpire and field attendant training, certification, scheduling and payment processing services for adult softball leagues in an amount not to exceed \$91,000 for FY2024.

**PRESENTER:** Adrien Pekurney, Director of Parks and Recreation

### **SUMMARY:**

Staff requests City Council consider approving a services agreement for athletic league expenditures with Nasser Ozzie, dba NTX Umpire Association (NTXUA), for verifying USSSA certification, league game scheduling, evaluating, and paying all adult softball umpires and field attendants for athletic leagues at Northfield Park, Walker's Creek Park and Fossil Creek Park in an amount not to exceed \$91,000 for FY2024.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Parks and Recreation Department Athletics Division utilizes the services of Nasser Ozzie, dba NTX Umpire Association (NTXUA), for scheduling, certifying and paying of officials for all games coordinated through the NRH adult softball leagues. Umpire scheduling services are not uncommon for municipal adult athletic leagues. NRH Athletics have utilized NTXUA's scheduling services since 2016 for umpires and officials coordinated by NTXUA. All officials scheduled by NTXUA are required to be USSSA certified and include annual background checks for each official's annual individual certification. NRH Athletics Division coordinates 38 weeks of softball per fiscal year. Each week there is an average of 48 games scheduled that utilize the umpire scheduling services of NTXUA. Scheduling an average of 48 games per week with one to two umpires per game would take more employee manpower than we currently have in our Athletic Division with only one full time Athletic Coordinator; therefore, NTXUA services are effective and essential in providing an exceptional league experience with USSSA certified officials for all NRH league games.

Expenses are only paid out for scheduled leagues that make with valid team enrollment and corresponding games played for that league.

Funding for these expenditures is available in the FY2023-24 adopted Park Fund budget and are fully offset by revenue from softball registration fees. Cost recovery for the leagues exceeds 100%.



This item is to award a one (1) year contract with two (2) additional options to renew for one-year each. Provided funds are appropriated in the annual budget for the remaining renewal years and the terms and conditions of the contract do not change, the remaining renewals will not require additional City Council approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve services agreement with Nasser Ozzie, dba NTX Umpire Association, for providing umpire and field attendant training, certification, scheduling and payment processing services for adult softball and kickball leagues in an amount not to exceed \$91,000 for FY2024.