



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** April 26, 2021

**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 and kickball leagues in an amount not to exceed \$91,000 for FY2021.

**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 and kickball 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 FY2021.

### **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 and kickball 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 eight softball seasons per fiscal year. Each season there is an average of 400 games scheduled that utilize the umpire scheduling services of NTXUA. Scheduling an average of 400 games per season 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.

Year to date, staff has completed expenditures to NTXUA totaling \$49,986 for umpire and field attendants for four completed NRH league seasons. The increase in expenses earlier in the fiscal year calendar was due to the overwhelmingly popular new NRH Winter softball league seasons introduced and sold out for December 2020 and January 2021. Staff anticipates an additional \$41,014 in expenditures to NTXUA for the remaining Spring, Summer and early Fall leagues scheduled through the remainder of this fiscal year for a total not to exceed amount of \$91,000 for FY2021. 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 FY2020-21 adopted and revised Park Fund budget and are fully offset by revenue from softball registration fees. Year to date adult softball revenue currently totals \$81,645 and staff is projecting the end of the fiscal year total softball revenue of at least \$115,000. 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:**

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