THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: April 25, 2023

Subject: Pool Management Contract

Staff Resource(s): D Tyrell McGirt, Director
Christy Bass, Division Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Swim Club Management Group, Inc., of Asheville, North Carolina, for management of City aquatic facilities.

Background:

- A Request for Proposals, issued in February 2021, was advertised for interested companies to operate and maintain the two (2) City of Asheville pools and Splashville interactive fountain for one (1) year with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years.
- Swim Club Management Group Inc. was awarded the contract in March 2021 based on the qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, availability, and the ability to provide all labor, materials, and supplies for the operations and management of the City's aquatic facilities.
- The original contract amount had a not to exceed amount of $191,000 accounting for one season of management operations and to ensure the management company could be successful.
- On January 11, 2022, City Council approved a resolution to contract with Harper Corp., for the Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Center Expansion Project which includes a new swimming pool, which is scheduled to be open 3 months earlier than originally planned.
- The Swim Club Management contract was amended on March 22, 2022 with a revised not to exceed amount to $506,113, to account for a full three year contract for management of two (2) pools and Splashville.
- This current amendment adds the operation and management of the Grant Center Pool, with a June 2023 completion, and clarifies roles and responsibilities for the management of the splash pad.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- N/A - This is an amendment to an existing contract.

Council Goal(s):

- A well-planned and livable community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Contracting with a professional aquatic facilities management company for operations and maintenance ensures community pools will be operated in a safe, efficient manner and eliminate the obstacles associated with retaining an adequate number of certified staff.
- Reduces the seasonal hiring impacts on the Human Resources Department to recruit, hire and on-board temporary employees.
- Community pool operations will be operated with an adequate number of certified staff for the pool season.
- Allows the Grant Center Pool to operate in the summer of 2023 with the same operational schedule as Malvern Hills Pool.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for year 3 of this contract, $210,494, is available in the Parks & Recreation operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute this amendment to the contract with Swim Club Management Group, Inc., for the operations and management of city aquatic facilities, adding the Grant Center Pool, for a total revised contract amount not to exceed $539,319.90.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH SWIM CLUB MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC., OF ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR MANAGEMENT OF CITY AQUATIC FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to enter into contracts for services with other entities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the management and operations of city aquatic facilities in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Swim Club Management Group, Inc. was selected based on the qualifications, understanding of the scope of services, cost, and availability; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 22-59 amended the contract amount not to exceed $506,113, the City wishes to continue the contract for another year and add the new Grant Center pool to the management agreement; and therefore, authorization for increased funding is required; and

WHEREAS, the project aligns with the City Council 2036 Vision in the following way: It supports a well-planned and livable community through the investment in parks and open spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is authorized to execute a an amendment to the contract with Swim Club Management Group, Inc., for the operations and management of city aquatic facilities, continuing the contract for an additional year and adding the new Grant Center pool to the management agreement, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed $539,319.90.

Read, approved and adopted this the 25th day of April, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney