

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 15, 2018

Item Number: 019

Parks and Recreation

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to accept and appropriate an estimated \$250,000 from the Trail of Lights Foundation which pays for City expenses, and authorize waiver of certain permit, application, and similar fees, and requirements for the 2018 Trail of Lights in an amount estimated at \$225,000.

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation Department
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available from the Trail of Lights Foundation. Additionally, this item waives fees not to exceed \$200,000 for this event. Fiscal notes are attached.
Prior Council Action	On March 1, 2012, Council authorized negotiation and execution of a co-sponsorship agreement with the RunTex Foundation for the 2012 Trail of Lights event. On March 21, 2013, City Council directed staff to negotiate and execute a 5 year agreement for the Trail of Lights Event, which was assigned to the Trail of Lights Foundation after City Council action in August, 2013.
For More Information	Suzanne Piper, Chief Administrative Officer, 512-974-6753; Jason Maurer, Sales and Events Manager, 512-974-2427; Vera Labriola, Business Process Specialist, 512-974-6716

Additional Backup Information:

Annually, City staff present City Council with an amendment to accept and appropriate the required funds to reimburse the City for direct expenses, as well as to bring forward a fee waiver for City Council approval.

This action will amend the budget to accept the funds to pay the City of Austin expenses, such as APD, EMS, and other event-related costs. It also authorizes related permit fee/application or similar fee waivers.

Overall History

On March 1, 2012, Council authorized negotiation and execution of a co-sponsorship agreement for the 2012 Trail of Lights event.

On March 21, 2013, City Council directed staff to negotiate and execute a 5 year agreement for the Trail of Lights Event, which was assigned to the Trail of Lights Foundation after City Council action in August, 2013.

On October 15, 2015, City Council directed staff to negotiate and execute a 5 year agreement for the continuation of the Trail of Lights Event.