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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: September 18, 2000**

**FROM: General Manager of Parks, Recreation
and Culture** **FILE: 8073-003**

SUBJECT: Outdoor Aquatic Services Operating Contracts, 2001-2002

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Authorize staff to enter into negotiations with Leisure Aquatics Incorporated for the extension of the contract for the operation of Outdoor Pools for 2001 and 2002.
2. Authorize staff to enter into negotiations with Crescent Beach Lifeguarding Corporation for the extension of the contract for the aquatic services at Crescent Beach for 2001 and 2002.

DISCUSSION

Leisure Aquatics Incorporated has been operating the City's 9 outdoor pools since 1997, and the Crescent Beach Lifeguarding Corporation has been lifeguarding Crescent Beach for the same time period. Annually, the City continues to save well over \$100,000 by contracting these services. Overall satisfaction with the operations from both City staff and patrons has been excellent. The contracted lifeguards and instructors have proven to be well trained, proficient in their skills and abilities, and professional in their presentation and performance. Emergencies have also been handled in a professional and proficient manner.

The current three year contract expired in 2000, but has a clause that allows the City to extend and renegotiate the contract for 2001 and 2002 if performance has been satisfactory. The contracts are subject to amendment if the City decides to reduce the levels of outdoor aquatic services that are currently provided. The current contractors were the only ones to submit a bid for the 1998 - 2000 contract period.

CONCLUSION

Both contractors have been diligent and responsive in the operation of outdoor aquatic services for the past 4 years, and the contracting of these services continues to be a positive initiative for the City. An extension of the existing contract will allow the City to continue providing outdoor aquatic services in a safe and cost effective manner for the next two years. An RFP would be issued after 2002 to allow for a full competitive bid process if Council approve the recommendations to extend the current contract.

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