

May 21, 2018

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between King County, City of Bellevue, City of Kirkland and City of Redmond to continue exploring the feasibility of a regional approach to developing aquatics facilities and to coordinate on a public aquatics assessment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This action will obligate the City to an amount of \$15,000 as its proportionate contribution to a feasibility study to develop a public aquatics assessment. The Council CIP Contingency (G-107) was identified by Council to complete the aquatics feasibility work and has sufficient funding for this commitment.

### **STAFF CONTACT**

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*Parks & Community Services*

### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

Comprehensive Plan:

- PA-3. Equitably distribute a variety of parks, community centers and other indoor and outdoor recreation facilities throughout the City.
- PA-8. Develop partnerships with other public agencies and the private sector to provide parks, open space, and cultural and recreation facilities in the City.
- PA-15. Encourage the development of facilities for special purpose recreation.
- PA-25. Promote partnerships with public and private service providers to meet cultural, recreational, and social needs of the community.

The 2016 Parks & Open Space System Plan identified an opportunity for regional and private partnerships to help build and operate a competitive aquatics facility to serve the Eastside.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the March 12 City Council Extended Study Session, staff provided an Aquatics Center update regarding the work done to date on the evaluation of both a regional alternative and a local, Bellevue option for the development and operation of aquatics facilities in Bellevue and the Eastside.

Council directed staff to continue work to obtain the information necessary to evaluate whether to proceed with an aquatics center. Part of that work includes continuing to participate in the King County Regional process that is exploring a regional approach. In the March 12 presentation, staff indicated that continued work on the regional approach would be within the framework of an MOU between King County, Bellevue, Kirkland and Redmond. Attachment A is the draft MOU which prescribes the commitments of the parties and the tasks to be completed to deliver a feasibility study. The work will define regional aquatics facilities and program demand. The MOU also describes the combination of aquatics facilities and programs which would be incorporated in a regional model including siting criteria, capital and operating costs, funding and governance alternatives. The MOU represents only a

commitment to participate in collaborative planning work and does not obligate any party to develop aquatics facilities, nor does the MOU preclude any party pursuing other opportunities or partnerships simultaneously.

Each party will commit up to \$15,000 for developing this feasibility study. Upon completion of this study, each party will have an opportunity to review the final recommendations and determine a future course of action.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

#### **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between King County, City of Bellevue, City of Kirkland and City of Redmond to continue exploring the feasibility of a regional approach to developing aquatics facilities and to coordinate on a public aquatics assessment.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1

#### **MOTION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9408 authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between King County, City of Bellevue, City of Kirkland and City of Redmond to continue exploring the feasibility of a regional approach to developing aquatics facilities and to coordinate on a public aquatics assessment.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Resolution No. 9408

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