



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Item No. _____

FROM: CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUNDING
REQUEST FOR COMMERCE DODGERS NIGHT, SCHURR HIGH
SCHOOL GIRLS WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP AND INCREASE
FOR SENIOR RENT SUBSIDY**

MEETING DATE: JUNE 18, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the utilization of the Community Benefits Fund to partially fund the cost associated with the Commerce Community Dodgers Night, partially fund costs for the Schurr High School Girls Water Polo Championship and increase to the Senior Rent Subsidy Program.

ANALYSIS/BACKGROUND:

The Commerce Community Benefits Fund currently provides supplemental qi jong and yoga classes at the senior center, subsidizes the senior golf program, computers and technology programs through Human IT, youth travel sports and the senior rent subsidy program. The City uses the program to cover additional quality of life programs for our community.

Commerce Community Dodger Night is scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2019. Staff respectfully requests authorization to utilize \$11,310.00 from the Community Benefits Fund to subsidize the cost of the tickets for this community special event. The City has hosted this event for over 35 years, allowing the Commerce community to enjoy an evening at Dodger Stadium where Miss Dodgers and City Council are acknowledged on the field. Participants from the Youth Spring Training Baseball Program are hosted at this event. Per contract, the City is required to purchase 600 Dodger tickets. This subsidy will allow the City to sell tickets to the community at a reduced rate of \$30.00.

At the request of Mayor John Soria, staff is requesting that the City Council consider funding the shortfall for the Schurr High School Girls Water Polo Champions at a total cost of \$5,798. The young athletes have already raised \$2,628.

The Commerce Senior Rent Subsidy Program is currently a maximum of \$250 per month. We currently have 19 participants. 16 of whom currently live at the Rosewood Senior Apartments, the landlords for which, take every opportunity they get to raise the rent to the

maximum allowed by this HUD-controlled property. It is recommended that the City Council increase the stipend by a maximum of \$50 per program participant per month for an annual total of \$18,050.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost for Dodger Community Night is \$18,400.00. If the City Council approves the aforementioned recommendation, staff will facilitate an appropriation in the amount of \$11,310.00 from the Community Benefits Fund to cover the subsidized total. \$5,798 for the Schurr High School Girls Water Polo Champions and \$18,050 increase for the Senior Rent Subsidy Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Staff Recommendation
2. Reject Staff Recommendation
3. Provide Staff with further direction

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This agenda item relates to Council's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of life for city residents by providing quality recreation programs and services.

Recommended by: Robert Lipton, Director of Parks & Recreation

Reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Finance Director

Approved as to Form: Noel Tapia, City Attorney

Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Manager