



# Community Services and Youth Committee Memorandum

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**TO:** HONORABLE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS **DATE:** OCTOBER 11, 2017

**FROM:** PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARDS:** 2 AND 6

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RIVERSIDE HERITAGE JOHN MUIR CHARTER SCHOOL, AND NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT AT CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER AND ERIC M. SOLANDER CENTER - DIRECT SUBMITTAL

## **ISSUE:**

Notification of termination of the Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside Heritage John Muir Charter School, and notification of changes to the First Amendment to the Facility Lease Agreement for leased space at Cesar Chavez Community Center and the Eric M. Solander Center.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Community Services and Youth Committee provide input and receive the report for file.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On May 21, 2013, City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Riverside Heritage John Muir Charter School (JMCS), a non-profit, public-benefit, corporation, which houses two charter school sites, one at the Cesar Chavez Community Center at Bobby Bonds Park, and another at the Eric M. Solander Center at Bryant Park. On June 18, 2013, Council approved an amendment to the MOU with JMCS to allow for reimbursement of staff costs by JMCS to the City.

On December 13, 2016, Council approved a separate Lease Agreement with JMCS allowing the lease of 1,000 square feet of space in Rooms 201 and 202 at the Cesar Chavez Community Center, and for 852 square feet of classroom and office space at the Eric M. Solander Center, for \$30,896.40 annually; that lease expired June 30, 2017.

A First Amendment to the Lease Agreement was approved by Council on June 27, 2017, which reduced the amount of leased space at Cesar Chavez Community Center to exclude the use of Room 202. Now, the term of the lease agreement will extend to June 20, 2018, with the option to extend the term for three additional one-year terms, for a total lease revenue of \$24,202.68 annually.

## **DISCUSSION:**

JMCS utilizes the leased spaces to offer the Riverside Heritage Charter High School to youth ages 15-25 in the City of Riverside so students may have an alternate route to earning their high school diploma, reduce the high school dropout rate, and to provide a safe environment where communication and success are fostered and celebrated.

Through the MOU, JMCS reimbursed the City \$70,000 for administrative costs associated with one Lead Outreach Worker, vehicle usage reimbursement, and phone use. With the termination of the MOU, the City will no longer receive this funding, and will not provide a dedicated Lead Outreach Worker to support JMCS; however, JMCS will remain tenants at both sites, and the City will still work together in a non-formalized manner.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. With the termination of the MOU, the City will no longer support the JMCS with dedicated personnel. JMCS will function independently, and will not require formalized resources from Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

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Attachment: Termination Letter