



City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** JANUARY 6, 2026

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY **WARD:** 1
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR USE OF THE RIVERSIDE AQUATICS COMPLEX AT RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE, THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT IS FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM; WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERMS; NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS, FOR AN ANNUAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000, PLUS PRORATED UTILITY COSTS

ISSUE:

Approve a Joint Use Agreement between the City of Riverside and the Riverside Community College District for use of the Riverside Aquatics Complex at Riverside City College for an annual amount not to exceed \$100,000 plus prorated utility costs, for a five-year term, with the option to extend the agreement for two additional five-year terms, not to exceed a total of fifteen (15) years.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Joint Use Agreement to share in the use of the Riverside Aquatics Complex at Riverside City College for a not to exceed annual amount of \$100,000 per year plus prorated utility costs, for a five-year term, with the option to extend the agreement for two additional five-year terms; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Joint Use Agreement, including optional term extensions, provided that the annual amounts are included in the subsequent approved budgets, and making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

On July 10, 2007, the City Council conceptually approved entering into a Joint Use Agreement with

the District for use of the Riverside Aquatics Complex (Complex) at Riverside City College. At that time, staff was directed to prepare and return to the City Council with an Agreement for the joint use of the Complex.

On July 8, 2008, the City Council approved \$3,000,000 toward the construction of the Complex and approved a Joint Use Agreement with Riverside Community College District (District) and the County of Riverside.

The pool was planned to be 64 meters in length, with a moveable “bulkhead” that could be set to provide both an Olympic-sized competition pool and a separate training and competition area. Full diving facilities, including 10, 7, 5, 3 and 1-meter boards, were to be provided. Lighted for night-time use, the facilities included bleacher seating for 800, locker rooms, restroom facilities, electronic scoreboards, and could be operated in combination with the two existing pools, which in turn provide venues for recreation, training, warm-up and warm-down, to augment the flexibility of the facilities.

The Joint Use Agreement addressed issues regarding maintenance, utilities, scheduling, fees, concessions, damage and destruction, as well as sets forth rules and regulations regarding usage. The District's classes and programs were to be scheduled first, with the City sharing any remaining portion of time. Additionally, the City would be provided access to the Complex for a minimum of two hours per weekday and four hours per weekend during daylight hours. The District would maintain the master schedule of classes, meets, matches, events and any other activities in the Complex. The term of the agreement was for a period of 15 years with the option to be renewed for an additional 15-year term upon written agreement of the parties

On October 25, 2011, the City Council approved an amendment to the Joint Use Agreement for the Riverside Aquatics Complex at Riverside City College (RCC) to modify the annual maintenance costs by capping it at an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, and to clarify language regarding use and scheduling of the complex.

In 2023, the original 15-year term of the agreement expired. As a result of turnover from RCC representatives, the agreement was at a standstill, however, use did continue without issues.

DISCUSSION:

In October 2024, PRCSD staff met with new representatives from Riverside City College and engaged the County of Riverside (County) to discuss renewal of the joint use agreement. The County declined participation in future agreements due to limited financial contributions and minimal need for facility use.

The proposed agreement with Riverside City College establishes an initial five-year term, with the option to renew for two additional five-year terms, for a total term not to exceed fifteen years. The agreement provides up to 500 hours of annual facility use, with an annual maintenance contribution of \$50,000. If the City exceeds the use of 500 hours, the City shall pay for actual costs in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually during the term of the agreement. The agreement also requires the City to share the cost of utilities, prorated based on actual usage.

This joint use agreement supports the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's continued commitment to offering high-quality aquatic programs through the use of competition pools.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$100,000 per year for a total agreement amount of \$500,000, which includes the minimum \$50,000 annual maintenance contribution for the initial five-year term of the agreement and costs for additional hours of use. The agreement also requires the City to share the cost of utilities, prorated based on actual usage. Sufficient funds for Fiscal Year 2025/26 are available in the General Fund, Parks, RCC Aquatics Complex account 5215000-450082. Future year's amounts will be included in future year's budgets submitted for approval by City Council.

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Attachment: Joint Use Agreement