



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: February 23, 2026 **LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Pres 26-142

SUBMITTED BY: Tim Duda

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Golf

<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Admin Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

REQUEST

Recap and recommendations presentation regarding the 2025/2026 Winter Wonderland Ice Rink featuring a Merry Market Pilot Project.

BACKGROUND

In the fourth quarter of 2024, the City Council approved a motion directing staff to explore the implementation of a community ice rink and merry market.

City staff began developing plans for a seasonal refrigerated ice rink, scheduled to operate from December 3, 2025, to February 16, 2026. The rink to be accompanied by a holiday market, which will run on Saturdays and Sundays during the first three weekends of December and at the Commerce City tree lighting event on December 3, 2025.

On April 21, 2025, Ordinance 2670 was passed in its second and final reading, authorizing an amendment to the 2025 budget for \$220,000. A subsequent ordinance, 2689, received its first reading and public notice on June 2, 2025, amending the budget by an additional \$99,000. This brings the total budgeted amount for the ice rink and holiday market to \$319,000.

In the first quarter of 2025, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for a comprehensive solution that includes installation, management, maintenance, and removal services for the outdoor ice rink and holiday season event. Following the submission process, Legacy Hospitality &

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Entertainment Group, LLC was selected as the successful vendor based on the received bids.

Planning and implementation of the project began in October 2025, with operations running from November 28, 2025, to February 16, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	Legacy Hospitality & Entertainment Group, LLC
Amount of Request/Contract	\$309,750
Amount Not To Exceed	\$319,000
Amount Budgeted	\$319,000
Budget Year	FY2025/2026
Funding Source	PRG CIP Funds
Additional Funds Needed	\$0
Funding Source (if funds needed)	010-395

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
1/1/2025	February 28, 2026
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
2 years	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	Council goal – City Unity and Wellness		

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ASSIGNED

Board or Commission	N/a
Recommendation	N/a
Date of Recommendation	N/a

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PUBLIC OUTREACH

n/a

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

Decision on the following: Ice rink for the 2026 -2027 season and beyond? If yes, funding needs to be approved, estimated \$500,000 - \$700,000. Includes: Ice Rink operations, marketing & communication funds, overtime funds, contingency funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

e.g. Staff recommends action #1, approval of the item.