



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

Item Number: 5

DATE: March 25, 2025

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Committee

LIAISON: Scott Saindon, Acting Chief Financial Officer

FROM: David Marquardt, Director of Parks and Recreation
Parks & Recreation

SUBJECT: **Resolution authorizing an agreement with Baxter Community Center to provide summer day camp services at Joe Taylor Park in an amount of \$60,000**

The attached resolution authorizes execution of an agreement with Baxter Community Center to provide summer day camp services at Joe Taylor Park. The total amount for annual services will not exceed \$60,000. The Agreement will be for the period of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, with two one-year renewal options to support summer day camp services in 2026 and 2027.

For the fifth consecutive summer, the City will offer summer day camps at Joe Taylor Park, Martin Luther King Park (MLK), Roosevelt Park and Garfield Park. Similar to 2024, the City will contract with Baxter Community Center to manage the camp at Joe Taylor Park. The City will manage the camps at MLK Park, Roosevelt Park and Garfield Park without additional contracted support at these locations.

The free summer camp at Joe Taylor Park will run for 10 weeks. Lunch will be provided daily by the Grand Rapids Public Schools system. Daily camp activities will include sports, games, arts and crafts, and other enrichment activities. Additionally, each camp site will have the opportunity for field trips to John Ball Zoo, the Children's Museum, Grand Rapids Public Museum and other youth focused facilities. Offering summer camp programming aligns with the Parks and Recreation Department's strategic goal for a healthy community by expanding programs and initiatives that support the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of Grand Rapids' youth. Summer camps also provide a connection to nature and offer recreational and educational opportunities for youth in the community.

Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution authorizing an agreement with Baxter Community Center to provide summer day camp services at Joe Taylor Park.

RESOLVED:

1. That an agreement is approved between the City and Baxter Community Center to provide summer day camp services at Joe Taylor Park in an amount not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) annually; and
2. That the period of performance is June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, with two one-year renewal options for summer camp in 2026 and 2027; and
3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

CORRECT IN FORM

CITY ATTORNEY