

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** September 11, 2006
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITY OF HOPE'S YULE LOG JOG, TO BE HELD AT AREA H ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Acknowledge that the proposed City of Hope's Yule Log Jog and the lifting of the Noise Ordinance are categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15323 Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings and;
2. Approve an ordinance to suspend the Noise Ordinance by permitting amplified sound on a Sunday beginning at 9:00 am and a Notice of Exemption and hold the first reading of same on Monday, September 11, 2006, with respect to the proposed City of Hope's Yule Log Jog to be held at Area H on Sunday, November 5, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Hope based in Duarte has submitted their Special Event application requesting the use of Area H on Sunday, November 5, 2006 to conduct the 1st Annual City of Hope Yule Log Jog. The event warm-up and opening ceremony is scheduled to begin on Area H at 9:00 am followed by the walk around the standard Rose Bowl 5k route. The event concludes by 1:00 pm with park departure by 2:00 pm. Amplified sound will be used for pre-recorded music and speech.

The projected attendance for the City of Hope Yule Log Jog is 1,500 people. The Park Policy allows a maximum daily attendance of up to 9,500 people at Area H. The event operations are consistent with the policies and guidelines of the Park Policy.

The operation of amplified sound by non-profit organizations is permitted on Sundays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The lifting of the Noise Ordinance for this event would permit amplified sound to begin at 9:00 am. The applicant is not seeking a waiver of the entire Noise Ordinance. Sound from the event will be consistent with the Noise Ordinance and will be monitored.

This is the first-ever City of Hope Yule Log Jog. City of Hope has hired an experienced event firm to produce their 5k. Previous 5k runs have been granted Noise Ordinance suspensions at 9:00 am with no known complaints.

The City of Hope treats 16,890 patients annually with 10% of these patients coming from Pasadena (approximately 3,600 outpatients and 520 inpatients). The City of Hope partners with many Pasadena-based community organizations including the Wellness Community, American Cancer Society- Pasadena Chapter, Jackie Robinson Center, Tournament of Roses, Junior League of Pasadena and the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts. The City of Hope also partners with Pasadena City College (PCC) to train oncology nurses and provide first-hand training to PCC students.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The Environmental Administrator has determined that the Proposed Suspension of the Noise Ordinance and Temporary Use Permit necessary to hold the Easter Sunrise Service is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15323, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Any City costs that may be incurred, (i.e.-sound meter reading, police and fire personnel, permit costs, park clean-up, etc.) are to be paid by the event promoter.

Respectfully submitted:


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