



Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 26, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE RELATING TO CALVARY CHAPEL OF PASADENA'S EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, TO BE HELD AT VICTORY PARK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Acknowledge that the proposed Calvary Chapel of Pasadena's Easter Sunrise Service and the lifting of the Noise Ordinance are categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15023 Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings and;
2. Approve permitting amplified sound on a Sunday beginning at 7:00 am and a Notice of Exemption and hold the first reading of same on Monday, February 26, 2007, with respect to the proposed Calvary Chapel of Pasadena's Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Victory Park on Sunday, April 8, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

BACKGROUND:

The Calvary Chapel of Pasadena located at 2200 E. Colorado Boulevard has submitted their Special Event application requesting the use of Victory Park on Sunday, April 8, 2007 to conduct their annual Easter Sunrise Service. The event set-up is to begin at 4:30 am with the service from 7:00 am – 8:30 am and departure by 9:30 am. The sound equipment for the event will include the use of two 12-inch speakers for both pre-recorded music and speech.

The projected attendance for the Easter Sunrise Service is 800 people. The Park Policy allows a maximum daily attendance of up to 2,500 people at Victory Park. The event operations are consistent with the policies and guidelines of the Park Policy.

The Easter Sunrise Service has been held annually at the same site for the past seventeen years with amplified sound beginning at 7:00 am with no known complaints.

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 7:00 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.

A first reading of an ordinance to suspend the hours of amplified sound will be heard as a separate agenda item.

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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