

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 23, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY WIGGLE WAGGLE WALK, TO BE HELD AT BROOKSIDE PARK ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Acknowledge that the proposed Pasadena Humane Society Wiggle Waggle Walk 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 8:30 am and a Notice of Exemption and hold the first reading of same on Monday, July 23, 2007, with respect to the proposed Pasadena Humane Society Wiggle Waggle Walk to be held at Brookside Park on Sunday, September 30, 2007 from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm.

BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena Humane Society has submitted a Special Event Application requesting the use of Brookside Park on Sunday, September 30, 2007 to conduct their Wiggle Waggle Walk. The event set-up is to begin on Saturday, September 29, 2007 with the event the following day from 8:30 am thru 2:00 pm and departure by 4:00 pm. The sound equipment for the event will be set-up in Lot I and will include the use of a home stereo system for pre-recorded music with a 150 watt amplifier and 700 watt JBL L5 towers. The amplified sound will be used for both announcing the start of the race and pre-recorded music.

The projected attendance for the Humane Society's Wiggle Waggle Walk is 1,500 people throughout the day. The event operations are consistent with all City codes and regulations pertaining to Special Event Permitting.

The Pasadena Humane Society's Wiggle Waggle Walk had been held annually at the same site since 2004 with amplified sound beginning at 10:00 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 8:30 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.

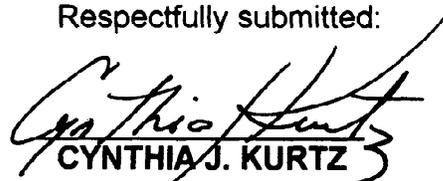
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Any costs that may be incurred will be paid by the event promoter.

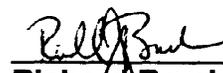
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