



Agenda Item No.: 5.

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
Bill No. 2010-36 Repeals the sunset provision regarding the prohibition of alcoholic beverages in City parks except pursuant to a permit or other written authorization. Sponsored by: Councilman Gary Reese and Councilwoman Lois Tarkenton

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Last June the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6043, which, among other things, prohibits alcoholic beverages in City parks except pursuant to a permit or other written authorization. The Council included a sunset clause regarding that provision, under which the provision would expire on October 1, 2010, unless otherwise provided by ordinance. Based on the City's experience regarding the provision, it is proposed to remove the sunset clause and continue the general prohibition of alcoholic beverages except pursuant to a permit or other written authorization.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2010-36
2. Business Impact Statement

Motion made by STEVEN D. ROSS to Approve

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

BILLIE BASTIAN, Director of Leisure Services, provided a progress report on the ordinance prohibiting alcohol consumption in parks, including the huge outreach and education campaign.

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: AUGUST 17, 2010

The Marshalls have indicated that this additional tool has helped to keep parks safer. The City's Risk Manager has also reported only one injury during the program's trial period and Field Operations has experienced a 30 percent reduction in park glass clean up.

COUNCILMAN ROSS indicated his initial apprehension but the benefits of increased park safety and the savings to the City are significant. MS. BASTIAN added that only three concern letters were received from citizens who wanted clarification regarding the permitting process.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW discussed with MS. BASTIAN creating a self-manage kiosk at the entrance of the park to pay for and obtain a permit allowing alcohol in addition to current research on self-serve on-line permitting. There would be a cost/benefit analysis of the investment in equipment and establishment of a collection process. COUNCILMAN ROSS commented that an on-line service is a major cost savings to the City and the consumer. COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing closed.

