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City Manager's Report
June 10, 2024, City Council Meeting
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Item#: 7.7

Subject: Consideration of the Annual 4th of July Fireworks Display scheduled for July 4, 2025.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Fireworks Display at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 4, 2025.

Purpose: To consider and authorize a fireworks display on Thursday, July 4, 2025, at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds in the City of Placerville.

Background: For many years the Fairgrounds and the Placerville Motor Speedway have sponsored fireworks to celebrate the 4th of July. This year the City received the attached letter from El Dorado County Fire stating that the Fire District's Prevention Bureau has reviewed and approved the permit application in accordance with all applicable California State Fire Marshal regulations. The fireworks display will be conducted by Russell Motorsports, Inc. in conjunction with Devastating Pyrotechnics, Inc.

City Code Title 3 Chapter 6 requires the Council to approve any fireworks display that takes place within the City limits.

Discussion: City Code Title 3, Chapter 6, Section 1 states:

The sale or discharge of firecrackers, salutes and other explosive articles of similar nature within the city is hereby prohibited and it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale or discharge any firecrackers, sparklers, roman candles and other explosive articles of similar nature within the city. Exception: The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person engaged in the preparation for or performance of a public fireworks display authorized by written order of the city council in advance, in full compliance with the conditions or restrictions contained in such order.

The El Dorado County Fire District is responsible for issuing the permit and placing any conditions on the permit. Either the Fire District, or the Placerville Police Department have the authority to cancel the display, should conditions or other circumstances warrant. The attached resolution grants permission for the display.

Options:

1. Adopt the resolution authorizing the fireworks display as requested.
2. Adopt the resolution authorizing the fireworks display with conditions.

3. Do not approve the fireworks display.

Cost: The cost to prepare this staff report is approximately \$50.00.

Budget Impact: None.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Fireworks Display at the Placerville Fairgrounds on July 4, 2025.



M. Cleve Morris, City Manager



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Director

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Permit Approval Letter from El Dorado County Fire Protection District dated June 04, 2025