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Subject: Support staff's recommendation approving an agreement with the Sierra West Officials Association (SWOA) to provide officiating services for the City's Youth and Adult Basketball Leagues and authorizing the Director of Community Services to execute the same.

Purpose: To enter into an agreement with Sierra West Officials Association (SWOA) to provide officiating services for the City's Youth and Adult Basketball Leagues.

Background: Over the past several years, the City has contracted with the SWOA to provide Youth and Adult Basketball officials. SWOA is requesting an increase in pay due to the increase in basketball officiating rates by existing agencies, the cost of inflation impacting the Association's existing expenditures, and the impact of minimum wage on the existing work force.

Discussion: The SWOA recruits, trains, and schedules officials for the City's Youth and Adult Basketball Leagues. The City pays SWOA on a per-game basis. In addition to the per game basis the City pays SWOA an administration fee of \$3,000 per year.

Staff is committed to working closely with the SWOA to provide the best possible service to our participants. SWOA is confident that they have the number of personnel necessary to provide qualified officials for our Youth and Adult Basketball Leagues.

The content of the proposed contract is nearly identical to the 2020 contract. The proposed contract stipulates that the City will provide for a \$1.00 increase from \$26.00 to \$27.00 per official. In addition, the \$3,000.00 annual administration fee will be eliminated and an additional \$4.00 per official per game will be added in place of the annual administration fee bringing the total per official to \$31.00 per official per game.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

The proposed contract stipulates that the City will pay \$31.00 for (1) official in the K-2nd grade division for a total of \$31.00 per game and \$31.00 per official (2) officials in the 3rd – 8th grade divisions for a total of \$62.00 per game.

ADULT BASKETBALL

The proposed contract stipulates that the City will pay \$31.00 per official (2) officials in the adult league for a total of \$62.00 per game.

The City has few alternatives given its distance from the other existing officials associations in the Sacramento area. Because of this, staff is committed to working closely with the SWOA to provide the best possible service to our participants at an affordable price. Many of the officials who officiate games in Placerville live locally. Staff has reviewed service agreements

and rate schedules provided by other associations and recreation departments in the surrounding area.

The following table demonstrates the proposed agreement with SWOA Youth and Adult Basketball Officials is comparable with other agencies.

**TABLE 2: 2023 Rate Schedule Comparisons
as of September 2022**

AGENCY	YOUTH GAME RATE PER OFFICIAL	ADULT GAME RATE PER OFFICIAL
City of Placerville (SWOA) Proposed Rates	\$31.00 K – 2nd Grade (1 Official) \$31.00 3rd – 8th Grade (2 Officials)	\$31.00 (2 Officials) \$36.00 when assigned 1 game only
City of Placerville (FOA) Current	\$26.00 K – 2 nd Grade (1 Official) \$26.00 3 rd – 8 th Grade (2 Officials) \$3,000 per year admin fee	\$26.00 (2 Officials) \$31.00 when assigned 1 game only
El Dorado Hills (FOA)	\$33.00	\$35.00
Cameron Park (SWOA)	\$30.00	\$30.00
Auburn (SMOA)	\$38.50	\$38.50

These increases will have a financial impact on the Recreation Division’s annual operating budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. Staff understands the importance of keeping programs self-supporting. Staff will evaluate the City’s Youth and Adult Basketball programs and will bring back recommended fees to cover the direct increases prior to the next season’s program registration dates.

Options:

1. Enter into an agreement with SWOA to provide officiating services for the City’s Youth and Adult Basketball Leagues as recommended by staff.
2. Direct staff to take other action.

Cost: The projected annual cost of this contract is \$25,000.

Budget Impact: These costs were assumed in the adopted Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Operating Budget. The following table shows the anticipated cost increases in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year:

Officials	2021-2022 Fiscal Year	2022-2023 Fiscal Year	Total Increase
Youth Basketball	\$20,764.00	\$20,584.00	-\$180.00
Adult 5x5 Basketball	\$3,656.00	\$4,216.00	\$560.00
Total Increase			\$380.00

Recommendation: Support staff's recommendation approving an agreement with the Sierra West Officials Association (SWOA) to provide officiating services for the City's Youth and Adult Basketball Leagues and authorizing the Director of Community Services to execute the same.