

C O N C I L C O M M U N I C A T I O N

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

COUNCIL MEETING DATE
AUGUST 2, 1989

SUBJECT: RENTAL OF SPACE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PREPARED BY: City Manager

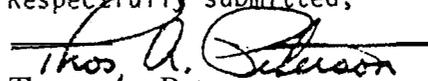
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Elm Street Investors for the lease of a building at 111 N. Stockton Street for temporary use by the Parks and Recreation Department.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: For several years it has been apparent to all that the Parks and Recreation Department has been in serious need of clean, dry, secure and convenient storage space for the wide variety of equipment used by the department in conducting its numerous activities. In addition, with the demise of the Hale Park building it has become quite difficult to offer certain on-going programs and activities because of lack of space. A space has surfaced that ideally meets these needs. A vacancy has developed in a portion of the light industrial building located at 111 N. Stockton Street immediately south (across the alley) of the Parks and Recreation Department offices. The area totals 3,050 square feet and is being offered to the City at a rental fee of \$1,400 per month (approximately 46 cents per square foot). The building contains restrooms and a small office. A portion of it would be used for on-going programs such as karate and gymnastics, and the remainder would be fenced to be utilized for the storage of equipment. The lease is for a period of five years commencing August 1, 1989 or as soon thereafter as the requested modifications to the building have been completed. The lease is for a period of five years. However, the City reserves the right to cancel with six-months notice. It is unlikely that we will initiate the proposed major reconstruction of the Parks and Recreation Department facilities within the next three to four years. In the interim, this rented space will serve well.

While in the midst of evaluations of budget reductions, it seems paradoxical that staff would bring this recommendation to the City Council. However, community support groups, primarily the Boosters of Boys' and Girls' Sports, have provided the City's recreation program with a substantial amount of equipment. It is painful to witness that equipment deteriorate and become unusable because of its storage in substandard City facilities.

Parks and Recreation Director Ron Williamson will be in attendance at Wednesday night's meeting to present this request and answer any questions Councilmembers may have.

Respectfully submitted,


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