



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0934

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 23, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a First Amendment to a Non-Exclusive Facility Use Agreement with Gold Coast Ski Club, Inc. for Use of the Lake at Mills Pond Park - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a First Amendment to a Non-Exclusive Facility Use Agreement with Gold Coast Ski Club, Inc. (Gold Coast), substantially in the form attached, for the use of the lake at Mills Pond Park and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any extensions with terms and conditions acceptable to the City.

Background

On January 7, 2025, the City Commission approved a Non-Exclusive Facility Use Agreement with Gold Coast for a term ending on November 30, 2026, with two (2) consecutive, one (1)-year extension options, for the non-exclusive use of a portion of the lake at Mills Pond Park located at 2201 NW 9 Avenue.

Since the approval of the initial agreement, staff has been working with Gold Coast on potential amendments to the agreement to modify the hours of operation, rent abatement, public outreach and City programs terms.

The proposed First Amendment to the Agreement includes:

- Hours of Operation –
 - Monday through Wednesdays, from 3:00 p.m. to dusk
 - Thursdays and Fridays, from 11:00 a.m. to dusk
 - Saturdays and Sundays, from 7:00 a.m. to dusk
- Rent Abatement – Gold Coast will be eligible for full rent abatement in the event the lake becomes unusable; and
- Public Outreach and City Programs – Gold Coast shall conduct at least one (1) public outreach event and one (1) introductory program per year for participants

registered in City programs at no cost to the participants or the City.

Membership with Gold Coast is open to the public and information is made available through the Parks and Recreation Department. Gold Coast will indemnify, hold the City of Fort Lauderdale harmless, and maintain necessary insurance during its term of operation with limits that are acceptable to the City.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to this agreement is included in the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of October 1, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECIEVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6024-572-347-200- PKR303	Adult Programs	Service Charge – Parks and Recreation	\$40,799	\$0	\$6,499.92
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		\$6,499.92

Strategic Connections

This is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives.

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Place specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Exhibit 2 – First Amendment

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