



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

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 2, 2013

TITLE: Discussion - Suncoast Gun and Knife Shows at War Memorial Auditorium

Since 1982, Suncoast Gun and Knife Show has been one of the primary tenants at the War Memorial Auditorium. Each year, they host a total of eight shows at the Auditorium. The current lease agreement will expire this year and Suncoast has made a request to have their lease agreement renewed.

In response to the national incidents, and community concerns, Suncoast has worked with the City of Fort Lauderdale to ensure that all aspects of the City, County, State and federal laws and regulations are adhered. . This includes increased police presence (both inside and outside) of the venue; ensuring that only licensed gun dealers are vendors; providing background checks on all gun purchases as required by law (whether private or vendor sales); working with the War Memorial Auditorium and Parks & Recreation staff to ensure all parking requirements are in compliance as required at Holiday Park and also ensuring that all Gun Show attendees park in designated Auditorium parking areas only.

The representatives of Suncoast Gun and Knife Show have expressed an interest in continuing to work with the City of Fort Lauderdale in order to maintain a safe, enjoyable and orderly experience for all patrons during these events. Suncoast is fully aware of the requirements that are needed to maintain the necessary level of police and security detail to achieve the aforementioned goals.

The Parks and Recreation Departments is seeking Commission policy direction regarding a new agreement for the proposed 2014 dates:

January 11-12;
February 22-23;
March 22-23;
May 3-4;
June 14-15;
August 16-17;

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September 20-21;
November 29-30.

Resource Impact

During the fiscal year 2012, Suncoast generated \$212,660 in gross revenues for the city. For the current fiscal year 2013 to date the Suncoast Gun Shows have generated \$146,032 in gross revenues for the City.

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