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MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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RECOMMENDATION:

Revoke the Senior Water Exercise Fees adopted as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 General Park Fees for Martin Luther King, Jr. Pool and Silverado Pool, and make such changes effective December 1, 2015. (Districts 6 and 7).

DISCUSSION

On September 17, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) approved the FY 16 General Park Fees which included the new fees for Senior Water Exercise at King and Silverado Pools (Senior Water Exercise Fees).

On October 13, 2015, Councilmember Dee Andrews submitted an item to the City Council related to the Senior Water Exercise Fees. Councilmember Andrews stated in his agenda item that the \$2.00 increase per class could impact individuals in the amount of \$480.00 per year, while the average annual income of seniors in Long Beach is \$26,000 (which is below the national poverty level). Councilmember Andrews further stated that this increase, when combined with the need to exercise being critical to maintaining fit and healthy bodies, could be deemed an unnecessarily high burden for many senior residents. By a vote of 9-0, the City Council referred the Senior Water Exercise Fees back to the Commission with a request to revoke them. Assuming a revocation of the Senior Water Exercise Fee by the Commission for the pools in Upland Parks, the City Council is expected to do likewise with the Senior Water Exercise Fees for the Belmont Plaza Pool.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is estimated that revoking these fees would result in an approximately \$20,000 reduction in revenue to the General Fund (GP 105) for providing these services.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

AMY G. MANNING
ACTING MANAGER OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS

APPROVED:

STEPHEN P. SCOTT
ACTING DIRECTOR

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