

# Council Agenda Item 26-0114R



**MEETING DATE:** February 23, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT & CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE ANNUAL PROCUREMENT AND COORDINATION OF A FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOURTH FEST.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jessica Peterson and Henry Martinsen

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Resolution 25-0805R allocating 2026 tourism tax budget of \$100,000 for 2026 fireworks display.

**BACKGROUND:** In October 2024, the Purchasing Division issued a request for proposals for the management of Bayfront Festival Park which also sought information about proposers' capacity and interest in assuming the coordination of the annual Fourth Fest Event and fireworks. As a result of the request for proposals, the management of Bayfront Festival Park was awarded to DECC; and in 2025 DECC staff shadowed City staff to learn about the coordination of the fireworks display.

2026 marks the country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and the DECC will be responsible for procuring and coordinating a fireworks display, including any land use, with minimal assistance from City staff as a transition to future years solely coordinated by DECC.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** Tourism tax funds were budgeted for this expense.

**OPTIONS:** Approve the resolution and the DECC will coordinate the procurement and display of fireworks with minimal assistance from City staff. Deny the resolution and City staff with insufficient capacity will be required to manage this process. Additionally, denying this resolution may mean a delay in the process and fireworks providers may not be available.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve the resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit A - Agreement