CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager

From: Keith Young, Cultural Services Division Manager

Through: Chandra Nicholson, Director of Economic Development & Planning
Dante Elbin, Chief of Police

Date: January 27, 2014

Subject: 2014 Gautier Mardi Gras Parade In-kind Services and Financial Support Request

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REQUEST:
The Gautier Men's Club requests City Council authorization for in-kind services and financial support to be provided by the City for the Annual Gautier Mardi Gras Parade.

BACKGROUND:
The Gautier Men's Club's 25th Annual Mardi Gras Parade will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The City has historically provided logistical services and financial support as well as traffic control and security for this event.

DISCUSSION:
The Mardi Gras Parade organizers have submitted an in-kind services and financial support request to the City for the following.

In-kind:

- Safety and Traffic Control as well as Police units to lead the parade
- Set-up and Use of Barricades and Bleachers for the Judging Area
- Port-a-lets and Clean-up of the Parade Route after the Event

The Police Department estimates their in-kind contribution will equal $1,089.00 based on four (4) traffic officers and six (6) patrol officers at five (5) hours each. Reserve officers have also been scheduled to assist with the event. The Cultural Services Division estimates approximately $640.00 for in-kind costs for the requested labor (2 employees @ 15 hours each). The total cost of City in-kind services is therefore estimated at $1,729.00.

Financial Support Needs:
In addition, the Gautier Men's Club requests financial support from the City for the Mardi Gras Parade in the amount of $1,416.00.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Economic Development & Planning Department recommends that City Council authorize the in-kind services and financial support requested by the Gautier Men's Club for the Mardi Gras Parade as submitted. City Council may:

1) approve the level of in-kind services and amount of financial support requested;
2) approve a different amount of financial support and/or level of in-kind services; or
3) may decline to authorize any in-kind services or financial support to the parade.

ATTACHMENT(S):
Gautier Men's Club In-kind Services and Financial Support Request (01-27-14)

To: City of Gautier

From: Gautier Men's Club

Date: January 27, 2014
Gautier Mardi Gras Parade

Our parade is scheduled for February 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

We are providing the following detail for our request for services for this year's parade.

Services::

Request the Police Department provide units to lead the parade and traffic control.

City to set up and provide barricades, senior citizen bleachers, portalets, Post clean-up of parade route.

Support for:

In Kind Services of $1,416.00 (Financial Request)

Thank You,
Bill Whatley

Bill Whatley
2014 Mardi Gras Parade Chairman
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