



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Feb 10, 2021 - City Commission Meeting & Summary
Category	13. POLICY FORMATION AND DIRECTION
Subject	13.02 Updates to City Commission Policy 224 (Financing the Government), related to discounts for youth due to an inability to pay or who show demonstrated need -- Robert Wigen, Resource Management
Access	Public
Type	Action
Fiscal Impact	Yes
Budgeted	Yes
Budget Source	General Fund, Golf Fund revenues
Recommended Action	Option 1: Accept the proposed updates to City Commission Policy 224 (Financing the Government) to more clearly reflect the current practice of waiving or reducing PRNA fees for youth with an inability to pay, including being due to a disability, and authorize up to a 30% discount on Golf fees for youth with demonstrated need.

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Statement of Issue

The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department (PRNA) and City golf courses charge fees for participation in certain recreation programs, leagues, and activities. The City welcomes and encourages the participation of those of all levels of ability. City Commission Policy 224 (Financing the Government) establishes standards for the collection and expenditure of revenues, including fees charged by PRNA and City golf courses. The policy also makes recommendations to offer subsidies to certain individuals.

This agenda item seeks Commission acceptance of proposed updates to the language in City Commission Policy 224 to (a) more clearly reflect current staff practice of providing either waived or reduced PRNA fees for youth with an inability to pay, including an inability to pay resulting from disabilities, and (b) authorize up to a 30% discount on fees at City golf courses to youth with demonstrated need.

Recommended Action

Option 1: Accept the proposed updates to City Commission Policy 224 (Financing the Government) to more clearly reflect the current practice of waiving or reducing PRNA fees for youth with an inability to pay, including being due to a disability, and authorize up to a 30% discount on Golf fees for youth with demonstrated need.

Fiscal Impact

Staff estimates the proposed discount will have minimal impact on total revenues to the General Fund and Golf Fund.

Supplemental Material/Issue Analysis

History/Facts & Issues

The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department (PRNA) and City golf courses charge fees for participation in certain recreation programs, leagues, and activities. This includes various sports leagues, lessons, aquatics passes and other facility usage. The City welcomes and encourages the participation of all, including those with disabilities, in all its facilities, classes, programs and activities. Specialized programs and play sites ensure inclusivity, often with the help of community partners such as the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association (FDOA) and Challenger Little League.

City Commission Policy 224 (Financing the Government) establishes standards for the collection and expenditure of revenues, including fees charged by PRNA and golf courses. The policy also makes recommendations to offer subsidies towards youth participation. PRNA currently provides either a full waiver or a reduction of fees for youth with disabilities on public assistance. The discounted amount varies with the goal of reducing financial barriers to participation for those with disabilities. This agenda item seeks City Commission consent to update City Commission Policy 224 to more clearly reflect this current practice and, additionally, authorize up to 30% discounts to youth with demonstrated need towards fees at Hilaman and Jake Gaither golf courses. Policy 224 is included as Attachment 1 showing the proposed change.

Department(s) Review

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs (PRNA); Golf Operations; Resource Management.

Options

1. Accept the proposed updates to City Commission Policy 224 (Financing the Government) to more clearly reflect the current practice of waiving or reducing PRNA fees for youth with an inability to pay, including being due to a disability, and authorize up to a 30% discount on Golf fees for youth with demonstrated need.

Pros: The language in the Policy 224 will more clearly reflect PRNA staff's current practice and youth with demonstrated need will be provided up to a 30% discount towards golf participation.

Cons: None.

2. Do not accept updates to City Commission Policy 224 to more clearly reflect practice of waiving or reducing PRNA fees and authorize up to a 30% discount on golf fees for youth with demonstrated need.

Pros: None.

Attachments/References

Attachment 1 – Policy 224 (Financing the Government) Amendment

[Attachment 1 - City Commission Policy 224 Amendment.pdf \(117 KB\)](#)