

RESOLUTION # 20-13

Recommending to the Saint Paul City Council approval of reduction of Lancer Food Holdings, LLC contractual payment to City for the period July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission ("Commission") is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the City and Lancer Food's, d/b/a Zooper Food, LLC and Como Amusement, LLC entered into an Agreement on November 28, 2018 for amusement and food service operations at the Como Zoo and Conservatory which terminates on December 31, 2036; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement references the managing entity as Lancer Food's, d/b/a Zooper Food, LLC and Como Amusement, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Operator is now known as Lancer Food Holdings, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the November 28, 2018 agreement requires Lancer Food Holdings to pay the City an annual licensing fee of \$170,000 as well as a commission percentage on food and beverage sales; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's Emergency Executive Order 20-01 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 severely impacted Lancer Food Holding's operations; and

WHEREAS, Lancer Food Holdings wishes to amend the Agreement to allow for a reduction in payment to the City for the period July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that Lancer Food Holdings is an important Saint Paul business integral to the success and value of the Como Zoo and Conservatory, and are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that supporting them during this difficult time serves a public purpose by helping to ensure they can continue to serve the Saint Paul community into the future, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council of the City of Saint Paul authorize the appropriate City officials to enter into the attached amendment to the Lancer Food Holdings Agreement.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on September 10, 2020:

Approved: Yes

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Absent 2

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Attested to by:

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Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission