



## Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to spend up to \$1,000 to supply food and beverage for those working the Hmong Freedom Festival and Sports Tournament.

WHEREAS, the Hmong Sports Tournament is an annual event held at McMurray fields in Saint Paul and this year it will be held on June 30 and July 1, with an additional clean up day on July 2; and

WHEREAS, the event requires a large number of City staff to run and maintain the event site from 5:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and from 6:00 a.m. on Monday until the clean up is done; and

WHEREAS, traffic is very congested which makes it difficult for staff to leave the work site for lunch or dinner breaks and return in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the weather is historically very hot and humid and requires staff to have and consume plenty of fluids to sustain themselves; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the event, break times are not scheduled and staff eat and drink while they are working; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has historically spent \$1,000 to purchase and provide Gatorade, fruit, and lunch or dinner for the employees assigned to work the event; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the employee food is added to the overall costs incurred for running the event; and

WHEREAS, the United Hmong Family Inc. will reimburse the City up to \$60,000 in 2018 toward the costs incurred with the event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council finds that there is a public purpose for the expenditure of money for food and beverages for employees working at the 2018 Hmong Sports Tournament by increasing efficiency and ensuring a healthy work environment, and authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to spend up to \$1,000 for the purchase of food and refreshments for employees assigned to work the 2018 Hmong Soccer Tournament.