

A G E N D A R E P O R T

DATE July 16, 2002

ITEM Resolution. 9256, Montana ExpoPark Fees

INITIATED BY Patty Gumenberg, Fairgrounds Director

ACTION REQUESTED Set Public Hearing for Montana ExpoPark Fees

PRESENTED BY Patty Gumenberg, Fairgrounds Director

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission set a public hearing for Montana ExpoPark Fees.

MOTION:

"I move the City Commission set a public hearing on Resolution 9256 establishing Montana ExpoPark Fees for 7:00 p.m. on August 6, 2002.

SYNOPSIS:

Resolution 9256 would establish the attached Montana ExpoPark rates.

BACKGROUND:

Rates were last raised in 1996 for most ExpoPark facilities. The Four Seasons Arena rates were gradually increased in 1996, 1997, and 1998, rather than have it all hit in 1996. Some buildings have not increased in many, many years.

For ice programs, rates of \$38/hour non-prime and \$71/hour prime were approved by the commission in 1994. These rates were adjusted to meet rising expenses in 2000. At that time, they were set at \$71/hour for our larger contracted users with a preset amount of hours and \$91/hour for non-contracted users.

Costs have continued to escalate over the past several years with substantially large increases in the recent few years for utilities and property and liability insurance. The proposed increases are necessary to keep Montana ExpoPark financially solvent. Market surveys were also conducted and rates fall within or below the average ranges.

All Montana ExpoPark rates were approved by the Montana State Fair Advisory Board. The Four Seasons Arena rates were approved by the Four Seasons Arena Board.