

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

DATE January 22, 2008

ITEM Great Falls Regional Science and Engineering Fair

INITIATED BY Ruth Carlstrom, Science Fair Coordinator

ACTION REQUESTED Co-Sponsor Science Fair on February 9, 2008

PRESENTED BY Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City co-sponsor the Great Falls Regional Science and Engineering Fair on February 9, 2008, by contributing up to \$500 for the use of the Convention Center.

MOTION: I move the City Commission co-sponsor the Great Falls Regional Science and Engineering Fair on February 9, 2008, by contributing up to \$500 for the use of the Convention Center.

SYNOPSIS: Ruth Carlstrom has asked the City to again participate in a partnership with the Great Falls Invitational Science Fair, which benefits students from Great Falls schools, public and private, as well as students from surrounding towns. This year's Great Falls City Science and Engineering Fair is scheduled to be held in the Civic Center on February 9, 2008. This is completely a non-profit event organized and run by volunteers to promote students doing investigations using the scientific method.

In the past, the City Commission has used the following criteria when considering requests of this type.

- Requests should only be accepted from non-profit, public service organizations; and
- Requests will be granted only where the City Commission or another City agency finds a public purpose in co-sponsoring an event; and
- Requests will be considered when the event is to serve the public rather than to raise funds; and
- The event is free to the public; and
- The event benefits the youth of the community.

This event meets all the criteria.