



STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 16, 2017

CONSENT

ITEM 11

TO: Lake Elmo City Council

FROM: Julie Johnson, City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM: Approve Resolution Supporting the 114th NWIRA Championship Regatta on Lake Elmo

REVIEWED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: It is respectfully requested that the City Council, as part of the *Consent Agenda*, consider approving Resolution 2017-056, supporting the 110th Northwestern International Rowing Association Championship Regatta on Lake Elmo on August 11 and 12, 2017. During the event on August 11th & 12 and event set up on August 9th & 10th, residential boat traffic will be asked to follow the No Wake rule.

BACKGROUND:

A representative of the Minnesota Rowing Club has previously appeared before the City Council seeking the Council's support for the event as part of the application for water surface use from the Washington County Sheriff's office. In order to conduct the proposed rowing event, the Minnesota Rowing Club will need to secure a water use permit from the County Sheriffs office and the Council's approval of the attached Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving Resolution 2017-056, supporting the 114th Northwestern International Rowing Association Championship Regatta on Lake Elmo on August 11 and 12, 2017. As part of the Consent Agenda, no specific motion is required.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution 2017-056

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 2017-056

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REQUEST BY THE MINNESOTA BOAT CLUB TO HOST THE 114th NORTH WESTERN INTERNATIONAL ROWING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA ON LAKE ELMO ON AUGUST 11 AND 12, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Boat Club is seeking support from the City of Lake Elmo to host the 114th Annual Northwestern International Rowing Association (NWIRA) Championship Regatta on Lake Elmo from August 11 through August 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Lake Elmo's namesake lake has been chosen as the site for the two-day championship rowing competition;

WHEREAS, Lake Elmo fully supports the efforts of the Minnesota Boat Club and welcomes the opportunity to be a host city to this international event for the third time in its history.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the testimony elicited and information received, the City Council makes the following:

FINDINGS

1. That the Minnesota Boat Club will need to obtain a Water Surface Use Permit from the Washington County Sheriff's Office in order to conduct a Regatta on the waters of Lake Elmo.
2. That the application for water surface use will include the following components:
 - a. The Minnesota Boat Club will receive the sanctioning of the US Rowing Association, the sport's national governing body to host the regatta, and will need to demonstrate adequate insurance to cover the standard liability issues as part of the permit request.
3. During the rowing competition on Lake Elmo, the Minnesota Boat Club has requested that residential boat traffic follow the No Wake rule. The dates and times are as follows: August 9 - 10 from 7 AM to 7 PM for event set up, and August 11 - 12 from 7 AM to 7 PM.
4. The City Council defers to the Washington County Sheriff for the placement of any and all buoys, floating starting platforms, and pontoon boats in the water as part of approval of the Water Surface Use Permit.
5. Upon event approval by the Washington County Sheriff, enforcement of Lake Elmo City Code Chapter 97, and all other laws and regulations, is assigned to the Washington County Sheriff's Department pursuant to City Code § 97.24.

6. The Minnesota Boat Club will encourage all spectators, officials, rowers, coaches, and others to refrain from parking on residential streets in close proximity to Lake Elmo and on County Road 17. This plan will protect the property and privacy of the City's residents, and to prevent spectators from parking along city streets and entering the Park from the north end.
7. The Minnesota Boat Club will request that Washington County close the public access boat ramp in the Lake Elmo Park Preserve from normal motorized traffic during the event. This closure will allow the regatta to be conducted in a safe and manageable fashion.
8. The City of Lake Elmo does not require a special event permit to conduct a rowing event that takes place on a public water body within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lake Elmo supports the application by the Minnesota Boat Club to host the 114th North Western International Rowing Association Championship Regatta on Lake Elmo on August 11 and August 12, 2017.

Passed and duly adopted this 16th day of May, 2017, by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Johnson, City Clerk