Department Source: Economic Development

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 7, 2017

Re: Authorizing an agreement with Memorial Day Weekend-Salute to Veterans Corporation for an air show at Columbia Regional Airport.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an agreement with Memorial Day Weekend

Salute to Veterans Corporation for an air show at Columbia Regional Airport to be held on Memorial Day weekend in 2018. The agreement is substantially the same as agreements entered into for previous air shows.

Discussion

The proposed agreement would allow the Memorial Day Weekend – Salute to Veterans Corporation to use a designated portion of the Columbia Regional Airport from May 25-27, 2018, for the aerobatic and static display of aircraft and related exhibits, food sales, and entertainment events. The organization is responsible for coordinating security, parking, concessions, clean-up, and trash disposal. The agreement states that the Corporation will abide by the judgement of the District Court in Wickersham case and that the Columbia Police Department will not enforce any rules imposed by the Corporation limiting expressive activities.

The resolution authorizing the agreement also authorizes the City Manager to provide support services for the organization’s Memorial Day activities within the constraints of the budget and taking into consideration the limited resources and operational duties of the various City departments.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Minimal  
Long-Term Impact: None

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Vision Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/vision/reports/visiongoals.php)

Primary Impact: Community Pride & Human Relations, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Use of the Airport for this event began in 1990 with a simple static display of aircraft. Since then, this event has grown significantly with over 3,000 volunteers and a planning process that takes a 12 month effort in order to secure display teams such as the Blue Angels in 1993, Canadian Snowbirds in 2014 and 2015, and The Skyhawks and Golden Knights in 2016. In 2017, the airshow had the United States Army Black Daggers parachute team and high speed demonstrations from the F/A 18 Super Hornet TAC Demo Team.

Resolutions approving agreements for the use of the Airport for this event from 2009 through 2017 are shown below.

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| 07/20/2009  05/03/2010  02/07/2011  01/17/2012  12/03/2012  08/05/2013  07/21/2014  08/17/2015  09/19/2016 | R162-09 Agreement to allow Memorial Day Weekend-Salute to Veterans Corporation to conduct air shows at the Columbia Regional Airport.  R88-10 Authorizing an air show to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 26-31, 2011; authorizing support services to the Memorial Day activities planned by that organization; and authorizing a parachute jump onto Broadway.  R15-11 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend–Salute to Veterans Corporation for an air show to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 23-29, 2012.  R8-12 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend-Salute to Veterans Corporation for an airshow to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 22-27, 2013.  R220-12 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend–Salute to Veterans Corporation for an air show to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 23-29, 2013.  R147-13 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend-Salute to Veterans Corporation for an airshow to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 21-26, 2014; authorizing a parachute jump onto Broadway.  R126-14 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend-Salute to Veterans Corporation for an airshow to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 20-25, 2015.  R132-15 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend-Salute to Veterans Corporation for an airshow to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 25-30, 2016.  R129-16 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend-Salute to Veterans Corporation for an airshow to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 24-29, 2017. |

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the Resolution and authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement authorizing the 2018 Salute to Veterans Airshow.