



# City Council Report

**Date:** December 11, 2017  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Marc Heirshberg, PRCF Director  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with Mesa Unified School District for the joint use of facilities (Citywide)

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this request is to seek Council approval for the City Manager to enter an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), with Mesa Unified School District (District) for joint use of facilities.

## Background

The 2017 IGA replaces an outdated IGA from 2003 and reflects the current use patterns and management strategies for both City and District facilities. The joint use IGA puts in place a reciprocal use agreement for both the City and the District and to maximize access and use of public facilities by the City, District and community.

## Discussion

The 2003 IGA with Mesa Unified School District stipulated the City controlled scheduling of lights on District athletic fields, as well as payment for light use. This model of scheduling District field use with the District, and light use with the City proved cumbersome to customers. To streamline the process and create a one-stop-shop for customers, the 2017 IGA stipulates that scheduling and payment for light use at District athletic fields be a function performed by the District.

The availability of District athletic fields to non-District activities has decreased since the 2003 IGA, due to the growth of District use and format to a more year-round schedule. A result of this growth in District programs is that the District is the primary user of District fields and the lights on the fields, further justifying District scheduling of both fields and lights at District locations.

Community Youth Groups including Little League Baseball, and various youth sport providers (soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.) who utilize District facilities were consulted about the changes and understand the forthcoming changes to the field rental process.

**Alternatives**

Take no Action and Continue to use the previously agreed upon 2003 IGA

**Fiscal Impact**

The 2017 IGA with Mesa Unified School District will shift the task of invoicing for light use on District fields to the District. The City will in turn invoice the District for light usage, and the City will pay the light utility expenses. The anticipated direct fiscal impact of this change is minimal, and may reflect minor discrepancies between utility expenses and fees charged by the District.

**Coordinated With**

The Mesa Unified School District Governing Board approved the IGA at their November 28, 2017 meeting.