



REQUEST FOR ACTION

FORWARD Park Concert Series: Community Festival

MEETING DATE:

April 20, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

City Clerk

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Christiaan Cartwright

Action Requested:

Adopting a Resolution approving the special event permit application for the FORWARD Park Concert Series and declaring the events as community festivals.

Report Narrative:

The FORWARD Park Concert Series ("the Event") has applied for a special event permit and requested a designation as a community festival.

The Event occurs on six different dates at six different locations, highlighting different parks in the various wards of the City:

- June 3, 2026, at Mayo Park located at 40 Civic Center Dr SE; and,
- June 10, 2026, at Cascade Park located at 88 23rd Ave SW; and,
- June 17, 2026, at Allendale Park located at 1895 Allendale Park Ln NW; and,
- August 12, 2026, at Joh Withers Sports Complex located at 2021 Mayowood Rd SW; and,
- August 19, 2026, at White Oaks Park located at 4597 55th St NW; and,
- August 26, 2026, at Cook Park located at 722 7th St NW; and,

Rochester Public Music is requesting that the Council waive the 85-decibel limit, with all sound terminating no later than 8:00 p.m. in concert with the end time of the event.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Quality Services for Quality Living
Economic Vibrancy & Growth Management

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

In approving the issuance of licenses, the Council is participating as prescribed by City ordinances in the regulatory framework in place to ensure public safety, health and well-being through oversight of the activity by contractors and designated businesses within the city, as well as oversight of licenses issued relating to alcohol, gambling, and animals.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

May 15, 2023: City Council - forWARD Neighborhood Park Concert Series approved.

June 26, 2023: City Council - forWARD Neighborhood Park Concert Series approved.

February 5, 2024: City Council - Council approved administrative issuance of many of our licenses

through the adopting of Ordinance No.4522. This RCA addresses one of the license types still requiring final council approval due to community festival requirements levied by State law.
July 15, 2024: City Council - forWARD Neighborhood Park Concert Series approved.
May 19, 2025: City Council - forWARD Neighborhood Park Concert Series approved.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

Licensing activity is budgeted for under the City Clerk's Office main departmental budget. License application fees cover a portion of the cost of administering the licensing process.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative actions are recommended at this time.

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Attachments:

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