

MEMORANDUM

June 17, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

VIA: James Slaton, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

SUBJECT: This is a Special Event Permit Application for the Annual Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade and temporary road closing, December 11, 2021

SYNOPSIS: Approval of the special event permit application will allow the Lake Wales Kiwanis Club to present the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday December 11, 2021 and allow for the temporary closing of several streets.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission take the following action:

1. Approve the special event permit application from the Lake Wales Kiwanis Club for the annual Christmas parade to take place Saturday evening, December 11, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
2. Approve the parade route that will begin at Lake Wailes Park, travel up Central Avenue to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. north to Stuart Avenue where it will end.
3. Approve the temporary closing of North 5th Street, Orange Avenue, the Horseshoe Drive in Lake Wailes Park, Lake Shore Blvd. from Orange Avenue to Central Avenue, and Central Avenue from Lake Shore Blvd. to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Martin Luther King Blvd. to Stuart Avenue

BACKGROUND:

Larry Tonjes, on behalf of the Lake Wales Kiwanis Club, submitted a special event permit application for the Annual Christmas Parade to take place Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Line up for the parade will begin at 4:00 p.m. on North 5th Street and on Orange Avenue and along the Horseshoe Drive (Park Avenue) of Lake Wailes Park.

The application also includes a request for the temporary closing of several streets as follows: 5th Street, Orange Avenue and Park Avenue (Horseshoe Drive) in Lake Wailes Park for the parade line up. The Parade will travel on Lakeshore Boulevard south to Central Avenue, west on Central Avenue crossing SR17/Scenic Highway to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard where the parade will end on Stuart Avenue.

The crossing of Scenic Highway requires a permit from the Florida Department of Transportation and this request is to be submitted to the Bartow office after commission has approved the event. Staff has reviewed the application and has no issues with the event or road closings. Lake Wales Police Department and VOICE will be handling pedestrian and vehicular traffic control. The Streets Department will coordinate the street closings and trash clean up. The Kiwanis Club will be responsible for the parade line up and staging and any sanitary facilities that might be necessary.

The sponsor will be required to provide insurance, which is standard.

OTHER OPTIONS:

Not to approve this event and road closings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of in-kind services is in the proposed budget for FY21/22 is \$2174 with the Kiwanis Club being responsible for 25% of the total cost or approximately \$544.

ATTACHMENTS

Special Event Permit Application
Notarized Agreement to Assume Financial Responsibility
Parade Route