



MEMORANDUM

TO: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager
FROM: Nicole Aranas, Assistant Village Manager
DATE: March 30, 2016
SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF A FIREWORKS PRODUCTION AGREEMENT
MAD BOMBER FIREWORKS PRODUCTIONS – 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Attached please find information recommending approval of a Fireworks Production Agreement with Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions for the production of a fireworks display to take place on July 4, 2016 in Madison Meadow Park.

The Village issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified vendors for a computer choreographed and electronically fired fireworks production and display to take place on Monday, July 4, 2016 with a renewal option for Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Multiple pyrotechnics vendors were solicited to provide proposals for the provision of a fireworks display for the Village. In response, the Village received proposals from four pyrotechnics vendors: Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions, Melrose Pyrotechnics, Lumina Pyrotechnics, and Flashing Thunder.

The proposals were reviewed and evaluated by Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Howell and Fire Marshal Chuck Riforgiate for the development of a recommendation on vendor selection. Following review and evaluation, Assistant Chief Howell and Fire Marshal Riforgiate are recommending approval of the proposal of Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions. In support of their recommendation of approval of a contact with Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions, they have offered the following:

- All vendor proposals for fireworks were equally priced at the budget amount of \$35,000;
- It was initially determined that two of the vendor proposals submitted did not meet all the requirements of the RFP;
- Of the remaining proposals, Mad Bomber offered the greatest number of references and specifically, demonstrated significant experience with displays for municipal and local governmental clients;
- Mad Bomber offered the greatest detail and variety qualitatively in the description of the components and effects to be offered as part of the proposed display;
- Mad Bomber has an excellent record of safety and based upon their prior experience with the Taste of Lombard and the 2015 Village fireworks display, Mad Bomber has familiarity with the venue, operating procedures, local requirements and Village personnel;
- The excellent quality of the fireworks performance and presentation are a known factor within the Village and local community; and,

- Mad Bomber offered an option for renewal of the contract under the same terms for July 4, 2017.

Having been the fireworks vendor for the Taste of Lombard for the last decade and the vendor for the 2015 Village of Lombard display, Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions has significant experience in Lombard at the Madison Meadow location and will provide a display of the same caliber as past years.

The proposed Fireworks Production Agreement with Mad Bomber provides for the production and display of a thirty minute fireworks display at a cost of \$35,000. At the sole discretion of the Village of Lombard, the terms and conditions of the agreement may be extended for a display on July 4, 2017. The attached Resolution authorizes execution of an agreement with Mad Bomber pending development and final approval of a Fireworks Display Agreement between the Village of Lombard and the Lombard Park District.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.