WORKSHOP ITEM

Big Lake City Council

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Item Description: *Council Meet and Greet Discussion*	***Reviewed By:*** *Clay Wilfahrt, City Administrator*	
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COUNCIL DIRECTION REQUESTED

Provide feedback on potential City Council Meet and Greet events.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Mayor Wallen has asked for discussion on holding Council "Meet and Greet" events. This type of program would replace the monthly Coffee with the Mayor events that former Mayor Raeanne Danielowski held at Coborn's Deli. Points for discussion could include:

1. The option to include the full Council in these Meet and Greet events. Raeanne did have an open invitation for other Council Members to participate in the Coffee with the Mayor events, but generally they were attended by her and one other staff person.
2. The option to include all Department Heads at each of the events.
3. Only hold two events per year instead of monthly.
4. Possibly holding the Meet and Greet events to coincide with other City events. Options could include Movie in the Park, Farmer's Market, etc.
5. Include something to draw people in such as a giveaway (Lakeside Park beach pass/bucket set), and include food/beverages (ice cream social, coffee, snacks, etc.), etc.
6. Potential Dates:
    a. Friday, June 14, 2019 at 7pm at Lakeside Park just prior to the Movie in the Park event.
    b. Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 5pm at Lakeside Park to coincide with the Farmer's Market.

Mayor Wallen and staff are seeking Council feedback on interest in scheduling these types of Meet and Greet events, and to provide any other ideas for how the events could be structured. If the Council wishes to move forward, the Clerk's Office will post a notice of Council Gathering for each of the events to ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

1. Minimal costs for coordination of the events.
2. Potential food/beverage costs. For 2019, costs would be covered under general supplies. Moving forward, dollars would be budgeted specifically for these types of events.

ALTERNATIVES

Opt not to hold Meet and Greet events.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A