

RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN INTENT TO BID TO HOST THE TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION (TAAF) SUMMER GAMES OF TEXAS 2029-2030 BY VISIT TYLER, SPORTYLER, THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE, WHITEHOUSE ISD, AND THE WHITEHOUSE-TYLER METRO TRACK ORGANIZATION; CONSENTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INITIAL BID PLANNING PROCESS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Amateur Athletic Foundation (TAAF) is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and administration of amateur athletics through organized competition and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Summer Games of Texas, TAAF's premier annual amateur Olympic-style event, is held across the state, showcasing youth athletes in over 15 competitive sports and attracting more than 20,000 participants and even more spectators over a four-day period each summer; and

WHEREAS, Visit Tyler and SPORTyler, in collaboration with the City of Whitehouse, Whitehouse ISD, and the Whitehouse-Tyler Metro Track Organization, are seeking approval to submit an Intent to Bid to host the 2029-2030 TAAF Summer Games of Texas ; and

WHEREAS, this initial phase of the bid process seeks approval to begin formal collaboration with TAAF to evaluate event feasibility, including identifying participating sports and assessing venue availability and capacity in the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed effort represents a strong regional partnership and would bring significant social, cultural, and economic benefits to East Texas through tourism, local business engagement, youth athletic development and community pride; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tyler and the City of Tyler Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) acknowledge and understand the criteria and requirements outlined in the TAAF site selection guidelines for hosting the Summer Games of Texas , support this collaborative initiative, and recognize that partnership with local institutions and organizations is essential to the success of the bid and the event..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

PART 1: That the City of Tyler hereby formally expresses its support for the submission of an Intent to Bid for the 2029-2030 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Summer Games of Texas by Visit Tyler, SPORTyler, the City of Whitehouse, Whitehouse ISD, and the Whitehouse-Tyler Metro Track Organization.


PART 2: That the City further supports the regional collaboration to bring the Games of Texas to East Texas and acknowledges the potential community-wide benefits of hosting such a prestigious athletic event, and is committed to complying with the criteria and requirements specified in the site selection criteria identified in the bid, should the bid be awarded.

PART 3: That the City Manager or designee is authorized to coordinate with Visit Tyler and SPORTyler and other appropriate parties to participate in the initial bid planning process, including discussions related to sport selection and venue evaluation.

PART 4: That nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as a binding commitment by the City to provide specific facilities, services, or funding at this stage of the bid process.

PART 5: That This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by majority vote of all members of the City of Tyler City Council of the City of Tyler on the 9th day of July, A. D., 2025.


DONALD P. WARREN, MAYOR
CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:


CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK


The seal is circular with a double-lined border. The outer ring contains the text "CITY OF TYLER" at the top and "TEXAS" at the bottom. The inner circle contains the word "SEAL" in large, bold, capital letters, with "CITY CLERK" written in smaller capital letters above it.


DEBORAH G. PULLUM, CITY
ATTORNEY