



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

October 18, 2011

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: William S. Nelson, Fire Chief
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SUBJECT: Macy's Fireworks Display

Background:

Macy's at Oakland Mall along with Zambelli Fireworks, Inc., of New Castle, Pennsylvania, have submitted a permit application for a public fireworks display to celebrate the beginning of their holiday shopping season. Macy's and Zambelli are requesting the Troy City Council grant a permit for an approximate fifteen-minute public fireworks display to occur on Friday, November 4, 2011, at 7:00 PM in their west parking lot. Macy's west parking lot will accommodate the necessary distances required for the display.

Legal Considerations:

Michigan's Fireworks Law requires that any person or group that would like to conduct a fireworks display must apply to the local unit of government for a permit. The law defines local unit of government as the council or commission of a city or village, or the township board of a township. City Council has previously granted permission for a fireworks display for previous years' events at Oakland Mall. Furthermore, Troy City Code Chapter 93, Section 105.6.15.1, requires an operational permit for the public display (and retail display and sale) of fireworks, to be issued by the Fire Department.

Financial Considerations:

The Fire Department will arrange to have Fire Station #4 on standby at the event along with the necessary fire staff member(s) to help ensure fire safety. Some Fire Department costs will be off-set by the \$125.00 Fireworks permit fee as required by ordinance.

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Policy Considerations:

The permitting process and inspection, and subsequent fire department standby during the event are consistent with City Council's goal of enhancing the safety of the community.

Options:

Staff recommends that City Council issue a fireworks permit to Zambelli Fireworks, Inc., for a public fireworks display. Enclosed for Council's review are the permit application and permit to be signed and issued and a certificate of insurance.

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