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ITEM(S)

File ID 21-043 (B)

Approve material terms of an amended lease with Fresno Grizzlies Baseball Club and authorize and direct the City Attorney to complete the agreement and the City Manager to execute the agreement consistent with the terms approved by Council.

Contents of Supplement: Correspondence from Daniel R. Harlem regarding Fresno Grizzlies.

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December 9, 2020

Via Email

Mr. Douglas Sloan
City Attorney
City of Fresno, California
2600 Fresno Street
Room 2031
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Fresno Grizzlies

Dear Mr. Sloan:

We understand that the City of Fresno (the “City”) and the owners of the Fresno Grizzlies (the “Club”) have reached an agreement with respect to a reduction in rent owed by the Club and the City has provided other concessions to the Club for the continued use of Chukchansi Park. In consideration of such agreement, we would like to ensure the City that Major League Baseball will (i) encourage all Major League Clubs to consider selecting the City as the future location of a Triple-A or Double-A affiliate to the extent such opportunity arises and (ii) (a) have a Major League Club continue to maintain an affiliation with a professional development league club located in the City through the 2030 season and (b) will use its best efforts to have a professional development league club located in the City from the 2031 season through at least the 2036 season, unless, in the case of clause (a) or (b) above, (x) the California League or any successor thereto ceases to exist or (y) Chukchansi Park fails to be in compliance with the required facility standards applicable to all clubs that are party to a player development license agreement with MLB Professional Development Leagues, LLC. Prior to the 2031 season, Major League Baseball will not allow any affiliated professional development league club to relocate from Fresno or any professional development league club located in Fresno to be eliminated, such that Fresno will have an affiliated professional development league club at least through the 2030 season. Major League Baseball acknowledges that, with respect to the 2021 season, Chukchansi Park would not be out of compliance with the required facility standards.

As we have previously discussed, it is our strong desire to see baseball continue to be played in Fresno in 2021 and for many thrilling seasons thereafter. We are very appreciative of the accommodations made by the City to facilitate a path forward to realizing this goal.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duff", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel R. Halem

cc: Morgan Sword
Peter Woodfork
Ethan G. Orlinsky, Esq.
Christopher K. Brumm, Esq