

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

Date: City Council Meeting of November 20, 2015

To: Mayor & City Council

From: City Manager

Subject: Letter of Interest – Olympic Venue, Summer Games 2024

Recommendation

Accept and/or edit letter to be sent to the Bay Area Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committee, under the signature of the Mayor and the authority of the Brisbane City Council indicating the City of Brisbane's interest in the potential of the Brisbane Baylands as a venue for the Olympic Stadium and possibly other related Olympic venues.

The letter is currently being drafted and will be provided prior to the Council meeting.

Background

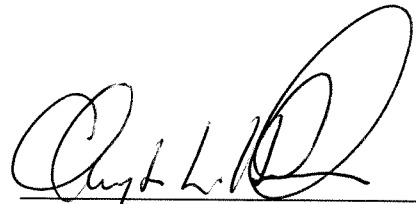
In July of this year the City (Mayor and City Manager) were approached by members of the Bay Area Olympic Exploratory Organizing Committee who are working on a potential bid for both the Summer Olympic and Paralympic games of 2024.

The exploratory committee is currently evaluating a variety of sites throughout the Bay Area for venues for various events and sports competitions. They have identified the Brisbane Baylands as a potential site for a temporary "pop up" Olympic Stadium that would be used for opening and closing events as well as the Track & Field competition on the Brisbane Baylands. The stadium would be torn down and its materials repurposed after the Games have ended. The organizing committee has approached the property owner as well as the City in very preliminary and exploratory discussions.

The Bay Area is one of four sites in the United States that are currently evaluating whether they wish to bid for the 2024 games. The other three are Los Angeles, Boston and Washington D.C. Sometime towards the end of the year the City of San Francisco and San Francisco 2024 will determine if they want to compete for the United States bid. If so, they will submit a formal proposal which will include potential sites for various venues.

In early 2015 the United States Olympic Committee will determine whether they want to submit a bid that would be subject to international competition. If so they will choose amongst the American cities that submit proposals. The International Olympic Committee will then select a host city for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Selection of a site for the games will be announced in 2017.

As you can see from this schedule that discussion of Brisbane as a potential site for venues for the 2024 games is in its early stages. Any actual proposal would require environmental review as well as a City Council approved land-use permit.



Clay Holstine, City Manager