



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole

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ECAF: 2023-0808

Proposal: Motion 23-331

Date: August 8, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Motion 23-331 would approve and authorize the County Executive to sign an agreement with Minotaur Mazes for entertainment services.

Background and Analysis

Minotaur Mazes is a sole source provider of an interactive and educational maze exhibit called “Water’s Extreme Journey”. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has negotiated an agreement with Minotaur Mazes to provide the maze exhibit, staffing and insurance for the 2023 Evergreen State Fair. DCNR expects that this will be a popular new fair attraction.

The agreement with Minotaur Mazes includes a set up period (August 14 to 23) exhibition during the fair (August 24 to September 4) and tear down (September 5 to 8). The total cost of services is \$40,500. Funding is from Fund 002, general revenues, although the exhibit may attract additional fairgoers who pay fair gate admission. Motion 23-331 would approve the agreement and authorize the Executive to execute the contract.¹

DCNR requests expedited handling due to the very short time before fair set up and opening. Although marked with a July 28 deadline date, DCNR did not transmit ECAF 2023-0808 to the County Council until August 4.

Current Proposal: Motion 23-331 would approve and authorize the Executive to execute the contract with Minotaur Mazes.

Handling: Expedited

Finance: Approve

Risk Management: Approve

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Approved as to Form: Yes

Request: Consideration during Committee of the Whole on August 8.

¹ The Snohomish County Charter grants the County Council authority over contracts ([Charter 2.20\(7\)](#)) and can authorize this contract by motion ([Charter 2.140](#) and [SCC 3.04.140](#)).