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### **2015 Pop Warner National Travel Grant Application (NB)**

**This item requests approval of the City Commission for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department to accept, if awarded, a grant from the 2015 Pop Warner Travel Grant Program to support the Gainesville Pop Warner Cheer Team to travel and compete in the National Competition in Orlando, FL.**

The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department will submit a grant application to the 2015 Pop Warner National Travel Grant Program to support the Pop Warner Cheer Team to attend the National Competition in Orlando, FL. The Gainesville Pop Warner Association has been programming events in the PRCA for more than four years. The PRCA Vision 2020 has identified the need to provide young girls with athletic programs that incorporate life skills as well as building self-esteem. In the fall of 2013, the cheer team placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for their competition at Nationals held in Orlando, FL. Most recently, in October 2014, the Gainesville Pop Warner Cheer Squads, the Gator Midgets and Jr. Pee Wee, placed first and second respectively in their divisions in the Mid-Florida League Cheer Championships in Kissimmee, FL. Additionally, the Midget Cheer Squad received the Mid-Florida Association Royal Scepter award earning the highest score of the day out of the 82 cheer and dance squads competing. The grant funds, if received, will permit PRCA to be able to include students whose parents have economic difficulty.

There are minimum administrative costs associated with this travel grant. Staff will need to make reservations at the host hotel and follow-up with parents of those students who will be traveling. There is no funding match required.

The City Commission: 1) approve the request to accept the travel grant voucher, if awarded, from the Pop Warner Travel Grant Program, and 2) if the grant is awarded, authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the travel grant voucher agreement and other related documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.