

CITY OF GREENACRES

Council Agenda Memorandum
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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Andrea McCue, City Manager

RE: **Resolution No. 2016-18** – Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves

DATE: April 26, 2016

Background:

For 34 years, the Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves Spring Training Facility was previously located in West Palm Beach on the corner of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard and Congress Avenue. The Atlanta Braves Franchise is considering a return to Palm Beach County and has recently asked the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to work with them to return to the area with a facility to be located in South Central Palm Beach County within John Prince Park.

Analysis:

This effort by Palm Beach County will provide an economic impact that will be a benefit to our City, surrounding communities, and all of Palm Beach County, by providing the opportunity for families and visitors to attend professional baseball games and other sporting and cultural activities that will be provided by the addition of the venue.

Financial:

While the direct financial benefits to the City would be difficult to discern, our residents and businesses would benefit from the economic and recreational opportunities that would be created.

Legal:

This Resolution was created in accordance with applicable Statutes and City Code.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-18 in support of Palm Beach County's effort to consider locating a Major League Spring Training Facility within John Prince Park.

 /s/ Andrea McCue
Andrea McCue
City Manager