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Oldsmar Enters Agreement with Tampa Bay Lightning Foundation Oldsmar Sports Complex named First 'Lightning Made' site in Pinellas County

OLDSMAR, FL – (August 8, 2018) – During their August 7, 2018 meeting, Oldsmar City Council voted unanimously to approve a Cooperation and License Agreement with the Tampa Bay Lightning Foundation, Inc. to build an outdoor roller/street hockey rink. The future rink will be inside the Oldsmar Sports Complex, located at 3120 Tampa Road, and is the first 'Lightning Made' site in Pinellas County.



"The Tampa Bay Lightning are true community partners," stated Oldsmar Mayor Doug Bevis. "The leadership provided with this agreement and the financial contribution provided for the outdoor rink are only a portion of what makes this a win-win opportunity for everyone."

The initial costs from the City's side will cover the required Engineering to prepare the ground surface for the rink construction, and the concrete base itself. "In my thirty plus years in local government, I have never been more excited about a project than I am about this one, for the opportunity to provide another exciting recreational option for our residents, and to establish an ongoing relationship with the classiest organization in professional sports today," said Oldsmar City Manager Al Braithwaite.

The new agreement provides that the Lightning Foundation, through funding from the NHL and NHL Players Association, will pay for the construction of the rink, provide equipment for community use, assist the City in setting up and running leagues, perform periodic clinics with Lightning alumni, and cross-promote the new facility.

"We are very pleased to partner with the City of Oldsmar to provide the community with a place to play ball hockey," said Jay Feaster, Vice President of Community Hockey Development for the Tampa Bay Lightning. "Having distributed more than 84,000 Lightning-logoed sticks and balls throughout the Tampa Bay region and donated more than 300-sets of gear to area schools, we are thrilled to now provide places to play the game!"

To learn more about this and other Lightning community hockey programs, visit the team's website at TampaBayLightning.com.

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