

Parks & Recreation Department Updates

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

August 9, 2023



PRAC Follow-Up Questions



Commodore Park Master Plan

Community Engagement



Community Input/Survey:

The survey is open now through August 18th.

Two community engagement opportunities are scheduled at the Seashore Middle Academy, 15437 S. Padre Island Drive:

- August 8 from 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
- August 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information, you may call 361- 826-3460.



Submarine Sail for Sherrill Park



Sea Turtles

Next Steps:

- The City will manage the preparation of the site & any construction needed with funding provided by the Sea Turtles.
- Sea Turtles will work with Turner/Ramirez to provide preliminary structural requirements as required by the Navy.
- Preliminary site plan from the Master Plan will be included in the agreement & provided to the Navy.
- Once documents are completed, another meeting may be scheduled on an as needed basis, prior to the final authorization to transport/receive the sail from the Navy.
- Transportation timeline will be provided by the Navy once the transfer is approved.
- Upon arrival of the sail, it will need to be reassembled, sand blasted & painted prior to installation.



Beach Permits

Veteran Community



Veteran Beach Passes

It is suggested to update the City website to include information about Veteran Beach Passes:

- List requirements to obtain passes which includes a valid drivers license & current year VA disability letter (denoting 50% or greater rating)
- List location passes can be purchased & contact information (address, etc.) to submit requests by mail.

Proposed options to make obtaining passes more accessible:

- Twice a year at VFW meetings (January & Early Summer)
- The Parks & Recreation Department
- The Texas Veteran's Round Table meeting/event (1x).



FY 2024 Budget Process

Community Input Sessions



Community Input Sessions – 6:00 to 7:00 PM

- **D1 - August 7** – Owen Hopkins Public Library
- **D2 - August 9** – Del Mar College, Center for Economic Dev, Rm 106
- **D3 - August 10** – Water Utilities Bldg, Choke Canyon Room
- **D4 - August 14** – Ethyl Eyerly Senior Center
- **D5 - August 16** – Del Mar, Oso Creek Campus, Culinary Bldg, Community Rm CA 209-210

ADOPTION SCHEDULE:

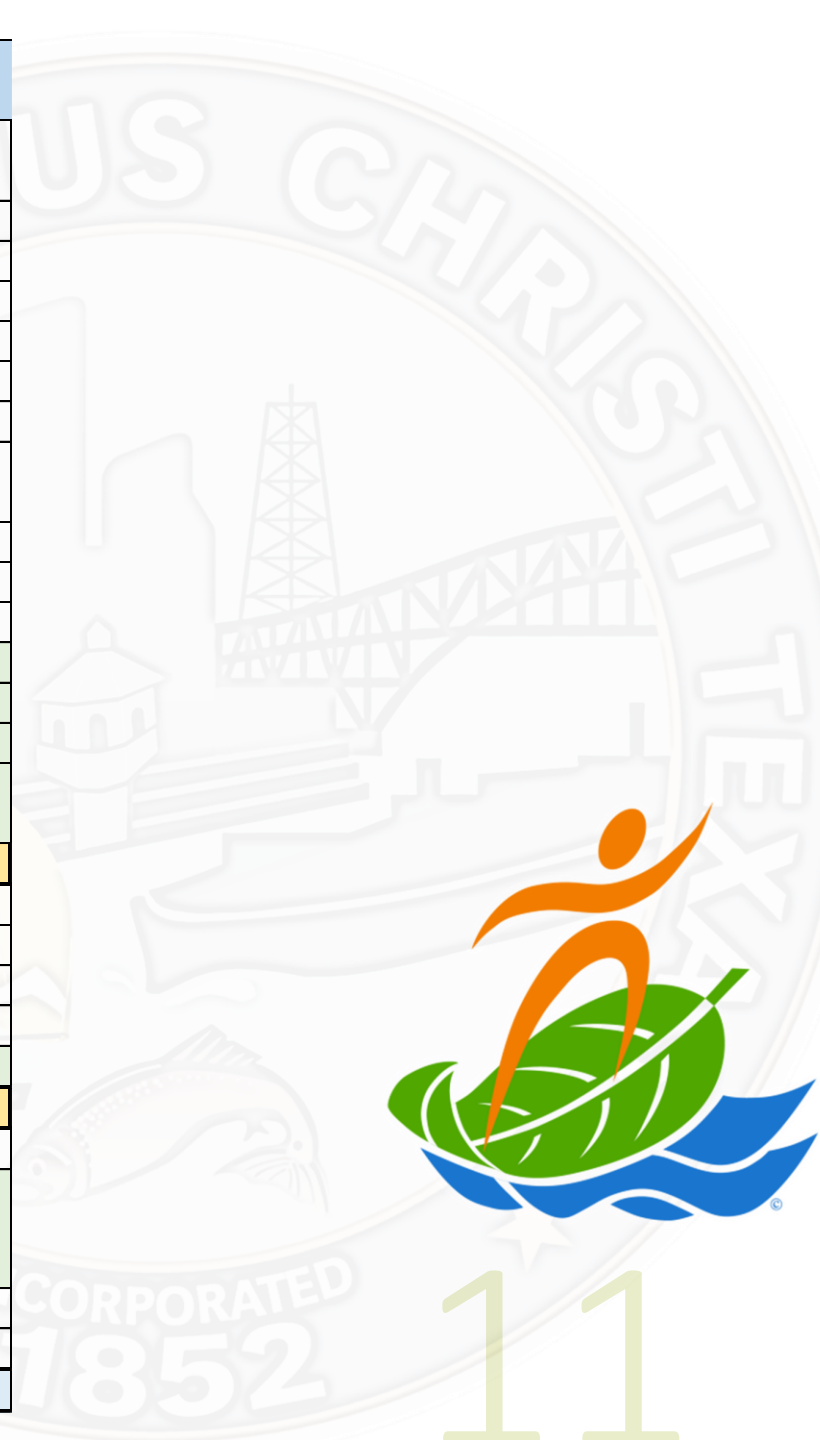
- 1st Reading on August 29th
- 2nd Reading on September 5th



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**Parks and Recreation
FY24 Proposed Budget/Decision Package List**

Fund	Rank	Description	Amount
GENERAL	1	Bill Witt Aquatic Center	\$ 593,000
	2	Athletic Field Business Program Change (Greenwood/Salinas/Bill Witt)	\$ 1,000,000
	3	Ocean Drive Park Pavement Resurfacing	\$ 270,000
	4	Pool Filter Replacements - HEB & Greenwood Pools	\$ 70,000
	5	Basketball Backstops at Recreation Centers	\$ 105,000
	6	Facility Signage - Rec Centers, Senior Centers, and Sports Complexes	\$ 200,000
	7	Replace Exercise Equipment at Senior Centers	\$ 150,000
	8	Water Garden - Maintenance Budget	\$ 205,450
	9	Cole Park Splash Pad - Maintenance Budget	\$ 19,125
	10	Tree Planting Program	\$ 250,000
	11	Tree Canopy Study	\$ 50,000
	12	Heating & Cooling Center	\$ 150,000
	13	Irrigation/Plumbing & Electrical Improvements (West Guth/Sherwood)	\$ 640,000
	14	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,702,575
SHOT	1	Beach Survey	\$ 125,000
	2	Gulf Beach Parking Structure Replacement	\$ 175,000
	3	Security Guard Service (24/7) - Cole Park Pier and Plaza	\$ 270,000
	4	North Beach Restroom Op & Maint.	\$ 25,000
		TOTAL SHOT FUND	\$ 595,000
PARK DEVELOPEMENT FUND		Park Improvements (e.g., shade Structures, picnic table/grill, benches, fencing) Mobile, Botsford, Waldron, Parker, London & Bill Witt Park	\$ 333,400
		TOTAL - PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 4,630,975



Other Updates:

- **Water Sport Launching Sites:** PARD confirmed with a representative at Texas A&M that their land is generally open to the public for recreational purposes which is one of the sites kite boarders have been using.



City Council

August 2023



City Council

August 15th

- PRAC Updates – Chair Mejia Presenting
- TGLO Interlocal Agreement for Beach Access Wheelchairs
- Park Improvement Agreement for London Towne - TBD
- Instituto Cultura Hispanica Lease Renewal – 8/29 (Tentative)



Good News 😊

Beach Access Wheelchairs





Good News

“I just wanted to take a moment to commend one of your employees. I took my disabled son to the beach, and we were sitting under the pergola because my son’s wheelchair would not go in the sand. Mr. Raul Carreon came up to us & told us we could reserve a sand chair to take my son into the sand & into the water. He asked how long we were going to be at the beach & said sand chairs can be reserved. He said he would see if he could locate one & quickly came back with a chair. Because of this act of kindness, my son was able to enjoy the beach for the first time at 26 years old. It’s small acts like this that could mean so much to somebody. I just wanted to acknowledge this man for helping my son enjoy the beach!”

- Sandra Pedroza

