



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of August 12, 2014

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of August 19, 2014

DATE: July 21, 2014

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant application for the Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for Improvements at West Guth Park

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a Local Park Grant Program for the West Guth Park with a City cash match of \$500,000 from the 2012 Bond Funds – Community Park Improvements; and authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant.

PURPOSE:

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) requires municipalities seeking funds under the Local Park Grant Program to pass a resolution approving the City Manager or his designee to apply for and manage grant funds.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

TPWD offers the Local Park Grant Program to assist local units of government with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities. The Outdoor Recreation Program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis and requires funds to be spent sites that are dedicated parkland (in perpetuity), properly maintained and open to the public.

The Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department is applying for \$500,000 in grant funds from the Urban Outdoor Recreation Program for improvements at West Guth Park. Matching funds for the grant will come from the 2012 Bond Program for Community Parks Improvements and Aquatic Facility Improvements. The project will include a zero depth entry pool and splash pad, covered pavilion, trails, playground and landscape/turf enhancements. The improvements are consistent with the 2012 Parks and Recreation Master Plan development guidelines and priorities.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not appropriate funds.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The improvements conform to the 2012 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. City council must approve application and acceptance of grant

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

| Fiscal Year: 2013-2014 | Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only) | Current Year | Future Years | TOTALS |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Line Item Budget | | | \$3,000,000 | \$3,000,000 |
| Encumbered / Expended Amount | | | | |
| This item | | | \$ 500,000 | \$ 500,000 |
| BALANCE | | | \$3,500,000 | \$3,500,000 |

Fund(s): Parks and Recreation Grant Fund 1067; 2012 Bond Fund

Comments: none

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Resolution
- Attachment – Local Park Grant Program Resolution Authorizing Application
- Attachment – Local Park Grant Program Certification and Assurances