



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of March 21, 2017
Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of March 28, 2017

DATE: March 6, 2017

TO: Margie C. Rose, City Manager

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Appropriate Funds from the Sale of Park Properties
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CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to appropriate \$765,453.93 funds from sale of park properties in the 4720 Community Enrichment Fund for park improvements and other related projects as described on the attached and incorporated Exhibit A.

PURPOSE:

To appropriate \$765,453.93 in funds from the sale of park properties in the 4720 Community Enrichment Fund for park improvements and other related projects.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In October 2012, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan was approved by City Council and identified 27 parks to be repurposed by means of adoption, lease, transfer to another government entity, sale or allowing them to return to a natural state. Three (3) of 27 were repurposed and/or adopted shortly after the plan was approved.

June/July 2014 - Public hearings were held at City Council to place the remaining 24 parks on the ballot for approval of voters to sell. During this time, seven (7) additional parks were adopted or transferred to another agency for maintenance and removed from list to be considered by voters. Ballot language for Proposition 3 – Sale of City Parkland for the remaining 17 parks was established.

September 2014 - City Council passed a resolution on September 16, 2014, Enactment No. 030278, mandating the proceeds of park property sales were to be reinvested in existing parks. By city ordinance, Enactment No. 029640, the proceeds from the sale of the parks must be reinvested in the park system according to the 2012 Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

In November 2014, voters approved Proposition 3 to authorize the city to list designated park properties for sale.

In early 2015, the City elected the vehicle for selling the properties would be to list them

with a licensed real estate broker and negotiate the highest cash offer for each property. Three parks (Caribbean, Kosar and Breakwater) were removed from the list because leases or sales with governmental entities are being explored. The Clower Company (TCC) was identified through the request for qualification process to represent the City in the transactions. The properties were listed for sale in a multiple listing service on January 24, 2016.

To date, five parks have sold: Acushnet Park, Fountain Park, Peary Park, Willow Park and Parkland Park. Parkland Park, sold in the previous fiscal period, FY15-16. The funds for that park, \$113,956.10, were appropriated on January 31, 2017, Ordinance Enactment No. 031053.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not accept and appropriate the funds.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

City Council must accept and appropriate funds.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal, Finance

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating X Revenue ☐ Capital ☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$3,370,457.73		\$3,370,457.73
Encumbered/ Expended Amount		\$306,411.33		\$306,411.33
This item		\$765,453.93		\$765,453.93
BALANCE		\$3,829,500.33		\$3,829,500.33

Fund(s): The No. 4720 Community Enrichment Fund was established to record revenues and expenditures for park land acquisition, park development and improvement of parks.

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Exhibit A

Map of Parks