

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 19, 2021 Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 26, 2021

DATE: October 10, 2021

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West Haven Park Interlocal Agreement

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing an interlocal agreement with Nueces County ("County") for park improvements including a splash pad water feature at Westhaven Park located near the intersection of Cliff Maus Drive at Rockford Drive, with third party construction costs not to exceed \$375,000.00, of which the County will pay \$200,000.00 and the City will pay up to \$175,000.00 for construction, with the City also responsible for the installation of water and wastewater lines needed for the project, estimated to be \$75,000.00, and permitting for the project; appropriating \$250,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance in the Community Enrichment Fund; and amending the operating budget.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with Nueces County to install a splash pad at West Haven Park. Nueces County will be responsible for providing \$200,000 and contracting and overseeing the construction of the splash pad. The City will be responsible for remaining project costs not to exceed \$175,000, any permitting fees or other applicable fees related to the construction of the splash pad, including irrigation and backflow certification filing fees, installation of water and wastewater utilities, and maintenance of the premises and all improvements.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2015, Nueces County Commissioner Joe A. Gonzalez and the Nueces County Inland Park Department approached the City to make improvements at West Haven Park. After deliberations, a joint project was established between Nueces County, West Oso ISD, and the City of Corpus Christi.

In March 2016, City Council approved an interlocal agreement with Nueces County to make significant improvements to West Haven Park, located across the street from West Oso ISD administrative offices. Phase 1 of the joint project included a new walking trail, improved irrigation and turf for a multi-use athletic field, a half-basketball court, a new park sign with landscaping,

exercise equipment, and lighting. As part of the agreement, West Oso ISD agreed to assist with maintenance to avoid increasing the maintenance burden required by the Parks and Recreation Department.

In April 2017, City Council approved the purchase and installation of playground equipment at West Haven Park. As per the initial agreement in 2016, the playground installation was Phase 2 of the agreement which was then fulfilled by the City.

The currently proposed splash pad installation came as a request of the citizens. Through the strong working relationship between Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi, the proposed agreement was created and is being brought to City Council for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would be to deny installation of the proposed water amenity for West Haven Park. However, this is not the recommended course of action. The citizens of Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi have requested this splash pad to be installed at West Haven Park. Denying this installation would reduce citizen access to water amenities which are often utilized to mitigate the effects of hot weather.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Corpus Christi will provide up to \$175,000 for installation of a splash pad at West Haven Park, as well as installation of water and wastewater lines in the amount of \$75,000 from the Community Enrichment Fund. This item appropriates\$250,000 from the City's Community Enrichment fund and amends the Operating budget.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 4720

Organization/Activity: 21300, 21323, 21313, 21316, 21383, 21685

Mission Element: 141
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 5500030

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for park improvements at West Haven Park.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance Interlocal Agreement