

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/17/24

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0800

LOG NAME: 80MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE - CHAPTER 26

SUBJECT

(CD 11) Conduct Public Hearing and Authorize the Use of Approximately 0.1260 Acres of Parkland within Meadowbrook Golf Course for a Permanent Sanitary Sewer Line Maintenance Area

(**PUBLIC HEARING** - a. Report of City Staff: Lori Gordon; b. Public Comment; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing under the guidelines set forth by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26, Protection of Public Parks and Recreational Lands;
 2. Find that no feasible or prudent alternative exists for the use of parkland within Meadowbrook Golf Course for a permanent sanitary sewer line maintenance area;
 3. Find that the proposed permanent maintenance area includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland; and
 4. Close the public hearing and authorize the use of approximately 0.1260 acres for a permanent maintenance area within Meadowbrook Golf Course.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the City of Fort Worth Water Department (Water Department) use of approximately 0.1260 acres of parkland within Meadowbrook Golf Course for a permanent maintenance area for installation of sanitary sewer lines.

On January 23, 2024, City Council approved Mayor and Council Communication (M&C 24-0076) authorizing the award and execution of an Engineering Agreement with Raymond L. Goodson, Jr., Inc., d/b/a RLG Consulting Engineers, Inc., for the Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract 2023 WSM-M project (City Project No. 105108).

The Water Department evaluated alternative alignment options and determined that, in order to save trees for adjacent property owners and Meadowbrook Golf Course, the only feasible option is to propose a new sanitary sewer alignment that does not impact trees in Meadowbrook Golf Course.

The proposed project requires a permanent maintenance area containing a variable width ranging from 5 feet to 25 feet wide by 397 linear feet totaling approximately 5,487 square feet or 0.1260 acres. A temporary construction workspace within the golf course is not required.

The City Forester has determined that no park trees require removal for this project. Trees within 75 feet of the project will be protected as a precautionary measure.

In accordance with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26, the City of Fort Worth seeks to use a portion of Meadowbrook Golf Course for the purpose of granting a permanent maintenance area to the Water Department for installation of sanitary sewer lines.

On August 28, 2024, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed staff's recommendation to authorize the use of a portion of Meadowbrook Golf Course for a permanent maintenance area as part of a sanitary sewer project.

In accordance with state law, the proposed conversion of parkland was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on August 27, 2024, September 3, 2024, and September 10, 2024.

An email announcing the proposed change of use was sent to registered Neighborhood Associations within one and one-half miles of the golf course and posted on the City Web page.

Signage was posted at the golf course noting the proposed parkland conversion and providing instructions for directing comments to the Park & Recreation Department. The sign will remain posted through the public hearing process.

Meadowbrook Golf Course is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 11, south of Interstate Highway 30, west of Weiler Boulevard, north of Meadowbrook Drive, and east of Jenson Road.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City Funds.

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