

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 80FWNCR_BOARDWALK_PHII

SUBJECT

Conduct Public Hearing and Apply for and Accept, if Awarded, a 2019 Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, in an Amount Up to \$1,500,000.00 for the Design and Construction of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk, Phase II, Authorize City's Grant Match in an Amount Up to \$1,500,000.00, and Adopt Resolution and Appropriation Ordinances (COUNCIL DISTRICT 7)

(**PUBLIC HEARING** - a. Report of City Staff: David Creek; b. Citizen Presentations; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on the M&C)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to allow citizen input and comment on the application for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant for use of state grant funds in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, if awarded, for Phase II of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk project;
 2. Apply for and accept, if awarded, a 2019 Urban Outdoor Recreation grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00 for the design and construction of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk Project, Phase II;
 3. Authorize the use of revenue derived from mineral leases on City-owned property in an amount up to \$1,000,000.00 for the City's grant match;
 4. Adopt a resolution providing that an amount up to \$1,500,000.00 in City funds will be available as a match for the design and construction of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk Project, Phase II and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary contracts associated with this project with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department;
 5. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Gas Lease Project Fund in an amount up to \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of transferring to the Grants Capital Project State Fund for the City's grant match of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk, Phase II;
 6. Adopt appropriation ordinance increasing appropriations in the amount of \$100,000.00 in the Special Donations Capital Projects Fund from Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk gate fees, for the purpose of transferring to the Grants Capital Project State Fund for the City's grant match of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk, Phase II;
 7. Adopt appropriation ordinance decreasing receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund, Park Improvements programmable project in the amount of \$100,000.00 and increasing receipts and appropriations by the same amount, for the purpose of transferring to the Grants Capital Project State Fund for the City's grant match of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk, Phase II;
 8. Adopt an appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Project State Fund in an amount up to \$3,000,000.00, subject to receipt of grant; and
 9. Authorize the execution of a Grant Agreement with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to apply for and accept, if awarded, a 2019 Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00 and to transfer the required City matching funds of up to \$1,500,000.00. The grant, as awarded by TPWD, includes State participation in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. This grant will provide funding for development of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge (FWNCR) Boardwalk Project, Phase II.

In January 2017, the Park & Recreation Department (PAR) completed Phase I of the FWNCR Boardwalk with a total cost of \$1,330,055.00. The funding for Phase I was as follows:

Source	Authority	Fund	Amount
2004 Bond Program	M&C-27578	2004 Bond Fund	\$674,088.04
2013 CO Sale	M&C G-17980	2013 Certificates of Obligation Fund	\$446,709.71
FWNCR Gate Fees	M&C C-27578	Specially Funded Projects Fund	\$139,147.00

Source	Authority	Fund	Amount
Ruth Dillon Bequest	M&C C-27578	Special Donations Capital Projects Fund	\$44,012.48
PARD Gas Revenue	M&C G-18586	PARD Gas Lease Capital Projects Fund	\$26,098.00
		Total Phase I Funding	\$1,330,055.23

Phase II replacement of the 45-year-old Boardwalk is estimated to cost \$2,500,000.00. Additional site improvements include parking lot repaving, a restroom facility and interpretive trail in the amount of \$500,000.00, bringing the total project cost to \$3,000,000.00.

In accordance with the TPWD grant application structure, a match is required. For the match, the Park & Recreation Department (PAR) is leveraging \$1,000,000.00 from the General Gas Lease Capital Projects Fund. This follows the City's gas revenue policy.

The Friends of the FWNCR have committed to raise support for the Boardwalk project in the amount of \$300,000.00. The remaining \$200,000.00 will come from PARD reallocated PayGo capital funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 and dedicated capital funds from earned gate revenue in the amount of \$100,000.00.

The total Phase II project funding is as follows:

Source	Authority	Fund	Amount
TPWD Grant	This M&C	Grants Capital Project State Fund	\$1,500,000.00
City Gas Revenue	This M&C	General Gas Lease Capital Projects Fund	\$1,000,000.00
FWNCR Gate Fees	This M&C	Special Donations Capital Projects Fund	\$100,000.00
PARD FY2019 PayGo	FY2019 CIP	General Capital Projects Fund	\$100,000.00
Friends of the FWNCR Donation	Future M&C	Special Donations Capital Projects Fund	\$300,000.00
		Total Phase II Funding	\$3,000,000.00

Potential grant awards are not included in the PAR's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Therefore, the action in this M&C is not included in the FY2020-2024 CIP and will amend the FY2020 CIP.

The FWNCR is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7.

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 upon approval of the above recommendations, receipt of the grant and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Capital Project State Fund, the General Capital Projects Fund, The Special Donations Capital Projects Fund, and the General Gas Lease Capital Projects Fund. The Park & Recreation Department shall be responsible for identifying funding sources to cover expenses incurred in the event the grant funds are not received.

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