

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 04/28/26

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 26-0269

**LOG NAME:** 80ICA WITH DFWII FOR DOWNTOWN PARKS

**SUBJECT**

(CD 9) Authorize Execution of an Infrastructure Construction Agreement with Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. for Reimbursement of Construction Costs in an Amount Up to \$500,000.00 for Improvements at Burnett Memorial Park, General Worth Square, Hyde Park, Lanham Plaza, John Peter Smith Park and the Fort Worth Water Gardens, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance, and Amend the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of an Infrastructure Construction Agreement with Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the City's reimbursement of eligible construction costs for the purpose of funding improvements at Burnett Memorial Park, General Worth Square, Hyde Park, Lanham Plaza, John Peter Smith Park and the Fort Worth Water Gardens project (City Project No. 106790); and
  2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the PARD Dedication Fees Fund, by increasing receipts and appropriations in the PARD New Enhancements Programmable Project (City Project No. P00132) in the amount of \$550,000.00 and decreasing Park Planning Fees in the Park Planning District 4.13-5 Project (City Project No. UN8155) by the same amount for the purpose of funding the Infrastructure Construction Agreement with Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. and park surveys; and
  3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.
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**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to appropriate \$550,000.00 and authorize an Infrastructure Construction Agreement (ICA) with Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. (DFWII). The ICA in an amount up to \$500,000.00 is for the reimbursement of eligible construction costs for improvements at Burnett Memorial Park, General Worth Square, Hyde Park, Lanham Plaza, John Peter Smith Park and the Fort Worth Water Gardens. The additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.00, is for boundary surveys at Burnett Memorial Park, General Worth Square, Hyde Park, Al Hayne Park, John Peter Smith Park and Lanham Plaza.

DFWII provides operations and maintenance services for several downtown parks pursuant to a Management Services Agreement (MSA) (M&C 25-1086), which consolidates the maintenance agreements for individual parks into a single agreement. Additionally, DFWII has undertaken improvement projects in downtown parks, including the renovation of Burnett Memorial Park and General Worth Square. Through this ICA, the City will provide reimbursement funding up to \$500,000.00 from Park Dedication Fee Funds to DFWII for the installation of eligible improvements

Funding is budgeted in the PARD Dedication Fees Fund within the PPD 4.13-5 project for the Park & Recreation Department for the purpose of funding the PARD New Enhancements programmable project to fund the DFWII - PDF Improvements project.

Funding for this project was not included in the FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program because funding needs were unknown at the time of its development. This M&C will amend the FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 27979-09-2025.

After completion of construction, DFWII will maintain the park improvements in accordance with the MSA or other maintenance agreements.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the PARD Dedication Fees Fund PPD 4.13-5 project (City Project No. UN8155) and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the PARD New Enhancements Programmable project (City Project No P00132) to support the above recommendations and execution of the agreement. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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