

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 08/03/21

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 21-0542

**LOG NAME:** 80FWNCR BOARDWALK PHII DONATION

**SUBJECT**

(CD 7) Authorize Execution of an Engineering Services Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$255,200.00 for Engineering Related Professional Services for the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk Phase II Project, Authorize Acceptance of a Monetary Donation in the Amount of \$300,000.00 from the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge for the Boardwalk, Phase II Project, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance and Amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an engineering related professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$255,200.000 for the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk Phase II project (City Project No. 102320 )
2. Authorize the acceptance of a monetary donation in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge for the Boardwalk Phase II project (City Project No. 102320);
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Special Donations Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$300,000.00, from available funds, for the purpose of funding the Boardwalk Phase II Project; and
4. Amend the Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program.

**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the execution of an engineering related professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$255,200.00 fee for the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge Boardwalk Phase II project. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. will provide professional engineering design services which will include the boardwalk expansion, parking lot paving and resurfacing, a loop trail approximately 5,280 LF, composting restroom facility, native landscaping and shoreline restoration.

This M&C also accepts a \$300,000.00 monetary donation from the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, Inc. (FONC) and to appropriate the \$300,000.00 into the Special Donation Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of matching a Texas Park & Wildlife Department (TPWD) grant for the Fort Worth Nature Center Boardwalk Phase II project (City Project No. 102320).

On October 29, 2019, Council approved M&C 19-0269 which adopted Resolution 5142-10-2019, authorizing the Park & Recreation Department (PARD) to apply for and accept, if awarded, a 2019 Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant from the 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 FWNCR improvements.

The FONC committed to raising additional matching funds for the Boardwalk project in the amount of \$300,000.00. Facebook provided the entire \$300,000.00, allowing the FONC to meet their support obligation. Per the Facebook donation requirements, \$100,000.00 of their donation will be expended on conservation measures, including interpretive signage, invasive species removal, native plantings, slope & shoreline, and restoration/protection. Also, other items such as the solar-powered restroom, permeable paving parking lot and soft-surface trail are utilizing low impact materials and design methods.

The total Phase II project funding is as follows:

Source	Authority	Fund	Amount
TPWD Grant	M&C 19-0269	Grants Capital Project State Fund	\$1,500,000.00
City Gas Revenue	M&C 19-0269	General Gas Lease Capital Projects Fund	\$1,000,000.00
FWNCR Gate Fees	M&C 19-0269	Special Donations Capital Projects Fund	\$100,000.00
PARD FY2019 PAYG	FY2019 CIP	General Capital Projects Fund	\$100,000.00
FONC Donation	This M&C	Special Donations Capital Projects Fund	\$300,000.00
		<b>Total Phase II Funding</b>	<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>

Funding for this project was not included in the FY2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program due to the fact that donations are not anticipated and budgeted. This action will amend the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan as approved in connection with Ordinance 24446-09-2020.

M/WBE OFFICE - Kimely-Horn and Associates, Inc., is in compliance with the City's Business Equity Ordinance by committing to 11% Business Equity participation on this project. The City's Business Equity goal on this project is 11%.

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.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Unspecified project within the Special Donations Capital Projects Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the General Capital Projects, General Gas Lease Capital Projects, and the Special Donations Capital Projects Funds for the FW Nature Center - Boardwalk project to support the approval of the above recommendations and execution of the professional services contract. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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