

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/25/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0280

LOG NAME: 80CHAPEL HILL PARK WLMA - CHAPTER 26

SUBJECT

(CD 7) Conduct Public Hearing and Authorize the Use of Approximately 0.29 Acres of Dedicated Parkland at Chapel Hill Park for a Water 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 Chapel Hill Park for water line maintenance area;
 3. Find that the proposed water line maintenance area includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland;
 4. Close the public hearing and authorize the use of approximately 0.29 acres of parkland at Chapel Hill Park for the water line maintenance area;
 5. Authorize the use of approximately 1.15 acres of parkland at Chapel Hill Park for temporary construction workspace; and
 6. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute and record the appropriate instruments.
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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's (Water Department) use of parkland within Chapel Hill Park (Park) for a permanent maintenance area for installation of a 54-inch water line.

The Water Department has requested the use of a portion of the park for a permanent maintenance area for the installation of a 54-inch water line (Project). The Project is to improve water supply to the rapidly expanding north Fort Worth service area, along with the possible addition of one (1) to two (2) wholesale customers in the City's Northside III Pressure Plane.

The Project has been divided into three (3) separate phases. Phase two (2) traverses approximately 18,200 linear feet, with approximately 424 linear feet within the park. The location for the proposed 54-inch water main alignment was selected to minimize disruption to the park. The water main will be installed by open cut through Chapel Hill Park at a depth of approximately 10-15 feet.

The Water Department is also requesting a workspace area of approximately 250 feet by 200 feet, totaling 50,000 square feet, which equates to approximately 1.15 acres.

The City Forester has determined that no park trees require removal for installation of the proposed project.

In accordance with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code - Chapter 26, the City of Fort Worth seeks to use a portion of the park for a permanent maintenance area for the installation of a 54-inch water line.

On December 18, 2024, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed staff's recommendation to the City Council to authorize the use of portions of Chapel Hill Park for a water line maintenance area.

In accordance with state law, the parkland conversion will be advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *Dallas Morning News* on March 2, 2025, March 9, 2025, and March 16, 2025.

An email announcing the proposed change of use was sent to registered Neighborhood Associations within 1.5 miles of the park before February 21, 2025 and posted on the City's Web page.

Chapel Hill Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, south of Bonds Ranch Road, west of Saginaw Boulevard, north of Boat Club Road, and east of Morris Dido Newark 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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