

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/12/22

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-0292

LOG NAME: 80CARTER PARK SEWER MAINTENANCE AREA FOR LINE M-195A

SUBJECT

(CD 8) Conduct Public Hearing and Authorize the Use of a Portion of Carter Park Located at 4351 Carter Park Drive for a Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Area of 1.29 Acres for the Installation of a Sanitary Sewer Line

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Report of City Staff: Richard Zavala; b. Citizen Presentations; 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 Carter Park for the installation of permanent sanitary sewer line M-195A maintenance area;
 3. Find that the proposed permanent sanitary sewer line M-195A maintenance area includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland, including that all infrastructure and equipment will be constructed in Carter Park as specified on the attached exhibits and as noted in the discussion below; and
 4. Close the public hearing and authorize the use of approximately 1.29 acres of dedicated parkland at Carter Park for the proposed permanent sanitary sewer line M-195A maintenance area and approximately 1.561 acres of temporary construction access and workspace.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the use of a portion of parkland at Carter Park for a permanent sanitary sewer maintenance area for the installation of a sanitary sewer line with associated infrastructure improvements.

The Park & Recreation Department has been approached by the City of Fort Worth Water Department (Water Department) requesting the use of approximately 1.29 acres of parkland within Carter Park for a permanent sanitary sewer maintenance area.

The maintenance area is necessary to reconstruct an existing sanitary sewer line (M-195A) to meet current City design criteria. The proposed maintenance area is located along the north and south end of the park, and along the western edge of the park south of Seminary Drive. The proposed sewer line is approximately 3,400 linear feet of 8" to 15" sanitary sewer line and will be installed at a depth of 7 to 15-feet. A maintenance area, 15-foot wide, will be centered on pipe location with total area of approximately 1.29 acres.

The proposed temporary construction access and workspace equates to approximately 68,000 square feet or 1.561 acres. The temporary construction access and workspace in the park will be restored to previous condition or better upon completion.

The City Forester has reviewed the plans and has assessed a fee of \$10,000.00 for the removal of four trees. The existing trees in proximity to the proposed construction will be protected with fencing.

On October 27, 2021, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed Staff's recommendation to the City Council to authorize the use of a portion of Carter Park for a permanent sanitary sewer maintenance area.

In accordance with State law, public notice of the hearing was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on March 22, March 29, and April 5, 2022. An exhibit map was available for public review on the Park & Recreation Department website.

Signage was posted at the site noting the conversion and providing instructions for directing comments to the Department. An email announcing the proposed conversion will be sent to the Brentmoor NA, Glencrest Civic League NA, Glen Eden NA, Glen Park NA, Morningside NA, Neighborhoods of East Fort Worth, Oakridge Terrace NA, Stop 6/Poly Oversight, Southeast Fort Worth Inc., and United Communities Association of South Fort Worth on or before March 14, 2022 and posted on the City Web page. The sign will remain posted through the public hearing process.

Carter Park - located at 4351 Carter Park Drive, located west of Campus Drive, south of Riverside Drive, east of I-35, north of I-20 in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

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 funds are available in the current capital budget, as appropriated, in the W&S Capital Projects Fund for the SS REHAB 94 project to support the approval of the above recommendations, funds will be deposited into the Tree Mitigation Fund for the removal of the trees. The Park & Recreation Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds transferred from the Water Department.

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