

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 80DFWIIMANAGEMENT

SUBJECT

(CD 9) Authorize Execution of a Park Management Services Agreement with Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc., in the Amount of \$107,507.00 for the Park Management Services of Five City Owned Parks

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of a Park Management Services Agreement with Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc., in the amount of \$107,507.00 for park management services of five City-owned parks: Burnett Park, General Worth Square Park, Peter Smith Park, Hyde Park and Federal Plaza Park.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to request authorization to enter into an agreement with Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc., (DFWII) for park management services of five City-owned parks.

Historically, DFWII has provided significant benefits, both financial and otherwise, to the Park & Recreation Department (PARC), including, but not limited to, the following: (1) coordination of the redesign process for more than \$1,000,000.00 in renovations to the Burnett Park's infrastructure, including the fountain system, great lawn, and landscaping (M&C G-17097); (2) financing Burnett Park improvements and yearly grounds maintenance from 1994 to 2002 (M&C G-13054), including donations of \$192,582.00 in 2002 (M&C G-13546), \$193,700.00 in 2000 (M&C G-12887), \$187,592.00 in 1999 (M&C G-12531); and \$181,770.00 in 1998 (M&C G-12161); (3) donation of improvements to Burnett Park valued at approximately \$909,647.00, which included irrigation, electrical, plumbing, and granite improvements (M&C G-13054).

In 2002, the City formalized a Park Management Agreement for Burnett Park with DFWII through various agreements including City Secretary Contract (CSC) Numbers 28391, 31254, 28397, and 46819, as amended and renewed. The funding for the initial term and each renewal term is based on an amount equivalent to the annual City budget adopted by the Fort Worth City Council for basic grounds maintenance, landscaping and other services in the park as would ordinarily be conducted by PARC.

Since 2009, DFWII has also provided significant benefits to General Worth Square Park, including the coordination of the redesign and redevelopment process for more than \$1,215,000.00 and renovations to the park's infrastructure including the installation and donation of a John F Kennedy tribute (M&C G-16674), (M&C G-17372), (M&C C-26281).

In 2013, the City formalized a Park Management Agreement for General Worth Square Park with DFWII through various agreements including City Secretary Contract (CSC) Numbers 44275, 48496, and 49902, as amended and renewed. The funding for the initial term and each renewal term is based on an amount equivalent to the annual City budget adopted by the Fort Worth City Council for basic grounds maintenance, landscaping and other services in the park as would ordinarily be conducted by PARC.

Through the aforementioned Park Management Agreements, the PARC Director has allowed DFWII to submit annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases on a reimbursement basis so long as the request does not exceed the PARC annual Park Operations Division budget adopted by the Fort Worth City Council.

In addition, DFWII, as the ambassador of Public Improvement District (PID) 1, has provided the following services to John Peter Smith Park, Hyde Park and Federal Plaza Park on a frequent basis: patrolled the parks, provided on-call security services within the park between 7AM – 12AM, reported illegal activities occurring within these parks to the police department, provided educational opportunities for the general public, and provided supplemental litter pick up service in these parks. DFWII has also initiated many community outreach programs, resulting in its high level understanding of the needs of the community regarding these parks and a decrease in homelessness in each park.

This contract is exempt from competitive bidding in accordance with Local Government Code Section 252.022(a)(7)(F).

The annual payments for Burnett Park, General Worth Square Park, Peter Smith Park, Hyde Park, and Federal Plaza Park are as shown below:

<u>FY 26</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
	Burnett Park	\$ 48,477.00
	General Worth Square Park	\$ 34,030.00
	Peter Smith Park	\$ 8,025.00
	Hyde Park	\$ 7,425.00
	Federal Plaza Park	\$ 9,550.00

The funding for the initial term and each renewal term is based on an amount equivalent to the annual City budget adopted by the Fort Worth City Council for basic grounds maintenance, landscaping and other services in the park as would ordinarily be conducted by PARD. Funding will be budgeted in General Fund for the Park & Recreation Department for Fiscal Year 2026.

These five parks are located in Council District 9.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget, as appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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