

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(CD 3) Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the City of Fort Worth and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Pecan Valley Park

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute of a 25-year lease agreement between the City of Fort Worth and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Pecan Valley Park for public park and recreational purposes.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is for the City Council to authorize the City Manager to execute a new 25-year lease agreement between the City of Fort Worth and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Pecan Valley Park for public park and recreational purposes.

In 1962, the City of Fort Worth entered into a license agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to operate approximately 651.91 acres, known as Pecan Valley Park. The license agreement allowed the City of Fort Worth to operate the property as a public park and for recreational purposes for the general public. The agreement was for 50 years, terminating July 31, 2012.

In 1994, the the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received a request to find that a portion of the subject property, approximately 50 acres, a surplus and proceed with disposal. The City of Fort Worth being the license holder was asked to consider the same request.

On June 23, 1998 (M&C C-16850), the City Council authorized the City Manager to release approximately 50 acres from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers license agreement. The released property was located due east of the property developed and maintained as Pecan Valley Golf Course - River Course. The Park & Recreation Department had held the subject property as reserved and unprogrammed open space. The release of this portion of the license agreement allowed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to advertise and consider the sale of this federally owned property.

To ensure clear title may be provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the released property, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed the termination of the original license agreement and execution of a new 25-year lease.

On March 30, 1999 (M&C L-12468), the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a new 25-year lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the same being City Secretary Contract Number 24843) for the Park & Recreation Department to operate approximately 601.91 acres as a public park and for recreational purposes.

On March 30, 2024, City Secretary Contract Number 24843 will expire and it is recommended the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a new 25-year lease with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Park & Recreation Department to continue to operate the 601.91 acres known as Pecan Valley Park, which also includes Pecan Valley Hills and River Golf Courses and the Benbrook athletic fields currently operated by Fort Worth Youth Soccer Association through an adopted sublease.

The consideration for this lease agreement is the operation and maintenance of Pecan Valley Park, provided by the City of Fort Worth Park & Recreation Department, which benefits the public interest and serves a public purpose.

This property is located in Council District 3.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that this action will have no material effect on City funds.

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