

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 05/20/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0457

LOG NAME: 80LIVE OAK PARK WSSMA - CHAPTER 26

SUBJECT

(CD 7) Conduct Public Hearing and Authorize the Use of Approximately 0.25 Acres of Dedicated Parkland at Live Oak Park for a Water and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Area

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Staff Available for Questions: 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 and prudent alternative exists for the use of Live Oak Park for a water and sanitary sewer maintenance area;
 3. Find that the proposed water and sanitary sewer maintenance area includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland;
 4. Close the public hearing and authorize the use of approximately 0.25 acres of parkland at Live Oak Park for a water and sanitary sewer maintenance area; and
 5. 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 (Water Department) use of parkland within Live Oak Park (Park) for a permanent water and sanitary sewer maintenance area.

Due to growth in far west Fort Worth, north of White Settlement Road, it is necessary to construct a sewer lift station to provide sanitary sewer service for continued growth in far west Fort Worth. The Water Department has requested the use of a portion of the Park for a water and sanitary sewer maintenance area. The proposed maintenance area is for installation of a sewer lift station and lines (Project).

The Project location was selected to use existing City of Fort Worth land that is out of the existing 100 year floodplain and minimize the impact to trees. The proposed site straddles City of Fort Worth parkland and City of Fort Worth non-parkland. The proposed maintenance area is approximately 10,679 square feet, which equates to 0.25 acres. Project construction is anticipated to begin June 2025 and last approximately 18 months.

The City Forester has determined that no trees within the Park require removal for installation of the Project.

In accordance with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code - Chapter 26, the City of Fort Worth seeks to use a portion of Live Oak Park for a permanent water and sanitary sewer maintenance area.

On March 26, 2025, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed staff's recommendation to the City Council to authorize the use of portions of the Park for a water and sanitary sewer maintenance area.

In accordance with state law and the Fort Worth City Charter, the parkland conversion was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *Dallas Morning News* on May 4, 2025, May 11, 2025, and May 18, 2025. Water Department shall transfer funds for publication in the amount of \$756.98 to Park & Recreation Department for advertising in both the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and *Dallas Morning News*.

An email announcing the proposed change of use was sent to registered Neighborhood Associations within 1.5 miles of the park before April 18, 2025 and posted on the City's Web page.

Live Oak Park is in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, east of Silver Creek Road, south of Lake Haven Circle, west of Lake Worth, and north of Heron Drive.

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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