

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/27/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0797

**LOG NAME:** 80ARCADIA TRAIL PARK SOUTH SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 4) Conduct Public Hearing and Authorize the Use of a Portion of Arcadia Trail Park South for Sanitary Sewer Improvements

(**PUBLIC HEARING** - a. Report of City Staff: Lori Gordon; b. Citizen Presentations; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

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## **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 Arcadia Trail Park South for replacement of a permanent sanitary sewer line and establishment of a maintenance area;
  3. Find that the proposed construction and maintenance area includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland;
  4. Close the public hearing; and
  5. Authorize the use of approximately 0.067 acres of Arcadia Trail Park South property for the proposed permanent sanitary sewer maintenance area for an existing 8 inch sewer line;
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the use of a portion of public parkland for construction space to replace a sanitary sewer line and to establish a permanent sanitary sewer maintenance area for an existing 8-inch sewer line within Arcadia Trail Park South.

The City of Fort Worth Water Department (Water Department) has requested the use of a portion of Arcadia Trail Park South as a permanent maintenance area for an existing 8-inch sanitary sewer line and multiple temporary workspace areas for the replacement of an existing 36-inch sanitary sewer line. This request is in accordance with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26 Parkland Conversions.

The existing 8-inch sanitary sewer line is approximately 80 feet in length and is not within an easement or permanent maintenance area. The 8-inch sewer line requires a variable width permanent sewer maintenance area ranging from 20 feet wide to 65 feet wide for a total area of 2,898 square feet, which equates to approximately 0.067 acres.

The City Forester has determined that 32 trees, equating to 309 caliper inches require removal within the 0.067 acre area for the 8-inch sewer line. A fee of \$61,800.00 will be paid into the tree mitigation fund for the loss of these trees on public parkland. The existing trees in proximity to the proposed construction will be protected with fencing. The departments will continue to work together with the contractor to minimize tree loss throughout the project.

The existing 36-inch sewer line requires multiple temporary construction workspace areas that equate to approximately 62,552 square feet or 1.436 acres. A total of 101 trees, equating to 688 caliper inches require removal within the 1.436 acre area for the 36-inch sewer line. Because this section of the sewer line is within an existing easement, no tree mitigation funds are assessed for the loss of these trees on public parkland. The existing trees in proximity to the proposed construction will be protected with fencing. The departments will continue to work together with the contractor to minimize tree loss throughout the project.

Construction is anticipated to start in March 2023 and last approximately 180 working days. Upon completion of the project, the park will be restored to previous condition or better. The park will remain open during construction and the construction sites will be blocked off from the public for safety.

On August 24, 2022, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed staff's recommendation to the City Council to authorize the use of a portion of Arcadia Trail Park South for sewer maintenance area and temporary workspace for the project.

In accordance with State law, public notice of the hearing was advertised in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on September 6, September 13, and September 20, 2022. Project information and an exhibit map was available for public review on the Park & Recreation Department website.

Signage was posted at the site noting the proposed use and providing instructions for directing comments to the department. An email announcing the proposed conversion was sent to the Coventry Hills, Fairway Bend, Park Glen, Park Place, Parkwood Hill Estates, Stoneglen at Fossil Creek, Summerfields, and Trace Ridge Neighborhood Associations on August 11, 2022.

Staff will note any public comment received during the public hearing Report of City staff.

Arcadia Trail Park South is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 4.

Arcadia Trail Park South - located at 4950 Basswood Boulevard, east of Beach Street, south of Basswood Boulevard, west of US 377 (Denton Highway), and north of Western Center Boulevard.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the Water & Sewer Capital Projects Fund Large Diameter ICAP Pipe Burst project to support the approval of the above recommendations, funds will be transferred 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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