

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 08/12/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0745

**LOG NAME:** 80TRINITY PARK SSMA - CHAPTER 26

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 9) Conduct Public Hearing and Authorize the Use of Approximately 0.925 Acres of Dedicated Parkland at Trinity Park as a 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)

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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 and prudent alternative exists for the use of a portion of Trinity Park as a sanitary sewer maintenance area;
  3. Find that the proposed 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 0.925 acres of parkland at Trinity Park as a sanitary sewer maintenance area;
  5. Authorize the use of approximately 3.15 acres of parkland at Trinity Park as temporary workspace area; and
  6. 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 Trinity Park (Park) as a permanent sanitary sewer maintenance area for relocation of a 54-inch sanitary sewer line (Sewer Line Project), in accordance with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code - Chapter 26, Protection of Public Parks and Recreational Lands.

The Sewer Line Project is to accommodate construction of the Central City Flood Control Project (Flood Control Project).

The Flood Control Project is a partnership between federal, state, and local partners to protect Fort Worth from future flooding. The river levee system was constructed in 1960, when the population of Fort Worth was 356,268. Fort Worth is currently one of the fastest growing large cities in the United States and serves the needs of 1,000,000 residents. The Flood Control Project will provide flood protection to over 2,400 acres of established Fort Worth neighborhoods.

The Sewer Line Project requires a permanent maintenance area that is approximately 53 feet wide by 760 linear feet, totaling approximately 40,273 square feet, or 0.925 acres. Installation requires a temporary construction workspace area totaling 137,360 square feet, or 3.15 acres. The Sewer Line Project within the Park is anticipated to begin in fall 2025, and last approximately two years. Construction will only occur during the period mid-May through mid-January to accommodate the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, Cowtown Marathon, and Mayfest. The Park will be restored to previous conditions or better upon completion of the work.

The method of construction for the Sewer Line Project is a combination of open trench and boring (trenchless) to avoid tree removal and minimize impact to the Park. The city forester has determined that no trees within the Park require removal for installation of the Sewer Line Project.

Park access will remain open during construction, but River Drive north of Cottonwood Drive will be closed to the public.

On April 23, 2025, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed staff's recommendation to the City Council to authorize the use of portions of the Park as a 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 July 20, 2025, July 27, 2025, and August 3, 2025. Water Department shall transfer funds in the amount of \$856.98 to Park & Recreation Department for advertising costs of the Public Hearing 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 July 11, 2025 and posted on the City's web page.

Trinity Park is in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9, east of University Drive, south of West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, west of the Clear Fork Trinity River, and north of Interstate Highway 30.

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 approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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