



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Council Session

Item G-21

**#2017-285 - Approving Authorization to Seek Federal Assistance
from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program**

Staff Contact: Todd McCoy

Council Agenda Memo

From: Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: October 10, 2017

Subject: Authorization to Seek Federal Assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program

Presenter(s): Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Background

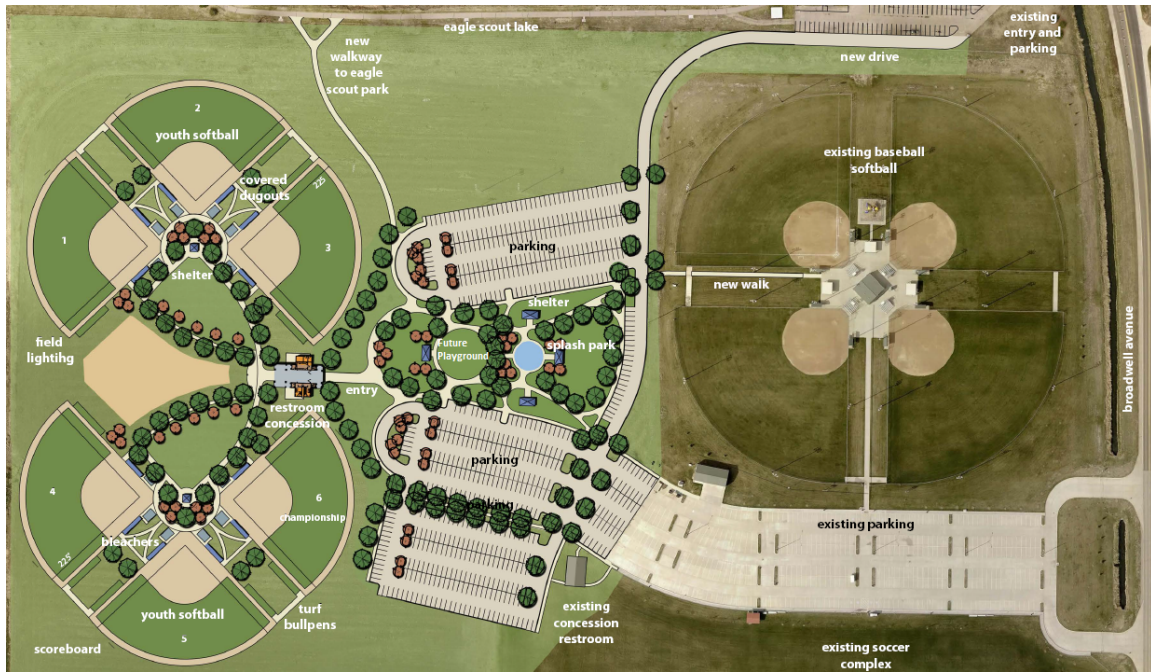
On April 11, 2017 City Council approved a contract with Olsson Associates to design the expansion of the Veterans Sports Complex utilizing Food and Beverage tax funds.

The expansion is planned to add six additional ball fields, picnic areas, additional green space, and the City of Grand Island's very first splash pad. The objective of this expansion is to provide a high-quality facility for the residents of Grand Island, but also to pull in visitors from across the state of Nebraska, by greatly expanding Grand Island's capacity for hosting baseball and softball tournaments. This project will have vast and important impacts on Grand Island's quality of life, recreation opportunities, and visitor revenue.

Discussion

The City of Grand Island Parks and Recreation Department proposes to apply for federal assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund program. The application will be requesting \$150,000 of funding toward the proposed expansion of the Veteran's Sports Complex. The grant is due October 13, 2017.

Funding from Land and Water funds requires a 1:1 match. Matching dollars are anticipated from the Food and Beverage tax funding. The City will specifically ask that the grant help with park amenities such as picnic shelters, landscaping, and playground equipment.



Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve the grant application
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approves the resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents as it relates to funding assistance to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the expansion of the Veterans Sports Complex.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents as it relates to funding assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the expansion of the Veterans Sports Complex.

RESOLUTION 2017-285

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska proposes to apply for federal assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for park amenities such as playground equipment and picnic shelters; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized to sign documents to obtain financial assistance, including a Project Agreement with the State of Nebraska and the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island Nebraska will, within thirty (30) days following federal approval, obtain the necessary consultant or appraisal service for this project as directed and as required by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission staff; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska has budgeted or currently has available its 50 percent match of the proposed total project funds and will allocate these funds toward this project upon project approval by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, such project will be funded through the Food and Beverage Tax; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand, Nebraska has the financial capability to operate and maintain the completed project and park property in a safe, attractive and sanitary manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, age, religion, disability, sex or national origin in the use of any property or facility acquired or developed pursuant to the project proposal, and shall comply with the terms and intent of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, P.L. 88-354 (1964), and any of the regulations promulgated pursuant to such Act by the Secretary of the Interior and contained in 43 CFR 17; and

WHEREAS, no property acquired and/or developed under this project shall, without the approval of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use and, such approval may be granted only if it is in accord with the then existing Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), and only upon such conditions as deemed necessary to assure the substitution of other outdoor recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonable equivalent usefulness and location; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand, Nebraska will replace the land in the event of a conversion in use in accordance with Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska agrees to comply with all State and Federal requirements and standards where they can be applied in making the facilities developed under this project, and all future projects, accessible to and usable by the disabled.

Approved as to Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
December 14, 2017	<input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 10, 2017.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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