



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: April 16, 2024

TITLE: Public Hearing - Resolution Approving the Transfer and Use of Parks Bond
Land Acquisition Allocations Toward Improvements for Carter Park
(Commission District 3)

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer and use of Parks Bond land acquisition fund allocations in the amount of \$7,300,000 assigned to District 3 to finance improvements to Carter Park.

Background

Carter Park is listed as one of the Parks Bond Signature Parks. The main vision of the park is to consolidate multiple single purpose buildings throughout the site into one larger multi-functional regional community center. Additionally, the plan proposes to replace and improve several amenities throughout the park including the playground, splash pad and artificial turf field.

While the original allocation from the bond was \$13.6M. Over time, the project's scope and associated cost estimates were refined, and due to current market conditions, the design consultant had to continually value engineer the project. This led to a significant reduction of the scope, including eliminating many of the proposed amenities, and reducing the square footage of the community center by half, which would have resulted in replacing the existing buildings with a new consolidated community center, of similar size to what is currently on the property.

To stay true to the original vision for the park as a signature project, it was determined that an additional \$9.3M, (\$7.3M Bond land acquisition, and \$2.0M Park Impact Fees) was needed beyond the original funds of \$13.6M, and CRA funds and grants already secured by Staff in the amount of \$2.2M to support the project, for an estimated total program cost of \$25.1M.

At the December 19, 2023 Commission meeting, staff discussed the use of Parks Bond land acquisition allocations for improvements to Carter Park. With Commission approval,

the request was brought before the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board on January 24, 2024. The item passed unanimously 10-0.

District 3 has a remaining balance of approximately \$7,369,000 all of which will go towards bridging the current funding gap for this project.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$7,300,000. This is associated with Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM 24-0036 which was previously approved on March 6, 2024.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of March 6, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-PKGOICIP	Go Bond 2020A Construction – Parks	Capital Outlay / Construction	N/A	N/A	\$7,300,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$7,300,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12632	Joseph C. Carter Park Improvements	Capital Outlay / Construction	\$13,621,000	\$11,771,546	\$7,300,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$7,300,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Here.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - January 24, 2024, Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Minutes
Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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