



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING**

#13-1107

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 3, 2013

TITLE: Park Impact Fees

The City of Fort Lauderdale Park Impact Fee was implemented to offset the increase in demand for park and recreational facilities created by growth and development activity in the city. In accordance with the City Code Sec. 47-38A.6 (Exhibit 1), the park impact fee receipts are retained in a special interest bearing account and used for new development. As of November 12, 2013, there is an approximate fund balance of \$3,950,465 in the account. The Department of Sustainable Development has analyzed the anticipated new development through 2018.

In 2008, the Parks and Recreation Department contracted with Glattig Jackson Kercher and Anglin to develop a Long Range Strategic Plan for the Department. The Executive Summary of the plan has been attached for reference (Exhibit 2). The Plan references the need to increase health and wellness facilities and add additional park and open space in underserved areas.

During the two-and-a-half year citywide Visioning initiative, the ideas gathered by our neighbors regarding culture and public spaces represented a desire for more parks and green space, more community centers, increased number of public restrooms, and installation of more athletic field lights. It also has become apparent that the lack of field space in the City has impacted our ability to serve our neighbors, especially youth (Exhibit 3).

Understanding these needs, the Department is recommending the impact fee funds acquired through 2018 be expended as outlined on Exhibit 4.

Needs may change, we may or may not receive the amount of revenue projected, and the expenditure estimates may fluctuate. This list will remain fluid and any changes to the plan will be brought to the Commission's attention through the annual CIP process.

The Department would like to move forward with the items listed in the current year

category and add these additional amenities to our great park system. In accordance with the City Code Sec. 47-38A.9, the impact fee administrator shall present to the City Commission a proposed capital improvements program that shall assign monies from the park impact fee fund to specific projects and related expenses for eligible park system improvements. An amendment to the current CIP will be prepared and presented to the Commission at its January 7, 2014 meeting.

Resource Impact:

Projected Available Funds								
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YEAR	FUND	FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT	AMOUNT
2013	350	1	Park Impact Fees	FD350.01	Parks Impact Fees	n/a	n/a	\$3,950,465
							TOTAL	\$3,950,465

Strategic Connection:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Public Places Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.

Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone.

Initiative 1: Create playful areas for all ages, considering families, active and passive sports, and pets.

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – ULDR Section 47-38

Exhibit 2 - LRSP

Exhibit 3 – Segmentation of Ideas – Culture and Public Spaces

Exhibit 4 – Impact Fee Plan 2014

Exhibit 5 – Parks and Recreation Enhancements

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