



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

**#20-0207**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** June 2, 2020

**TITLE:** Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Approving the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for Approval of the Coontie Hatchee Park Playground Replacement Project as Provided in the Parks and Recreation Bond Resolutions - **(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board's Recommendation for approval of the Coontie Hatchee Park Playground Replacement Project as provided in Bond Resolution No. 18-261 and Bond Resolution 20-08.

**Background**

On March 12, 2019, a referendum passed authorizing the City to issue up to \$200,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing Parks and Recreation Projects. The first installment of \$80,000,000, Series 2020A Bonds ("Bonds"), will fund the cost of development, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, installation, improvement and furnishing of certain Parks and Recreation Projects. The Parks and Recreation Projects to be undertaken by the City and financed with proceeds of the first series of Bonds was approved by the City Commission by subsequent resolution (Resolution 20-08, January 7, 2020); provided, however, that prior to the City Commission's approval of a Parks and Recreation Project that is not one of the four signature park projects (Joseph Carter Park, Holiday Park, Lockhart Stadium and Tunnel Top Park), such project shall have been reviewed by the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board (the "Advisory Board") and the Advisory Board shall have submitted its recommendation to the City Commission as to whether the project should or should not be undertaken and financed, in whole or in part, with proceeds of the Bonds.

The referendum resolution provided the following:

"In deciding whether to undertake and finance with proceeds of the Bonds a Parks and Recreation Project that is not one of the four signature park projects, the City Commission shall conduct a public hearing and consider, but shall not be obligated to follow, the recommendation of the Advisory Board with respect to such project."

The following project has had funding appropriated through a budget amendment and has been recommended by the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board:

Coontie Hatchee Park Playground Replacement (Commission District 4)

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends the replacement of the Coontie Hatchee Park playground. The existing playground has been removed, and now requires replacement. The exercise equipment also needs to be replaced. This project will include installation of the new playground, surfacing, and exercise equipment. The playground will be used for two age groups: 2 to 5 years old and 6 to 12 years old. The new playground will have a similar footprint to the one being replaced. It will be constructed using natural-looking but durable and long-lasting materials.

**Resource Impact**

Resource impact reflected on related CAM #20-0145 approving the procurement of this project.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024* initiative, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming

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

**Related CAM**

#20-0145 (For Coontie Hatchee Park Playground Replacement)

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Exhibit 2 – Coontie Hatchee Park Playground Rendering

Exhibit 3 – Resolution No. 18-261

Exhibit 4 – Resolution No. 20-08

Exhibit 5 – 5/11/20 Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board Meeting Draft Minutes

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