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City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, for the Davenport Park Sports Field and Recreation Phase II project; accept said grant, if awarded, in an amount up to \$3,000,000 for completion of the project; and, execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the project. (District 8)

DISCUSSION

In October 2017, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, began soliciting applications for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (Grant). This competitive Grant provides assistance to local agencies and community-based organizations for the acquisition or development of outdoor recreation features that increase opportunities for the health and wellness of Californians. The Land and Water Conservation Fund was signed into law in September 1964, and is overseen at the federal level by the National Parks Service with funds allocated to the State of California and administered by State Parks.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine is requesting authorization to submit a grant application, in an amount up to \$3,000,000, for the Davenport Park Sports Field and Recreation Phase II project (Project). Funds awarded through the Grant would contribute to the success of the City of Long Beach (City) in its efforts to provide healthy and safe park spaces within underserved areas. The Grant funds would be utilized to complete Phase II of the expansion of Davenport Park, consistent with the park's conceptual plan.

The Project is planned for the western 5.6 acres of Davenport Park, located at 2910 East 55th Way, on the east side of Paramount Boulevard, between Candlewood Street and South Street. The Project includes a multi-use sports field, exercise equipment along the existing decomposed granite walking path, and a shaded outdoor seating and activity area.

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If awarded, upon completion of the Project, the land within the Project site will be placed under permanent federal protection to preserve the public's outdoor recreational use of the site in perpetuity.

The Project was identified as being the most competitive relative to the Grant criteria for the following reasons:

- Shovel-ready;
- Creates outdoor recreational opportunities;
- Increases park acreage in an underserved area; and,
- Funds are available to meet the 1:1 match requirement.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on February 27, 2018 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on March 5, 2018.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Project proposes a water catchment and reuse system where any water from the field area, either from irrigation or from storm runoff, will be collected via the drainage system and reused on site. The Project will also use and feature sustainable materials, such as native drought-tolerant plants, recycled rubber safety surfacing, and a water-efficient irrigation system.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 20, 2018, to submit the Resolution to State Parks within 60 days of the Grant deadline, which is April 6, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the Grant application is successful, Grant funds of up to \$3,000,000 will be received for the Project. An appropriation increase will be requested for the Grant funds prior to Project initiation. The Grant requires a 1:1 match and will be provided by leveraging City funding and other secured grant funds, including:

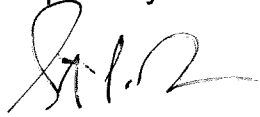
- \$1,000,000 from FY 14 CIP funds;
- \$500,000 from FY 16 CIP funds;
- \$200,000 from FY 17 CIP funds;
- \$500,000 from FY 18 CIP funds; and,
- \$500,000 from an FY 16 CalRecycle grant for the 55th Way Landfill Cover Improvements Project.

In addition, \$1,000,000 collected from Park Impact Fees will be requested through the FY 19 Budget process, and is consistent with the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance and Annual Impact Fee Report. A total match requirement of \$3,700,000 will be contributed toward the maximum Grant request of \$3,000,000. The recommended action will result in a positive impact on jobs, although the exact number is unknown at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



STEPHEN P. SCOTT
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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APPROVED:



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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE DAVENPORT PARK SPORTS FIELD & RECREATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach, as applicant, certifies by resolution the approval of the application and the availability of eligible matching funds prior to submission of the application to the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Funds by the City of Long Beach ("Applicant") for the Davenport Park Sports Field & Recreation Project ("Project").

Section 2. The City Council agrees to abide by Section 6(f)(3) of Public Law 88-578 which states "No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive

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1 statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary
2 to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value
3 and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”

4 Section 3. The City Council certifies that the City has matching funds
5 from eligible source(s) and can finance one hundred percent (100%) of the Project, which
6 up to half may be reimbursed.

7 Section 4. The City Council delegates the authority to the City Manager,
8 or designee, to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not
9 limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and compliance
10 with applicable current state and federal laws, which may be necessary for the
11 completion of the Project.

12 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
13 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

14 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
15 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2018 by
16 the following vote:

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18 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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22 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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24 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk