

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 22, 2018

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, 4:00 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens, Texas with the following Members present, to-wit:

Chris Tinsley  
Justin Boswell  
Jay Eckert  
Andrea Copeland

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager

others present: Janicia Evans

with the following Members absent: Clyde Bowman, Bob Morton, and Hugh Armstrong

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2018  
SPECIAL SESSION

A motion was made by Member Boswell, seconded by Member Eckert to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 Special Session. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

There was no discussion.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY,  
REGARDING RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH  
HENDERSON COUNTY SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF COLEMAN  
PARK

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager stated this was an agreement the City made with the Henderson County Soccer Association about three years ago. He stated that typically the city's lease agreements with Associations usually serves a minimum of five years, however this agreement was three years instead. He stated this three year agreement works out well due to the lease agreement ending at the end of the month.

Mr. Kombos stated that Member Boswell specifically asked about grant opportunities. He stated in order for Parks to receive more grant opportunities specifically for lights the city would have to enter into a ten year lease agreement instead of five. He recently met with the Armando Rincon, Vice President of the Henderson County Soccer Association. He stated that there would be some changes made to the lease agreement, however the main change would be that staff recommends it goes from a three year lease agreement to a ten year lease agreement. This will allow the soccer association to qualify for more grant opportunities.

There was a motion made by Member Boswell, seconded by Member Copeland to approve extending the lease agreement with the Henderson County Soccer Association from three years to ten years. The motion carried unanimously.

#### UPDATE ON O. D. BAGGETT PARK PROJECT

Mr. Kombos gave a brief update. He stated the project is ninety-five percent complete. He stated there is one piece of playground equipment that they have not been able to put together because the piece had not arrived. He stated there will need to be some seeding for grass and planting of trees once it gets cooler. He stated once those changes have been made the project will be complete.

Mr. Kombos suggested that the Board Members visit the park and view the new improvements.

Member Boswell asked if the wiring above the baseball field has been updated. Mr. Kombos answered by stating that it has not been updated, however it is on the to do list. He stated that the overhead wiring has now been placed underground. He explained a complaint was received regarding the lightening in the park. Mr. Kombos stated that three lights have been added on the exterior-side of the pavilion and two light were added on the interior-side of the pavilion. He further explained this makes the area brighter at night. He stated no vandalism has occurred since the lights around the pavilion were added.

Mr. Kombos stated that around the first week of October staff is hoping to host a “Grand Opening” event to celebrate the improvements made at O. D. Baggett Park. He also thanked the state for the \$75,000 grant the City had received.

Chris Tinsley, Chairman of Parks Advisory Board stated that they will move to agenda item 8.) Assistant City Manager update and then go to agenda item 7.) Update from Parks Board Chairman.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Kombos stated that the Parks Department appreciates the opportunity of to have worked with the Athens Teenage Baseball Association for improvement made at Coleman Park.

UPDATE FROM PARKS BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Tinsley stated he had attended a City Council meeting earlier this month. He stated at that council meeting he learned that the City Council would not be funding Parks during the next one or two year budget cycles. He stated according to Mayor Montgomery the City of Athens Park expenditures budget has been set to zero dollars for at least this year and the following year as well. He stated due to Parks not being funded for the next year or two he will be resigning from the Parks Advisory Board.

There was discussion.

Members of the Parks Advisory Board thanked Chairman Tinsley for serving on the Parks Advisory Board.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

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Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary