

SPECIAL SESSION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 622 S. Prairieville St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Chris Tinsley
Andrea Copeland
Clyde Bowman
Jay Eckert
Justin Boswell
Bob Morton

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Chief Buddy Hill;

with the following member absent: Hugh Armstrong

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

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2017
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A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Copeland to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2017 Special Session. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE
DEPARTMENT GRANT FOR PEACH PARK

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager, stated a requirement of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grants is to hold a public hearing prior to applying for the grant. He stated this allows citizens to provide comment regarding the grant application.

He stated the City will set a future date for a public forum to allow citizens to provide comments surrounding the Peach Park project.

The public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

The public hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO
RECOMMENDING A PARK IMPROVEMENT SITE PLAN FOR PEACH
PARK

Mr. Kombos stated the grant application for Peach Park is due on Friday, September 29, 2017. He stated Staff is nearing completion of the application. He stated \$35,000 was appropriated for Peach Park improvements in the 2017 Certificates of Obligations issuance. He stated the City Council has appropriated \$40,000 in the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, making a total funding of \$75,000. He further explained there is an opportunity for the City to receive the matching grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife for total funding of \$150,000.

Mr. Kombos presented the schematic design for improvements to Peach Park as follows:

- Paved parking developed
- Pavilion
- Tree planting
- Playground area
- Outdoor basketball
- Open space for other activities
- Walking trails possibly phased in

After discussion, a motion was made by Member Morton, seconded by Member Bowman to Recommend the park improvement site plan for Peach Park. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE ON NON-SMOKING REGULATIONS IN ATHENS PARKS

Mr. Kombos updated the Parks Advisory Board on the non-smoking Ordinance that was amended in 2016. He stated the only designated place for smoking is in the parking lots, and signage would be placed in the designated areas.

Opportunity for citizens to express items of concern

There was no discussion.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Kombos stated the site plan for O.D. Baggett Park was certified by the state and expects a notice to proceed soon.

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- Chairman Tinsley requested a future agenda item for improvements at Cain Park
- Councilmember Morton requested a future agenda item for field requirement maintenance

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary