



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Engineering Department

TO: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

THRU: James R. Clinch, PE, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Kathleen Weeden, City Engineer

DATE: December 3, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning

SUBJECT: Local Funding Agreement to Use Park Impact Fees to Purchase Property located at 3560 Laurel Road East for Use as a Public Park

Background: On November 16, City Council approved the purchase contract for the purchase of a 4.9-acre parcel of land located at 3560 Laurel Road East, Nokomis, FL 34275 for \$1,500,000 plus closing and due diligence costs conditioned on Park Impact Fees being appropriated. The attached Local Funding Agreement (LFA) will provide these Park Impact Fees for the purchase of the property and sufficient Park Impact Fee Funds are available. Upon approval by City Council, the LFA will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Prior to finalizing the purchase, a Phase I Environmental Assessment, limited environmental species survey, property survey and title search will be completed.

Future use of the property will be development of a public park within the Northeast Venice area. This property was selected based on substantial community input and feedback, a Stakeholders Work Group and input from the City's consulting team. The stakeholders made recommendations to prioritize the following park amenities within the NE Venice area based on input received:

- (1) passive and active areas
- (2) nature and paved walking trails
- (3) pickleball courts
- (4) a children's playground
- (5) a dog park

Due to the mid-year agreement, budget amendments will be required by both City Council and BOCC. The budget amendment is provided as a separate Ordinance under New Business.

Consideration of a FY23 Park Impact Fee request to complete the rezoning, design/permitting and construction of the project is included a separate agenda item. The estimated cost for completion is approximately \$2.75 million depending on the specific amenities provided. Future on-going maintenance costs will be determined and reviewed during the design process.

Requested Action: Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Locally Funded Agreement for Use of Park Impact Fees between Sarasota County, Florida, and the City of Venice for the Purchase of the Northeast Park for \$1,550,000.

If for an agenda item, this document and any associated backup created by City of Venice staff has been reviewed for ADA compliance: Yes

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: N/A

Finance Department Review/Approved: Yes

Funds Availability (account number): Park Impact Fees

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Originals provided to Clerk's Office

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