

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**AGENDA DATE:** April 3, 2018

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Tracy Novak, Director (212-1708)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** District 7

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

Goal 4 – Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Environments

**SUBJECT:**

A resolution approving a change of use, with El Paso Water Utilities, related to storm water detention basin operations at Thomas Manor Park, located at 7901 Knights Dr.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The proposed resolution approves the relocation of the storm water detention basin at Thomas Manor Park, with the result that it is more efficient, increases water retention capacity in the event of rain event, and enhances the recreational value of the park by upgrading park features and expanding useable recreation area. The design and construction of all improvements is being managed by El Paso Water Utilities.

The public hearing noticing format was followed to notify the public of this impending change.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

August 2017 – City Council during Budget Hearings authorized funding to match Ysleta Independent School District to improve the sport courts located at Thomas Manor Park, in conjunction with construction by EPWU.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** T. Novak

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, El Paso Water staff has developed a plan to reconfigure and relocate the detention basin within Thomas Manor Park in support of the Thomas Manor Park Pond and Pump Station Improvements, a legal description of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof for all purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends the reconfiguration and relocation of the detention basin because the proposed plan reduces the size of the current detention basin from 3.0 acres to 1.3 acres, allowing more parkland for park purpose, and El Paso Water will fund and construct the detention basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the City staff recommends that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the proposed use of this identified area as a detention basin and that the proposed use as a detention basin includes all reasonable planning to minimize-harm to Thomas Manor Park, and

**WHEREAS**, the City has given notice to the public by publishing a notice once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation as required in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Code Section 26.002.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, the City Council approves the use of 1.3 acres of Thomas Manor Park as a detention basin, and based upon its determination that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the identified parcel within Thomas Manor Park and that the proposed use as a detention basin includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to Thomas Manor Park.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

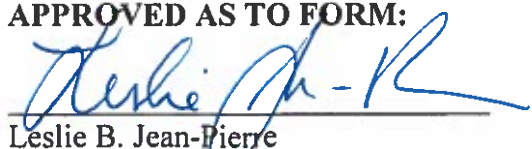
**CITY OF EL PASO**

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Dee Margo  
Mayor


**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

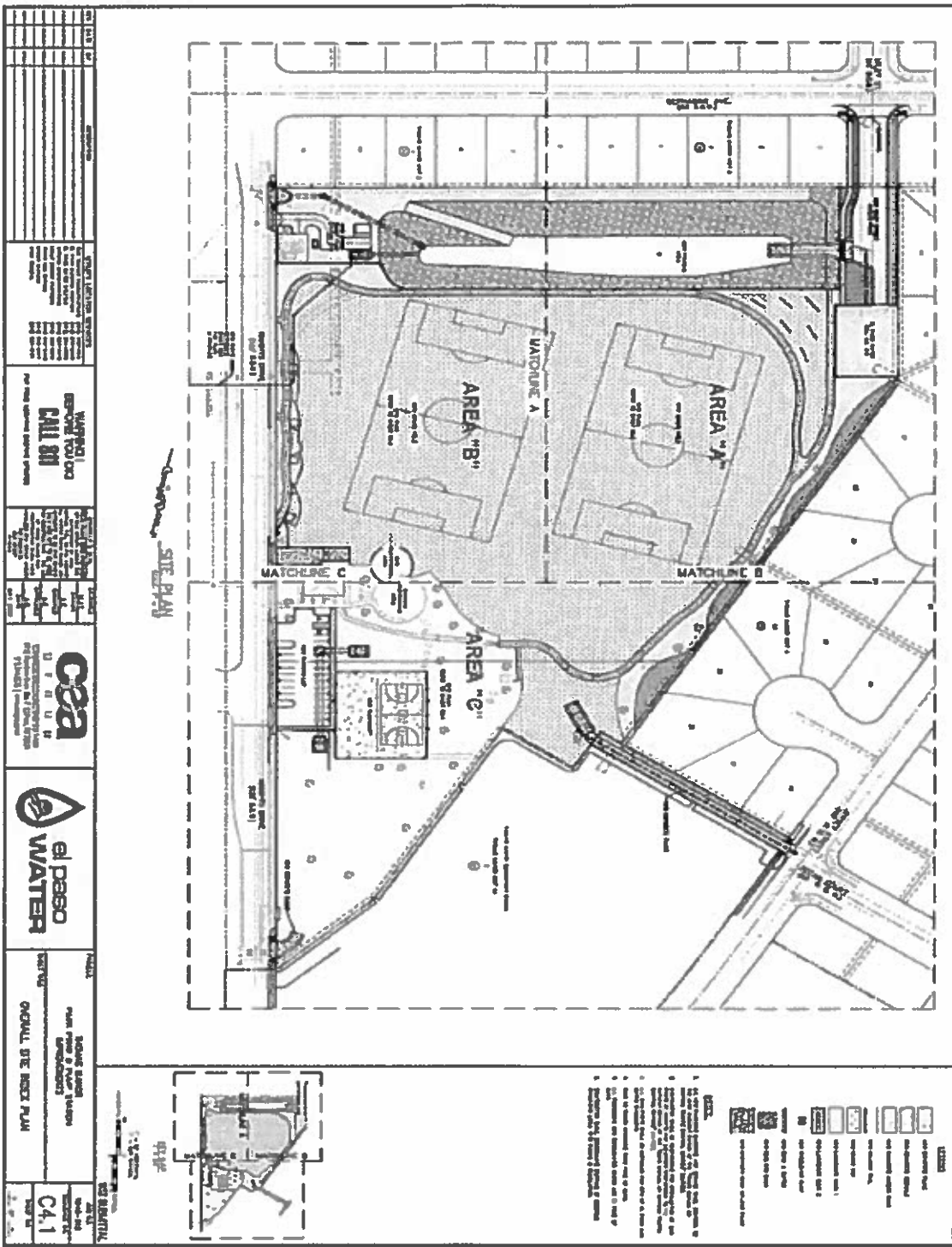
**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Leslie B. Jean-Pierre  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Tracy Novak, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**EXHIBIT "A"**



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**US Government Parcel #6, Tract 2-B-2**