

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

**DEPARTMENT:**       Parks and Recreation

**AGENDA DATE:**     August 23, 2016

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Joel McKnight, Assistant Director Parks and Recreation (212-1719)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:**    3

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

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

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for a Parks Promote Quality of Life Grant through the Texas Recreation and Park Society and GameTime/Playwell in the amount of \$64,053 for the purpose of providing additional funding to supplement the All Abilities Playground at Ponder Park and authorizing the City Manager to sign grant agreements, and to expend identified funds on this project.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The 2012 Quality of Life Bond identified additional improvements to the playgrounds, with \$1.5 million available for Modular Play Equipment. There is \$375,000 available in the first year allocation in FY2017.

Approving this application for grant funds from the Texas Recreation and Park Society and GameTime grant program will provide additional funds to complete an All Abilities Playground, the first of its kind in El Paso. It will not merely meet minimum requirements for accessibility, but provides an environment where all can play and develop habits that promote outdoor activity regardless of personal abilities, through the concepts of acceptance and inclusion. This playground is designed with the Seven Principles and Guidelines of Inclusive Play, a model for inclusive playgrounds that meet the needs of persons with all abilities.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

2012 Quality of Life Bond, Modular Play Equipment - \$260,000

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

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

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS “APPLICANT,” DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR, ACTING FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AND IN DEALING WITH THE TEXAS RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS “DEPARTMENT,” FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPLEMENT THE ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND AT PONDER PARK (THE “PROJECT”), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXPEND IDENTIFIED FUNDS ON THIS PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS,** the Applicant is fully eligible to receive assistance under the Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Applicant is desirous of authorizing an official to represent and act for the Applicant in dealing with the department concerning the Program;

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

**SECTION 1:** That the Applicant hereby certifies that they are eligible to receive assistance under the Program, and that the notice of the application has been posted according to local public hearing requirements.

**SECTION 2:** That the Applicant hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time.

**SECTION 3:** That the Applicant hereby authorizes and directs its Department of Parks and Recreation to act for the Applicant in dealing with the Department for the purposes of the Program, and that the Director, Tracy Novak is hereby officially designated as the Applicant’s representative in this regard.

**SECTION 4:** The Applicant hereby specifically authorizes the City Manager and the Applicant’s representative to make a grant application to the Department and GameTime/Playwell for additional funding which, if awarded, will benefit the site known as the All Abilities Playground at Ponder Park in the City of El Paso for a park site and is hereby dedicated for public park and recreation purposes in perpetuity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**SECTION 5:** That the Parks and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to expend any funds that are awarded by the Program for the All Abilities Playground at Ponder Park.

*(Signatures begin on following page)*

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**CITY OF EL PASO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Juan S. Gonzalez  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Tracy Novak, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department