

# MEMORIAL PARK BALLFIELD - EPISD AGREEMENT

CITY OF EL PASO PARKS AND RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT

City Council - November 12, 2019

# BACKGROUND

- EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (EPISD) EXPRESSES NEED FOR SOFTBALL FIELD FOR AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL - CITY HAS NEED FOR WATER PARK SITE.
- CITY AGREED TO PURCHASE LAND AT ROSS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR WATER PARK
- EPISD PLANS TO INVEST \$1.3 MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MEMORIAL BALLFIELD
- BENEFITS:
  - ❑ OVERALL PUBLIC BENEFIT - UPGRADED FIELD WITH NO LOSS OF USE
  - ❑ PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITIES OF EXCELLENCE PARTNER

# TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- 30 YEAR LEASE WITH TWO 10-YEAR AUTOMATIC RENEWALS
- EPISD
  - ❑ \$1.3 MILLION INVESTMENT BY EPISD FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO DEVELOP UIL HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL SOFTBALL FIELD
  - ❑ EXCLUSIVE USE DURING SCHOOL YEAR (SEPT-MAY)
  - ❑ FIVE DAYS EXCLUSIVE USE OF WATER PARK (ONE DAY ANNUALLY OVER FIVE YEARS)
- CITY RECEIVES EXCLUSIVE USE DURING SUMMER SEASON (JUNE - AUGUST)
  - ❑ UPGRADED FIELD WITH MINIMAL INVESTMENT (\$160,000)
  - ❑ PERMANENT RESTROOM AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND
  - ❑ EXTENDED UTILITIES FOR FUTURE DOG PARK
  - ❑ SHARED MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES: EACH PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE DURING ITS PERIOD OF PRIORITY USE, SIMILAR TO OTHER AGREEMENTS

# BALLPARK INVESTMENT

- General upgrades to the existing Softball Field to make the field UIL compliant
- New bleachers
- Concession stand with adjacent restrooms
- Press box
- Backstop, netting, repair dug-outs, new grass field and pitcher's mound with new screenings
- New bull pen, batting cage, and storage units
- Replace entire irrigation system
- New scoreboard
- New LED lighting, to include replacing light heads, and additional pole
- General site improvements to include additional parking and drop-off upgrades

# EXISTING CONDITION





# PROPOSED MEMORIAL DOG PARK – CONCEPT



**Dog Park  
currently  
on  
unfunded  
needs list**



# COMMENTS?