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MEMORANDUM

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2014
To: Bryan Montgomery, City Manager
From: Len Morrow, Parks and Landscape Division Manager
Subject: **Authorization of Application for Measure WW Grant**

Approved and Forwarded to
City Council


Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager

Background and Analysis

In November 2008, Alameda and Contra Costa County voters approved the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) Measure WW Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond Extension. From that, the City of Oakley was eligible to receive \$1,517,862 for acquisition and development of parks and recreation lands and facilities.

The City submitted a grant application in 2009 and expended \$1,112,020 for the Creekside Park, Phase II project that included installing an irrigation well, landscaping, open turf and ball field, basketball court, parking lot, lights, and other furnishings. A balance of \$405,841 remains.

At a work session in October staff presented City Council with several potential eligible projects the grant monies could be used for that meet existing public recreation needs and could be completed in a timely manner within the grant deadlines. After reviewing the project options and hearing some input from the community City Council provided a general thumbs-up for staff to develop a work plan for park improvements to the Civic Center Park.

In December staff held a public meeting to present a conceptual plan and cost estimates of specific improvements to the downtown Civic Center Park. Discussion of potential new amenities to the Civic Center Park included the addition of a covered stage with amphitheater style seating, along with keeping some informal festival (lawn) seating, small restroom and concession, additional turf, picnic tables and trash receptacles, drinking fountain, and a small children's play area. Those in attendance

provided input, ideas and suggestions, and were enthusiastically supportive of the potential project and envisioned improvements.

Fiscal Impact

The submittal of the grant project application has no impact to the General Fund as no match of funds is required. Adoption of the resolution will make the City of Oakley eligible to apply for and receive \$405,841 in Measure WW funding.

Environmental Determination

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Civic Center Park Improvement project would have no significant effect on the environment, and upon formal analysis, should be eligible for a Notice of Exemption.

Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the submission of a Measure WW grant application for the Civic Center Park Improvement project

Attachment

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. __-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT UNDER MEASURE WW PARK BOND EXTENSION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the people of the East Bay Regional Park District have enacted the Measure WW Park Bond Extension which provides funds for the acquisition and development of neighborhood, community, regional parks and recreation lands and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors has the responsibility for the administration of the grant program, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakley desires to apply for local grant funds authorized by the Measure WW Park Bond Extension to fund certain Civic Center Park improvements; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Applicant to apply for the Local Grant allocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, if the City's application is approved, the City will continue its executed Master Contract agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the City of Oakley City Council hereby:

1. Authorizes the submission of a Civic Center Park Improvement Project application in the amount of \$405,841.00 from the Local Grant Program under the East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW Park Bond Extension; and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
4. Appoints the City Manager as the City's agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oakley at a meeting held on the 14th of January, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED:

Randy Pope, Mayor

ATTEST:

Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

Date