



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB
ADRIANA FLORES, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2021-2022 BUDGET ACT FOR
THE RAMSAY PARK REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Approval of application for grant funds from the State of California 2021-2022 Budget Act allocated to the Ramsay Park Regional Sports Complex.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution:

1. Approving the application for specified grant funds, and
2. Delegate the authority to the City Manager to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope(s).

DISCUSSION:

City Staff worked with State Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) to secure \$7 million in State budget funding to support the Ramsay Regional Sports Complex through a Legislative Appropriation in the State Budget Act of 2021-2022.

These funds will support design and construction of the Ramsay Park Master Plan and will compliment City funds already allocated to this project. These funds will make the sports fields possible as funding had not otherwise been secured to build these out.

This legislative appropriation has been adopted by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor. In order to issue these funds, the State of California requires this resolution from the Council and an application to be filed that documents the project work to be funded.

The current soccer fields at Ramsay Park do not have the capacity to meet the number of local residents wanting to use the field. Inadequate drainage and lack of lighting cause fields to be unusable for nearly half the year. Furthermore, the fields do not accommodate the practice and match schedules for the many youth and adult soccer leagues in Watsonville – teams often

practice or compete outside of City limits. State funding will increase playable days to approximately 260 days a year and increase overall field dimensions to 65x110 yards, allowing for more use. State funds will also convert the existing softball field to a synthetic, multi-use sports field to be used year-round. The improvement to the fields will provide opportunities for play for all ages and add to our community's health and safety.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

3-Infrastructure & Environment

5-Community Engagement & Well-Being

Accepting this funding aligns with Strategic Plan priorities 3 and 5 in that the City's largest Park will have new sports playing fields for the community to enjoy recreational activities that will enhance their well-being and enrich their lives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This funding will compliment City funds already allocated to the Ramsay Park Master Plan.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The Council can choose to not adopt this resolution for State funding and not move forward with this project.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.