SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK – SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20517) – ALLOCATION OF ZONE CHANGE FEES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $12,000 in Zone Change Fees from the Zone Change Fees Account No. 440K-00 to the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Account No. 440K-MK; and,

2. Approve the allocation of $12,000.00 in Zone Change Fees from Martin Luther King Jr. Park Account No. 440K-MK for the Martin Luther King Jr. Park – Sports Field Improvements project, as described in the Summary of this report.

SUMMARY:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park is located at 3916 South Western Avenue in the community of the City. This 8.33 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs, including baseball, basketball, soccer, football, tennis, swimming, picnic and play areas, for the use of the surrounding community. Additionally, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park provides a therapeutic recreational program for people with disabilities aged 7 through 22 as well as the L.A. Kids program. Due to the facilities size, features, programs, and services it provides, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.
Department staff has determined that improvements to the existing baseball fields, including refurbishment of the existing turf, irrigation, fencing, and installation of related site amenities, are necessary to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

Upon approval of this report, $12,000 in Zone Change Fees from the Zone Change Fees Account No. 440K-00 can be transferred to the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Account No. 440K-MK for the Martin Luther King Jr. Park – Sports Field Improvements project.

The total Zone Change Fees allocation for the Martin Luther King Jr. Park – Sports Field Improvements project is $12,000. These Fees were collected within two miles of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities. It is anticipated that the funds being allocated to this facility are sufficient to meet the scope of this project.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1, 3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees should not have any fiscal impact on the Department’s General Fund, as the costs of this project is anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department’s General Fund.

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