RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of $141,895.81 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the Westwood Gardens Park - New Park Development (PRJ20077) project to the Westwood Park - Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20663) project;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $141,895.81 in Quimby Fees from the Westwood Gardens Park Account No. 89460K-W1 to the Westwood Park Account No. 89460K-WP;

3. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $854,613.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Westwood Park Account No. 89460K-WP; and,

4. Approve the allocation of $996,508.81 in Quimby Fees from Westwood Park Account No. 89460K-WP for the Westwood Park - Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20663) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.
SUMMARY:

Westwood Park is located at 1350 South Sepulveda Boulevard in the Westwood area of the City. This 26.70 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the community, including baseball, basketball, indoor gym, and a swimming pool. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Westwood Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that the construction of a new synthetic turf soccer field, as well as sports field lighting, landscaping, and related site amenities, are necessary for the park to continue to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

On February 4, 2009, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the allocation of $517,198.00 in Quimby Fees for the Westwood Gardens Park - New Park Development (PRJ20077) project (Board Report No. 09-021). This project is complete. There is $141,895.81 in unexpended funding remaining from this project, which is available for reallocation to the Westwood Park - Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20663) project.

Upon approval of this report, the Quimby Fees listed below can be transferred to the Westwood Park Account No. 89460K-WP and allocated to the Westwood Park - Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20663) project:

- $141,895.81 in Quimby Fees from the Westwood Gardens Park Account No. 89460K-W1
- $854,613.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Westwood Park - Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20663) project is $996,508.81. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Westwood Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the construction of an accessory facility to the existing recreational uses at the park. Therefore, the projects are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(3,6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.
The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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