RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $192,024.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Lafayette Park Account No. 89460K-LD;

3. Approve the allocation of $192,024.00 in Quimby Fees from Lafayette Park Account No. 89460K-LD for Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,

4. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report.

SUMMARY:

Lafayette Park is located at 625 South Lafayette Park Place in the Westlake area of the City. This 9.72 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the community, including baseball, basketball, soccer, gymnasium and community center, and a skate park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Lafayette Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

The Board has approved the allocation of a total of $349,378.00 in Quimby Fees for the Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project (Board Report Nos. 11-005
and 13-109). The scope of the approved Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project includes the refurbishment of the existing turf, irrigation, landscaping, and the installation of related site amenities, improvement and renovation of the park’s sidewalks and walking paths, renovation of the existing basketball courts and fencing, and installation of new outdoor fitness equipment.

Department staff has determined that outdoor lighting renovations are necessary as a part of the project and recommends that the scope of the project be modified to include the renovation of existing outdoor park lighting. Department staff has determined that supplemental funding will be necessary for the completion of the project.

Upon approval of this report, $192,024.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred to Lafayette Park Account No. 89460K-LD and allocated to Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project, including previously allocated Quimby funds, would be $541,402.00. These Fees were collected within two miles of Lafayette Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project approved on January 5, 2011 (Board Report No. 11-005) that is exempted from CEQA [Class I(1,3) and Class I1(3)]. The work funded by the current Board action will not result in any additional environmental impacts, and therefore, is covered by the existing CEQA exemption. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

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

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.

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