

Allentown

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Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Committee

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 5:30 PM Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

15-5705 January 4, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: January 4, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

<u>15-5659</u> Bill 6

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of funds within the Skatepark Development Capital Project in the amount of Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-One Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$21,351.72). The purpose of this transfer is to purchase new lighting to be installed by the Parks and Recreation

Department.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: Bill 6 Skate Park Equipment

Ordinance #15875

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any comments.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that it is a transfer of funds from the same project for materials and supplies. The lights were going to be removed. The people that were using the park were requesting to turn the lights on so they can be in the park after 5:00 PM. The funds are for the materials for the park staff to replace the existing lights with LEDs. It is within the same projects.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Santo Napoli stated that it is great if the kids want to skateboard to later at night. He thinks it is great that they are doing that instead of something else.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that the lights will be on a timer as well so the city can control what time the lights goes off at night.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any questions from the public.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker asked about the Project Number, 1882. He stated that they are amending and transfer funds within the development capital project. Is that the same project? He asked if they are going to transfer funds within the project. What was this number going to be used for originally. What percentage of the project is done right now?

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that it is the same project. It was a construction company. It would have been given to the construction company to do part of the project. It will be used for that instead it will be used for supplies for the city to do the work. It is not any new funding. It is funding that is already there. It is just changing it from one into another. There are two Phases. Phase I is almost complete and Phase II is in the future.

Mr. Michael Hanlon stated that they are taking money from a contract account and putting it into an equipment account so that Parks and Recreation can install the lights.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker stated that he saw that. He is just trying to follow the money. Does the city have enough money to complete Phase I.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that this is the loose ends of the project. It is not additional money.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated that they are not voting on this. She asked if there were any additional questions from the public.

Enactment No: 15875

15-5658 Bill 7

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of Five Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) from the Pools and Spray Park project fund and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Auburn Cross Trails project fund to the Irving Pool Improvements fund to provide the necessary funding to complete construction.

Sponsors: Administration

<u>Attachments:</u> Bill 7Irving Pool Transfer

Ordinance #15876

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any comments.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that she does not have anything to add. This is pretty straight forward. It is to complete what's needed to construct the Irving pool. This is the last piece of the puzzle to make that project move forward and enter the construction Phase.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any questions from the dais or the public.

Enactment No: 15876

Proposed Parks and Recreation Board Revisions

The Board to take a look at the code and has these proposed revisions that would need to be introduced and approved by Council.

Ms. Mandy Tolino asked if they are prepared to hear from Ms. Becky Kiss.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated yes.

Ms. Becky Kiss stated that she is the chair of Recreation Board. They were tasks by Mayor Tuerk to revamp the ordinance. It has not been changed since 2021. They are requesting to change the name from the Recreation Commission to Parks and Recreation Commission and changed some of the language, including the duties and attendance requirements.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach thanked Ms. Kiss on the time it took the Board to do that.

Ms. Becky Kiss stated that they also listed a job description which is on the city's website. If they had an opening within the Commission if anybody was looking to apply to be part of the Recreation Commission, they can say they have the qualities, why don't they apply. There is a link to the application.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks asked if there are any openings currently on the board.

Ms. Becky Kiss stated that she does not believe so. They are unsure of what the language and how that applied to some of the language of if a Councilperson is a member of the board. She stated that Mr. Hendricks attended every meeting when he was a member from Council. SDhe stated that there was a member who resigned and the Board replaced that person with someone new.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any members of the public that had any comments or questions on the revisions. She asked Ms. Tolino if she had any updates.

<u>15-5708</u> Board of Recreation Proposed Changes to the Code

<u>Attachments:</u> Proposed Revisions - Board of Rec

Updates

Ms. Many Tolino stated that she does not think so unless it was something specific. She stated that Council will vote on these items at a regular meeting.

Adjournment: 5:39 PM