

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 4.17.060 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE LIST OF PARK AND OPEN SPACE AREAS TO WHICH RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEES MAY BE EXPENDED

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance, within 60 days, that will amend Chapter 4.17.060 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, maps associated with those sections and any related sections, to add one of the City's parks, amend the name of its newest park, correct a drawing number, and modify some of the maps referenced; and
- 2) Acknowledge that the recommended changes to Title 4 of the Municipal Code are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

BACKGROUND

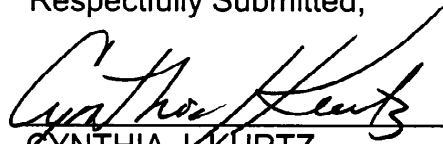
The City's Residential Impact Fee Ordinance establishes a fund for the collection of fees to be used in the development, acquisition, construction and/or installation of park or recreational facilities. Chapter 4.17.060 provides a listing of locations (and their associated drawings) where these funds may be used. Hamilton Park, which is identified in PMC 3.23.050 as nondedicated open space, is consistent with the Chapter's definition of a community park and should be added to the list of properties eligible to receive residential impact fee money. The ordinance should also be amended to correctly list the name of Viña Vieja Park (formerly Eaton Wash Park). The listing included in Chapter 4.17.060 contains a drawing number for each park. The drawing number for Grant Park is listed incorrectly and requires amendment.

Additionally, a number of drawings referenced in this section require amendment. Through the planning process and development of Viña Vieja Park, the City secured an agreement with Southern California Edison for the use of adjacent SCE property. While this area is not owned by the City, the property is used as part of the park. For this reason, future park projects may extend into this area. If the City is to be permitted to use residential impact fees for improvements in these areas, the park drawing should be amended to include this land. Finally, the listings for the Arroyo Seco and Oak Grove Park require amendment. In order to incorporate all areas of the Arroyo Seco, these listings and associated drawings will be replaced with references to the Lower Arroyo, Central Arroyo and Hahamongna Watershed Park. The drawing for Oak Grove Park will be amended to incorporate all areas of Hahamongna Watershed Park including the 30-acre parcel that was recently acquired.


FISCAL IMPACT

The adoption of the proposed amendments to the Pasadena Municipal Code would expand the scope of parkland and open space on which residential impact fees may be spent.

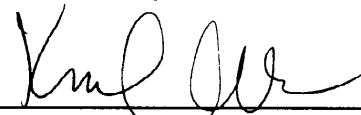
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