

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 27, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 6252 - NEW RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEE (FOR PARKS) TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE LIST OF PARK AND OPEN SPACE AREAS TO WHICH RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEES MAY BE EXPENDED

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. 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(b)(4); and,
2. Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance within 60 days that will amend Chapter 4.17.060 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, to modify the map showing the expansion of Robinson Park.

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 park locations (and their associated drawings) where these funds may be used. The map of Robinson Park (drawing number 3576) has been modified to include the additional 2.5 acres of property to the south of the park that was formerly occupied by Highland Plastics, and to include the Jackie Robinson Community Center located across the street from the park at 1020 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Jackie Robinson Center, which is identified in PMC 3.23.050 as non-dedicated open space, is consistent with the Chapter 4.17.050 definition of a community park and should be added to the list of properties eligible to receive residential impact fee money. It is also the only community center/recreational facility in the City not currently identified as a part of a park.

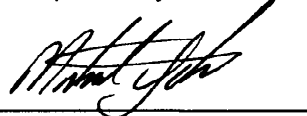
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The adoption of the proposed amendments is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as CEQA only applies if the City is undertaking or approving a "project." Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), excluded from the definition of "project" are the creation of government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project. Here, the list of parks for which residential impact fees may be used is being amended, but no particular funding commitment is being made.

FISCAL IMPACT:

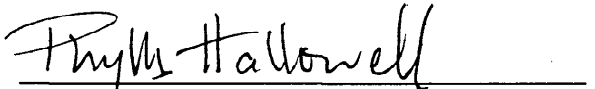
The adoption of the proposed amendment to the Pasadena Municipal Code would expand the scope of parkland and open space on which residential impact fees may be spent.

Respectfully submitted,




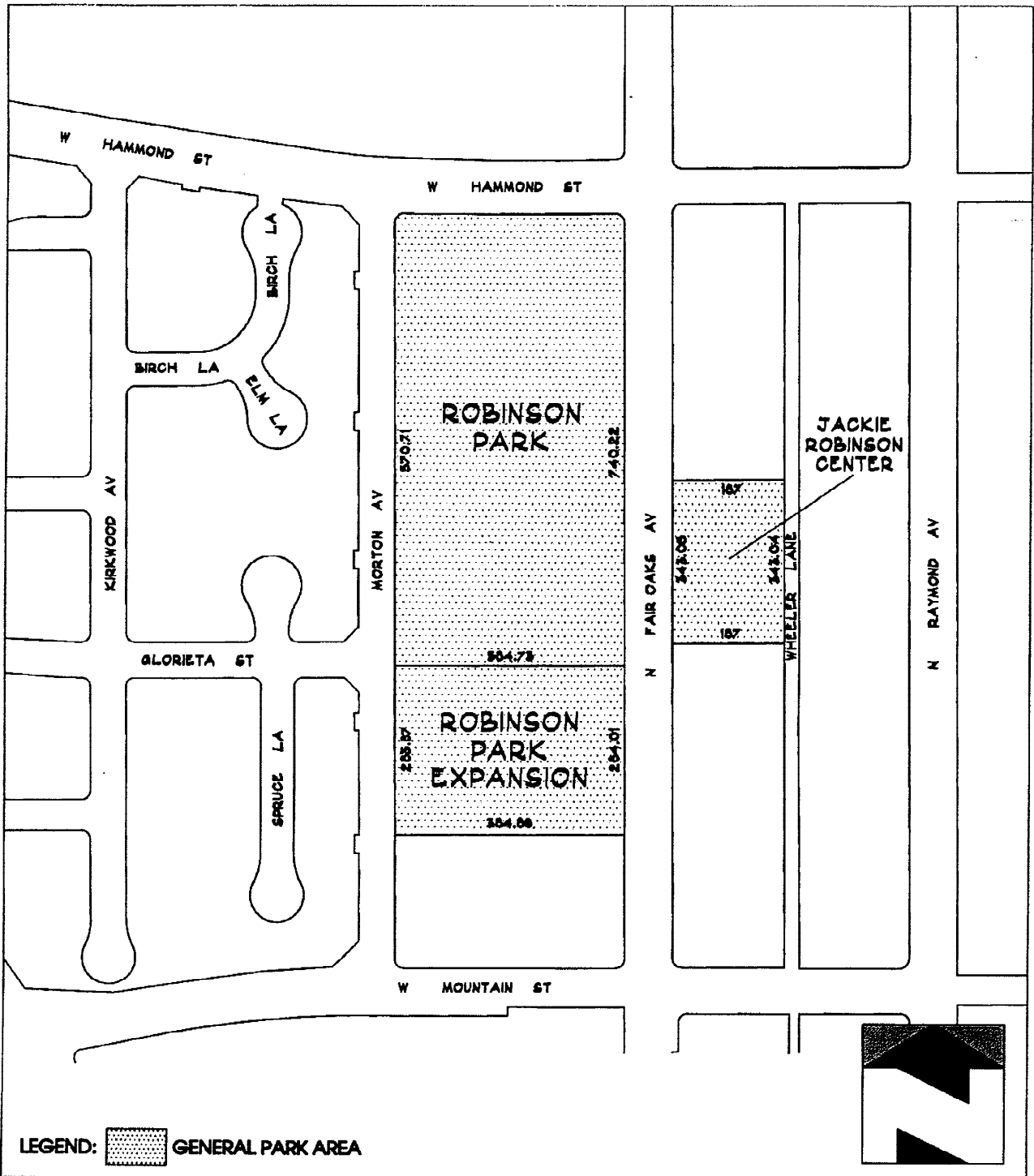
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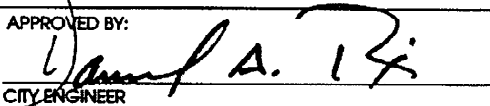
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