

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
AUGUST 20, 2019 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>Authorization for the City Manager to apply to the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism’s Outdoor Recreation Grants Program for 2019 Grant Funding for parks.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Parks &amp; Recreation Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to apply for a grant from Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism in the amount of \$250,000 to renovate City Parks.</p>	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>The City will provide \$100,000 as the “dollar for dollar” match for the grant. Additional match in the amount of \$150,000 will come from the Junior Deputy Baseball Organization.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>The grant project will renovate playgrounds and related amenities in two (2) parks (Birchwood and Wakefield) and construct a new ballfield at Junior Deputy Park, including the addition of American Disability Act compliance items. If the grant is awarded, the City will be required (via an easement) to permanently maintain the parks and if either park is ever abandoned or moved to another location, then the City will be responsible for the costs of establishing a similar park.</p>	

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Additionally, all future overhead utility lines within the project boundary must be routed away or placed underground. The project areas must remain open and available for use by public at all reasonable times of the day and year. Facilities can be reserved for special events, league play, etc., but cannot be reserved, leased or assigned for exclusive use. The project area must be kept clean, maintained, and operated in a safe, healthful manner. The projects are located in Wards 2, 3, and 6.

The City of Little Rock held four (4) public hearings in May and June 2019. Three (3) of the meetings were specifically held to gather input from groups including seniors and minorities. Additional input was gathered from online survey on social media.