



Agenda Item: Resolution

Title: Consideration of an amendment to previously adopted Resolution 2020-75, supporting the submission of a grant application to the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources for a 2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to replace the Washington Park Play Structure.

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that City Council approve the amendment to previously adopted Resolution 2020-75, supporting the submission of a grant application to the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources for a 2021 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant in an amount not to exceed \$108,720 to replace the Washington Park Play Structure and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Resolution 2020-08 – D. Maintain and Improve Municipal Infrastructure – Milestone #5: Continue expansion of greenbelt, park and recreation amenities.

Background:

Staff at the Wyoming Department of State Parks has requested an amendment to Resolution 2020-75. The requested amendments include stating that the City of Laramie intends to budget for the full amount of the project, that the land is owned by the City of Laramie and will be dedicated for public use into perpetuity and that the Parks Manager and Assistant City Manager have the authority to apply for and manage the LWCF grant process on behalf of the City of Laramie.

Background on the initial resolution approval is below:

The City of Laramie is seeking a Land and Water Conservation Fund award from the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources in the amount of \$108,720.00 to be used to replace the Washington Park Play Structure and safety surfacing. Matching funds in the amount of \$108,720.00 will come from the City of Laramie Special Purpose Tax allocated for construction of new parks and improvements of existing public parks as set forth in the City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including planning, design, development, land acquisition, project development, construction, rehabilitation, amenities, and playground equipment.

This project includes the replacement of an existing play structure that has been in the parks system since May 1994, making this play structure the oldest within the existing park system. During playground inspections, it has been noted that the rubber western entry pad has been deteriorating, inclusive access within the engineered wood fiber (EWF) is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain, climbing structures are losing hand grips, the toe board along the ADA entry ramp is coming loose, the platforms are showing wear and plastic components have started to degrade. This project also includes converting from Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) to synthetic turf safety surfacing similar to LaPrele Park. Future playground replacements will include a more standardized safety surfacing to help with accessibility issues related to EWF. More and more maintenance time is needed to maintain current surfacing within all playground locations and at times, the surfacing may not be accessible. In an effort to maintain safety, accessibility and improved amenities, the play structure has been identified for replacement within the next (2) two years. The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant would offset budget costs incurred by the City and allow for Special Purpose Tax money to help fund additional infrastructure projects.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

N/A

Budget/Fiscal Information:**Revenue**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects	\$108,720.00	2021 LWCF Application
Loans on Project		
Other	\$108,720.00	2018 SPT
Total	\$217,440.00	

Expense

Proposed Project Cost.

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$217,440.00	
Loans on Project		
Grants for Project	\$108,720.00	2020 LWCF Application
Other/Outside Projects		
City's Amount	\$108,720.00	
Contingency	0%	\$0.00
Total Amount	\$217,440.00	

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Attachments:

LWCF Resolution 2020.75.Washington Playground. proposed amendment

LWCF Resolution 2020.75.Washington Playground (original)