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Memorandum

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To: Jim Throop, City Manager

From: Chad Mosley, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Susan Michael, CIP Manager

Re: Update for Memorial Park CIP projects

The status of the three Memorial Park CIP projects is briefly noted below.

Memorial Park Specific Plan (Design of the Park)

The RFQ for the project was publicly posted last week, and submittals are required by March 4th. The tasks required in the project scope respond directly to the needs expressed in the P&R System Master Plan, to consider opportunities for major facilities as well as updating the existing facilities in the Memorial Park.

Memorial Park Amphitheater Improvements

We are writing the RFQ for this project presently. We will be looking for a design/engineering team to address the acoustical needs to the facility, upgrading the electrical system appropriately, relocating some poorly-placed infrastructure (storm drain at the foot of the stage), and improvements to the stage area and adjacent bathrooms.

Memorial Park Pond Removal Project

The City is proceeding with design efforts to remove the ponds at Memorial Park, in conformance with the City Work Plan. The project consists of removal of the concrete pond liners and some restoration to enable the community to utilize the space. The design has taken into consideration that the Memorial Park Master Plan, when complete, may recommend alternative uses in the vicinity of the ponds. Therefore, the design has focused on minimizing improvements that would need to be removed or replaced to accommodate future projects. The majority of the proposed work consists of efforts that would be necessary for future projects, and thus the project is being considered preliminary site preparation work.

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The City has contracted with a design team to prepare plans and specifications to be used for the public bid process. The estimated time of completion for the plans is March 2022.

The final approved plans will include:

- Removal of the existing concrete pond liners and other pond related facilities.
- Backfill, compaction, and grading of suitable soils to fill the resultant voids and to address maintenance needs.
- Minor storm drain work to ensure proper drainage.
- Installation of an asphalt pathway around the backside of the amphitheater stage to allow access through the area without disturbing staged performances.
- Installation of turf to provide usability of the area to the community.
- Installation of low-lying, drought tolerant groundcover around the stage, and in the central pond area surrounding the concrete pagoda statue, to discourage pedestrian access in these areas.
- Revisions to the existing park irrigation system to enable more efficient maintenance operations and to facilitate the growth and health of the turf.

Once the plans are completed, the City will publicly bid the project, with the intent of beginning construction activities in May or June of 2022. Construction activities will be consolidated, to the maximum extent possible, within the area of the ponds to minimize impacts to the public and park users. Construction is anticipated to be completed before September 30, 2022.

Attached to this memo is an exhibit showing a rough layout of the proposed concept.

cc: Dianne Thompson, Assistant City Manager Jimmy Tan, Acting Director, Public Works

