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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

DATE: May 12, 2020

SUBJECT: COUNCIL MOTION OF 2/4/20 BY COUNCILOR NUON
REQUEST CITY MANAGER PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING
INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING AT CLEMENTE FIELD

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) has continued to work on providing lighting at Roberto Clemente Baseball Field at Koumantzellis Park. At this time, an existing conditions survey is underway for Koumantzellis Park. The City engaged a surveyor to conduct the necessary site survey, we are awaiting a response to better determine the expected completion date, although we anticipate it will be complete prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The Planning, Parks and Public Works Departments have recently met to discuss this infrastructure project. At that meeting, it was determined that the initial estimate of \$272,550 presented to Council in 2018 was inaccurate and substantially underestimated the true cost of installation. Materials for the light fixtures themselves are close to \$200,000, not including the work to install them. Other costs such as site survey work, electrical engineering consultant costs, coordination with the utility company, and removal and disposal of the obsolete infrastructure onsite were also not included in the original presentation to the City Council. The revised cost estimate for this infrastructure project is between \$400,000 and \$500,000. During a meeting, the Public Works Department determined they have the in-house capacity to remove and dispose of the existing poles as a cost savings measure for the City.

At this time, funding is in place for the survey work and electrical design work. Once the electrical survey is complete, the City will bid the electrical engineering services to include design of the new system and construction administration during the installation. Due to the magnitude of this project, a bid process is required for electrical engineering services. Planning has received some preliminary quotes for this the Design and believe these costs will be roughly \$15,000. Bidding for design services is anticipated to be completed this summer 2020. The work required to bring a new electrical service to Koumantzellis Park is substantial, and DPD staff believe the cost benefit to the City for planning ahead for future expansion is the most economical strategy to pursue. DPW discussed the removal of the existing wooden poles in the meantime with DPD. This effort can be completed in house by DPW.

Funding beyond the survey and electrical design work has not been identified as of yet. This project is ineligible for state PARC grant funding, due to existing overhead lights within the park that feed electricity to the Bartlett Community Partnership School. When this project had initially been discussed, DPD and DPW identified potential funding sources from other capital project accounts with existing balances, but at this time those funds have been spent on other critical priorities or will be allocated to other critical projects. The two initial project sources included funds originally earmarked for South Common and Cawley Stadium. The current critical needs to maintain the fields at Cawley Stadium make it impossible to shift funds away from Cawley to support work at Koumantzelis Park.

DPD and DPW staff are actively working together to meet and review existing accounts to try and find other funding that may be available. Capital funding or state earmark funding may be the best options for securing funding for this work. Unfortunately, at this time there are no dedicated funds for the installation of lighting at this location once the design work is complete.

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