

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** August 15, 2023

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**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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**From:** Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager  
William L. Royston, Recreation and Parks Director  
Travis Cockerham, Real Estate Administrator

**Council Action Requested:**  
Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property at Long Creek Park along Bethania-Tobaccoville Road. The Purchase Reimburses A Portion of The Acquisition Expenses to the Conservation Fund (North Ward)

**Strategic Focus Area:** Livable Neighborhoods  
**Strategic Objective:** Expand Open Space and Recreational Facilities  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No  
**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

On March 7, 2023, The Conservation Fund, A non-profit corporation acquired 10 lots of vacant land located along Bethania-Tobaccoville Road. The land is approximately 6.39 acres and adjacent to Long Creek Park. The Conservation Fund purchased the property for \$200,000 and the City would acquire it for \$95,000. The proposed property purchase would add buffer area to Long Creek Park and provide nearly 1,000 feet of frontage along Bethania-Tobaccoville Road.

On May 15, 2023 the City Council adopted a resolution to purchase the property from the Conservation Fund. An amendment to the resolution is now being considered and additional approval by City Council is necessary.

A condition of the purchase is that the property’s use is limited by way of a deed restriction or conservation easement so that the property is maintained as buffer area to Long Creek Park, with its use limited to passive recreational activities, such as walking trails, which do not require prepared facilities such as sports fields or pavilions.

**Committee Action:**

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| <b>Committee</b> | CD/H/GG, FC 8/15/2023 | <b>Action</b>  | Approval |
| <b>For</b>       | Unanimous             | <b>Against</b> |          |

**Remarks:**

The property will be purchased with monies from the Park Land Acquisition and Park Development funds that were issued in the City's 2018 General Obligation Bond for capital improvements projects.

The Conservation Fund is prepared to transfer the property to the City. The conveyance will include the parcels noted in Exhibit A.

The resolution authorizes the City to purchase the property at Long Creek Park from the Conservation Fund for a total amount of \$95,000. Staff is in support of the purchase.