

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: October 15, 2024

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

From: Ben Rowe, 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. (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 December 7, 2023, The Conservation Fund, a non-profit corporation, acquired a 6.14 acre parcel of vacant land that is located by Muddy Creek and lies adjacent to Long Creek Park. The Conservation Fund purchased the property for \$33,100 and entered into negotiations with City staff to sell it to the City for \$16,550. The proposed property purchase would add buffer area to Long Creek Park. 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.

The property will be purchased with monies from the Park Land Acquisition and Park Development funds that were included 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 parcel noted in Exhibit A. The attached resolution authorizes the City to purchase the property at Long Creek Park from the Conservation Fund for a total amount of \$16,550. Staff is in support of the purchase.

Committee Action:

Committee	FC- 10/15/2024	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			