

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** September 9, 2019

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

**From:** Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager  
 William L. Royston, Recreation and Parks Director  
 S. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator

**Council Action Requested:**

Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Property at 1640 Bethania-Rural Hall Road for an Addition to Long Creek Park (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:**

In September 2018, the Recreation and Parks Department presented the Long Creek Master Plan to the Public Works Committee and City Council for approval. The master plan was developed through an extensive public input period that included renovated walking trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and many other park amenities. Due to the size of the Long Creek Park, it was recommended that there should be different type of access to the park for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Property has become available which could serve as an addition to Long Creek Park. This additional property will allow much easier and safer access for residents accessing the park from Bethania-Rural Hall Road to amenities at Long Creek Park. The lot is identified as 1640 Bethania-Rural Hall Road and it contains 1.51 acres. It is further identified as Tax PIN 6819-03-3135. The tax value is \$21,600. The property is owned by The Conservation Fund, 1655 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 1300, Arlington, VA 22209. The appraised value is \$24,925 and the owner has agreed to a negotiated purchase price of \$23,000. An additional \$6,250 is requested to cover surveys, environmental reports, appraisals, 2019 taxes and legal fees. These are the

**Committee Action:**

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| <b>Committee</b> | <u>Finance 9/9/2019</u> | <b>Action</b> | <u>Approval</u> |
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**Remarks:**

typical fees the City would have incurred if the property has been purchased directly from the previous owner.

This acquisition would provide an opportunity for additional park access at Long Creek Park. The Recreation and Parks Commission voted in favor of this acquisition at the August 13, 2019 committee meeting.

The attached resolution authorizes the acquisition of property at 1640 Bethania-Rural Hall Road, Tax PIN 6819-03-3135, for a sale price of \$23,000, additional closing costs of \$6,250, for a total cost of \$29,250.