

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-321

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gay

Date of Introduction: April 28, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: April 28, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation; CIP amendment;

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates:

1. \$1,776,499.27, including \$182,274.74 from the Solid Waste Class III Mitigation Fund—Transfer from Retained Earnings account
2. \$1,040,314.02 from the General Trust & Agency—Carryforward Council-Appropriated—Neighborhood Enhancement TRNB04—Cardroom Tax account
3. \$69,472.00 from the ETR Bonds, Series 2004—Autumn Bonds—Investment Pool Earnings account
4. \$484,438.51 from the Parks QOL—William Sheffield Regional Park—DM Other Construction costs account

The funds are appropriated for:

1. Ed Austin Park-Pickleball Courts and Lights—Other Construction Costs account (\$524,999.76)
2. Ed Austin Park-Sports Lighting—Other Construction Costs account (\$703,500.00)
3. Sheffield Park-Sports Lighting—DM Other Construction Costs account (\$484,438.51)
4. Sheffield Park-Sports Lighting—Other Construction Costs account (\$63,561.00)

The bill also amends the 2026-2030 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan approved by Ordinance 2025-505-E to reflect the transfer of funds from the project entitled “Parks QOL-William Sheffield Regional Park” and the appropriation of funds to the projects entitled “Ed Austin Park-Pickleball Courts and Lights”, “Ed Austin Park-Sports Lighting”, and “Sheffield Park-Sports Lighting”.

Background Information: The purpose of these appropriations is to provide funding for various improvements at Ed Austin Park and Sheffield Park. The improvements to Ed Austin Park will include construction of a new pickleball facility and related amenities, as well as installation of new sports lighting and other amenities to expand the use of the existing recreation fields at Ed Austin Park. The improvements to Sheffield Park will include new sports lighting and related amenities to enable expanded use of the park's sports facilities.

Policy Impact Area: Parks and recreation, Capital Improvement Plan, Ed Austin Park, Sheffield Park.

Fiscal Impact: See Bill Summary section above.

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