

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-326

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 25, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2021

Type of Action: Re-appropriation; CIP amendment; emergency approval request

Bill Summary: The bill re-appropriates \$2,550,000 from the Winton Drive Recreational Facility and Park CIP project to Lonnie Miller Regional Park to fund expansion and diversification of the recreational and athletic facilities at the park. The 2021-25 Capital Improvement Program is amended to reflect the transfer of funds from one park project to the other. Emergency approval on one committee cycle is requested because there is an existing bid for ash remediation work at Lonnie Miller Park that will be partially funded by this transfer of funds that needs to move forward in a timely manner.

Background Information: The funding being transferred was originally appropriated to be used for construction of a recreational facility on the site of the former Winton Drive (Owen) landfill site. However, reuse of that site and partnerships for that project are no longer viable. Therefore, these funds will be used for construction of new amenities at nearby Lonnie Miller Park which will be undertaken in conjunction with the ash remediation project occurring on the same site. The ash remediation will be overseen by the Public Works Department and will involve capping the ash with hard surface courts and paving. The hard surface courts and paving are part of a larger Lonnie Miller Park expansion project which calls for construction of amenities including additional parking, basketball courts, pavilions, trails, trees, irrigation, landscape, and a tennis center with clay and asphalt courts, pickle ball, practice courts, and a restroom/shower building which will provide a summer camp option. The Lonnie Miller Park trails will also connect this new tennis center to the Legends Center.

Policy Impact Area: Recreational improvements

Fiscal Impact: The bill re-appropriates \$2,550,000 from a non-viable project to Lonnie Miller Regional Park.

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