

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-348

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life (CMs White, Carrico, DeFoor, Morgan, Pittman and Salem)

Date of Introduction: May 23, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: May 22, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation, CIP amendment, *Ordinance Code* waiver and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$50,000,000 from the Parks & Rec Capital Projects – Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life, DM – Other Construction Costs Account, and \$634,346.53 from various Council District 3 discretionary bond accounts to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for parks and parks facilities projects (total of \$50,634,346.53). The 2023-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan is amended to provide funding for the projects. This bill includes a limited waiver of Section 122.605, *Ordinance Code*, and requires compliance with Section 106.315, *Ordinance Code*. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: As a part of the strategic planning session in May 2021, council identified park improvements/maintenance as a top priority. The Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life was charged to provide recommendations for improvements to citywide parks, senior centers, learning facilities and community centers to address infrastructure, maintenance, and safety needs. The committee approved the list of projects at its February 8, 2023, meeting. The waiver is needed because the project costs and work descriptions for playground replacements and ADA walkway, trails and boardwalk improvements are not yet available. From this appropriation, \$100,000 has been allocated to each of the 14 Council Districts for park projects and improvements for use as determined by the District Council Member, in compliance with Section 106.315, *Ordinance Code*, for use between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2027.

Park projects: Golf Holes & Building: Blue Cypress, Blue Cypress Pool, Ed Austin (2) Softball Field Lighting, Sheffield Pickleball & Lighting, Patton Park Center Design, Beach and Peach Pump Track, Glynlea Park Improvements, Pine Forest Senior Center, St. John's River Park & Friendship, Synthetic Turf Field: Losco (South Field), Russell "Bill" Cook Park Site, Flossie Brunson Field Lighting, Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park & Trail, JP Small Phase II, Brentwood Golf Improvements, West Jacksonville School, Design/1st Phase Const., Extension Office/Canning Center, Synthetic Turf: Bob Hayes (North Field), Lonnie Miller: Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball, Trails, Parking, Fort Family Fishing Pier/Boardwalk, Cecil Ball Field Master Plan, Indoor Pickleball Facility - Cecil Gym, Community Center: Jax Beach, Synthetic Turf Field: Ringhaver (West Field).

Playground replacements: Arlingwood Park, Bob Hayes, Caleb Park, Charles Boobie Clark, Clanzel T. Brown Park, Drew Park, Edwards Park, Fishweir Park, Forestry Tower Park, Fort Caroline /Lonnie Wurn Playground, G.E.N.A Park, Glen Myra, H.T. Jones Community Center, Hogan-Spring Elem Park/Fletcher Morgan, Huguenot Park, Huntington Forest Park, J.S Johnson Park, Jacksonville Heights Elem. Park, Lem Merrett Park, Lovelace Park, Mandarin Park, Marjenhoff Park, McGirts Creek Park, Normandy Sports Complex, Patton Park, Ringhaver Park (Front Location), Riverside Park, Royal Terrace, Ryder Park, San Mateo Neighborhood Park, Scott Park, Southside Park, Tallulah Park, Terrace Park, Timiquana, Victory Park, Wigmore Park, Willowbranch Park.

Boardwalk, trail, walkway improvements: Blue Cypress boardwalk, Ft. Caroline/Lonnie Wurn, Ed Austin – Loop trail, Walter Jones, Losco, Lew Brantley/McGirts, Ringhaver, Bent Creek Bridges (7), Beverly Hills, Terrace Park, Tillie Fowler, Cuba Hunter, James Field.

Policy Impact Area: Special Committee on Parks and Quality of Life – various park improvement projects

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$50,634,346.53

Analyst: Hampsey