

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**October 18, 2016****Page 1 of 2****SUBJECT: UPDATE ON ROCKWOOD PARK GOLF COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT**

The purpose of this report is to provide the City Council with an update on the Rockwood Park Golf Course Renovation Project. As the result of unseasonable weather conditions during May - July of this year, which forced the delay in grassing of the golf course, it has become necessary to postpone the reopening until July 2017. This delay will allow for sufficient turf establishment with the return of warmer temperatures in late spring and early summer.

On September 15, 2015 the City Council authorized a contract with Heritage Links, a division of Lexicon, Inc. (M&C C-27470) in the amount of \$4,488,307.90 for the construction and renovation of the Rockwood Park Golf Course. The project scope included the complete demolition of the 77 year old golf course including existing greens, tees, fairways, irrigation system and cart trails and the installation of new drainage and irrigation systems, cart trails, greens, tees, fairways and sand bunkers. Onsite work began on November 23, 2015. Throughout the project the contractor met all construction milestones including clearing, rough & fine grading and cart trail, drainage and irrigation systems installation. Grassing (both sod and sprigs) was scheduled to commence in May; however due to the unseasonable cool temperatures, grass suppliers could not harvest the grass sprigs for the greens, tees and fairways and sprigging work was force delayed by one month. Grassing began in earnest on June 21. The May temperature delay was exacerbated when the worksite was rendered inaccessible from June 29 through July 14, 2016 due to heavy rainfall in late June and early July. Combined these weather related conditions postponed the grassing process and critical grow-in period during the hotter months of July and August.

Although the grass on the front nine holes is 85%-90% established, the back nine holes are only 55%-60% established. An assessment to open half the course has determined the gain on revenues to expenditures would be marginal. Given the long term investment strategy and sustainability principles upon which this project was undertaken the delay in reopening the entire golf course to allow for a full and healthy grow-in has been determined to be the most prudent course of action.

Although the grow-in and on course maintenance demands will necessitate continued expense, budget adjustments will be made to lessen expenses in such areas as pro and snack shop staffing, merchandising and food and beverage supplies. Amendments have been made to the golf cart fleet lease to postpone receipt of carts until June 2017. These actions will reduce the impact of unrealized revenues.

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Lastly the Park and Recreation Department will work with the Community and Public Engagement Office to ensure that the postponed reopening is effectively communicated to project stakeholders including the Rockwood Park Golf Course Citizens Study Committee, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the golfing public.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Richard Zavala, Park and Recreation Director at (817) 392-5704 or Susan Alanis, Assistant City Manager at (817) 392-6116.

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