



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Funding for the acquisition and development of Central Park is included in the 2010 Capital Improvement Program (see 2010 Capital Budget, Engineering - Other Projects , Project #11 "Central Park", page 253). For the Year 2010, \$982,015 of General Obligation Debt is provided for design, survey, and soil work. A total of \$5,422,003 is projected for the Year 2011, consisting of \$3,149,651 of Federal funding, \$500,000 of Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) funding, \$1,172,352 of General Obligation Debt, and \$600,000 of Parks Development Fees. Funding of \$500,000 is anticipated for the Year 2012, consisting entirely of TIF funding. And finally, a total of \$1,154,800 of TIF funding is projected for the Year 2013.

A total of \$8,058,818 is therefore included in the CIP for the years 2010 - 2013, anticipated from the following sources: Federal funding, \$3,149,651; General Obligation Debt, \$2,154,367; TIF funding, \$2,154,800; and Parks Development Fees, \$600,000. Generation of the TIF funding will require amendment of the plan and boundaries for TID #36 "Capital Gateway."

Title

Accepting the Final Report of the Central Park Design and Implementation Task Force as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan to guide future Park development options; and to extend the work of the Central Park Design and Implementation Task Force to support additional Phase 1 planning and implementation efforts through 2010; and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Center for Resilient Cities, Inc., and Central Park Skate, LLC, to provide for the terms of City operation of lands presently owned by those organizations and creation of a non-profit organization to support the future Central Park.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan, adopted January 17, 2006 (Enactment No. ORD-06-00010, Legislative File ID No. 02207), recommends the adoption of neighborhood plans and special area plans for established residential neighborhoods and other development and redevelopment locations within the City; and

WHEREAS, specific comments regarding Central Park were made at public hearings on the Comprehensive Plan on how community partnership parks, such as Central Park, could fit into Madison's Comprehensive Plan framework which were added to the final Comprehensive Plan document; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Amended Resolution RES-07-00145 (Legislative File ID No. 05128) on January 16, 2007, which created the Central Park Design and Implementation Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the charge of the Task Force was to answer the following questions and report back to the Common Council:

- a) Explore additional lands to be purchased.
- b) Explore options for developing the park in phases and develop a phased implementation strategy for the park.
- c) How does the relationship in terms of governance, financing, management and maintenance of the park work among the parties involved?
- d) What is the final concept plan for the park?
- e) What is the best plan of action regarding moving the railroad tracks?
- f) What do stakeholder groups think about this plan?

- g) What is needed in terms of private fundraising?
- h) Review the proposed park footprint and address the relationship of park space to redevelopment plans in the corridor.
- i) Design integration with other nearby green space; and

WHEREAS, the Final Report to the Council was to include:

1. A final plan of the park to recommend to the Common Council;
2. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between all parties to deal with fundraising, implementation, management, and maintenance of the park;
3. A phased implementations strategy for the park;
4. A draft fundraising plan; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force submitted its Preliminary Report to the Council for acceptance on May 14, 2008, (Legislative File ID NO. 10506) which was accepted by Council on June 3, 2008;

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of the Preliminary Report was to wait on preparing a Final Report until such time or when the Alternative Master Plan was completed and fully studied and reviewed by the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, to help move the planning process along, Madison Gas & Electric contributed \$45,000 toward consultant services for the development of an Alternative Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to prepare the Alternative Master Plan and as a result of the RFP, "3" - a design collaborative of JJR, Inc., Ken Saiki Design, and Schreiber/Anderson Associates was selected as the team to prepare the Alternative Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force selected, "3," to create an Alternative Master Plan to help inform the Task Force's approach to the Plan particularly relating to a Master Plan that would accommodate the existing rail line; and

WHEREAS, as part of their work, "3" donated one-half of their design fee as a match to the project; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force reviewed the Alternative Master Plan prepared by "3," and based upon its review of the Alternative Master Plan, and comments from the public at a public open house and Task Force meetings, has completed its Final Report for review and acceptance by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, there are funds in the adopted 2010 Capital Budget for construction documentation for the Phase 1 improvements based on recommendations contained in this Final Report, the Task Force requests that it continue its work in 2010 working with the project designers, to provide input to Phase 1 construction documents; and

WHEREAS, to create the Park, and begin the planning and design process for the Phase 1 improvements, the City (including staff from the City Attorney's Office, Parks Division, and Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development) worked with the Center for Resilient Cities and Central Park Skate, LLC, to detail the creation of a non-profit organization to support the Park; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed by all parties and is ready for action by the respective parties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council accepts the Final Report of the Central Park Design & Implementation Task force, including by reference Appendix A, B, and C of the Report, as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan to be used to guide future phases of Central Park's

development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in situations where they differ, the recommendations for Central Park contained in the Final Report shall supersede the recommendations for Central Park in the adopted 2004 East Rail Corridor Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council concurs with the request of the Task Force for it to remain engaged in the planning and design process for Phase 1 improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council wishes to express its appreciation to Madison Gas & Electric and "3" for their financial and in-kind contributions to help prepare the Alternative Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff involved in the Central Park Design and Implementation Task Force continues to work with the Task Force and the broader community during 2010 as Phase 1 improvements are designed.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding.