



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: September 11, 2023
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

Receive Report and Consider Adoption of Resolution Approving Budget Amendment BA 23/24-06 for Payment to the Fort Bragg Unified School District for Repairs to the Tennis Courts and Pickleball Courts and Authorizing City Manager to Release Payment (Amount Not to Exceed \$97,600; Account No. 110-4190-0619)

ISSUE:

Pickleball, a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, has seen a significant increase in participation in recent years and was declared the “fastest growing sport in America” by *The Economist*. This popularity is due to its ease to play on a smaller court than tennis, ability to get a workout for all ages, and fun atmosphere amongst players. Due to the smaller dimension requirements of court size (20’ x 44’) for both singles and doubles, installing a co-located or blended tennis/pickleball court includes the ability to offer 1 tennis court along with 2 pickleball courts. While the maximum number of players playing tennis on one court is four people playing doubles, the maximum number playing pickleball using the same space is 8 playing on two courts which further activates the park space. There are currently two pickleball courts at Bainbridge Park though the City frequently received requests from the public to add more.

ANALYSIS:

The City’s population is approximately 7,200 people. Our service extends beyond our borders, serving well over 14,000 people in the community. While the natural areas surrounding the City are valuable for connecting with nature, fresh air, and exercise, they do not serve the same kind of important function as an outdoor community center such as Bainbridge Park. The combination of tennis courts, basketball courts, and playground are essential for fostering community and creating equity among all members of the community.

For the past year or so, we’ve received several requests for more tennis courts and pickleball facilities. With the upcoming improvements at Bainbridge Park there wasn’t enough space to add any more tennis or pickleball courts. We began to seek other opportunities to locate courts within the City limits. The location that was the best fit and providing the greatest community benefit was the Middle School. Their courts were in poor condition and in need of moderate surface repair to bring them back to usable condition. With the support of the Fort Bragg Unified School District, we were able partner with them and complete a great project for the least amount of money, providing the Middle School with courts for physical education during school hours and open these courts up to the public after school is out. This project added two tennis courts and eight pickleball courts, contributing to the health of our community.

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RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Receive report and provide direction to staff.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Receive report and take no action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2023/24 adopted budget for Measure AA/AB- Special projects, is \$70,231. The carried forward balance from the prior year is \$27,369.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT:

Not applicable.

CONSISTENCY:

Consistent with Coastal General Plan Goal OS-17: Provide an attractive system of parks and recreation facilities throughout the City to meet the needs of all age groups and capabilities. Consistent with Coastal General Plan Policy OS-18.2, City/School/Recreation District Cooperation: Continue to encourage City/School/Recreation District cooperation in developing and maintaining park and recreation facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

Project Quote

NOTIFICATION:

None