

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: 11/6/2014**

TO: David A. Vela, Interim City Manager

FROM: James W. Childers, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: Resolution adopting Parks, Recreation and Senior Facilities Master Plan

GENERAL INFORMATION

In August of 2013 the Community Services Department and Halff, Associates, Inc. began development of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Facilities Master Plan, 2014-2024. This plan will replace the previous Parks Master Plan which was last updated in 2007. This document is intended to provide guidance for at least the next ten years and to meet the master plan requirements necessary to qualify the City of Abilene for parks and recreation grants available from the State of Texas.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The plan has been developed with extensive public involvement including surveys, public meetings, and input from organized neighborhood groups. Both the Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission have had input to the plan and have formally recommended it to City Council for adoption.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council approve a resolution adopting the Parks, Recreation and Senior Facilities Master Plan, 2014-2024.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval of the plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

Prepared by:

Name: James W. Childers

Title: Director of Community Services

Item No. 7.8

Disposition by City Council

- Approved Ord/Res# _____
- Denied _____
- Other _____

City Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS ADOPTING THE YEAR 2014 PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Abilene recognizes the need for a Year 2014 Parks, Recreation and Senior Facilities Master Plan "the Plan" to provide goals, assessments, standards, recommendations and strategies for implementation over a ten year period in an effort to provide for and continually improve park and recreational facilities, provide trail opportunities, preserve open spaces and rehabilitate existing parks in the City of Abilene; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of "the Plan" is to provide recreational services desired by the citizens of Abilene, acquire needed open spaces and preserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to address recreational needs in the future, the City of Abilene has sought input from the citizens of Abilene through surveys, public input meetings, the Abilene Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation staff; and that input has been incorporated into "the Plan"; and

WHEREAS, "the Plan" complies with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department master plan guidelines which require parks and recreation needs to be prioritized and addressed in an action plan format; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having taken into consideration the results of the in-depth study conducted by Halff Associates for the City of Abilene, and the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks Board, determines that "the Plan" is reasonable;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Part 1: That the Year 2014 Parks, Recreation and Senior Facilities Master Plan for the City of Abilene, Texas, is hereby officially adopted, as attached hereto and incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.

Part 2: A ten-year Action Plan has been developed to prioritize implementation of the Year 2014 Parks, Recreation and Senior Facilities Master Plan, guide the rehabilitation of existing parks, provide guidance in the application of funding, and suggest alternative funding mechanisms. Adoption of the Year 2014 Parks, Recreation and Senior Facilities Master Plan shall not commit the City of Abilene to specific funding levels or implementation strategies, but shall provide a guidance plan for the City's vision for availability and growth of park and recreational services.

Adopted on this the ____ day of _____, 20____

ATTEST:

Danette Dunlap, City Secretary, TRMC

Norm Archibald., Mayor

APPROVED:

T. Daniel Santee, City Attorney