

February 9, 2026 City Council Workshop

Parks Capital Projects/Parks Master Plan

Funding Options:

- 1) If the Council decides to place a transportation general obligation bond on the ballot in August and if a majority of voters vote in favor of the additional millage to fund the debt service on the bond; the following are funding options for City parks:
 - a. \$2,000,000 in project fund “Smokehouse Creek Bridge” was established to fund the Winterberry Bridge replacement, but was rehabilitated instead, can be closed and moved to Parks.
 - b. \$1,312,223 for “Bridge Replacement” can either be left in this project fund for future bridge replacement or can be moved to Parks Capital. Alternatively this funding could be added to the existing funds for future bridge rehab.
 - c. The tide leveling project currently is funded at \$2,105,570. The City asked the State Legislature for an additional \$1.92M; if the legislative appropriation is approved, the project will be funded. If the appropriation is not successful, I recommend moving this \$2.1M to Parks capital, or deciding today to withdraw from the appropriation process and remove this project altogether.
 - d. There is an additional \$19,567 in Parks Improvements capital funds that can be closed and added to our Parks priority projects.

Recommendation: Consider options a, c, and d above (leaving b for future bridge needs). A, C, and D will total \$4,125,137 to fund the parks projects that Council supports.