



Discussion Item

Date: November 4, 2024

Division: Finance

Subject: First Amended and Restated Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Lewisville for Open Access for Public School Yards as Parks

Background Information:

- As noted in Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, Interlocal Agreements are designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to contract with each other.
- On October 29, 2019, the City of Lewisville and the Lewisville Independent School District entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Open Access for Public School Yards as Parks for an initial five-year period.
- Included in the original Interlocal Agreement is for both Government Entities to review the original agreement prior to the end of the fifth year of its initial term (as defined), and if new amendments are needed, they would be brought forth by each governing body for consideration.
- Both the District and City agree that certain District school yards can be used as public parks for the purpose of providing recreational, cultural, and/or athletic opportunities for the residents of the City of Lewisville, as well as school events, activities, and/or programs for the students of the district.

Administrative Consideration:

- Administrative leadership for both LISD and the City of Lewisville are recommending this first amendment and restatement to the original executed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.
- Highlights to the recommended amendment are outlined below.
 - The City's Healthy Infrastructure Plan includes a goal to ensure all residents live within a ten-minute walk to a quality park or open space. LISD, with location of various elementary and middle schools, provides equitable distribution of school yards through areas in Lewisville where residents do not have access to a quality park or open space within a safe ten-minute walk of their home.
 - The LISD campus sites and the proposed respective school yards include: Rockbrook Elementary, Lakeland Elementary, Lewisville Elementary, Parkway Elementary, Degan Elementary, Central Elementary, Hedrick Middle, Mill Street Elementary, Southridge Elementary, and Memorial Elementary.
 - The District will continue to maintain and continue the current schedule for keeping each school yard in a clean condition and free of the accumulation of dirt, trash,

debris, high grass, and obstructions that may prohibit or impede the use of the school yard for the purposes of the Interlocal Agreement.

- The City shall complement the District's maintenance efforts at each school yard listed by providing weekend trash and debris removal throughout the year. The City will also mow and maintain each school yard during the summer break.
- Before December 31, 2025, the District is required to install both playground equipment and make site improvements for both district and community use with input from the City of Lewisville at the Hedrick Middle School park/school yard.
- Before December 31, 2025, the City is required to replace the existing playground at Queen Margaret Park located adjacent to Castle Hills Elementary with design input from LISD representatives. This playground and equipment would serve the students, Castle Hills Elementary, and the community.
- The proposed and amended term of the agreement would be effective from the approval and formal execution of both parties and continue until August 22, 2041. The Interlocal Agreement does allow for an early termination upon agreement by both governing bodies.
- This agreement also provides language that both parties can mutually agree to amend this Agreement at any time if approved by both governing entities.