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Town Manager



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Thursday, October 12, 2023
TO: Town Clerk
FROM: Michael Borg *MMB 120523*
CC: Steve Carvalho Parks and Recreation Director
Erin Mastalerz Office Manager
Linda Catanzariti Town Accountant
Chris Sweet Treasurer/Accountant
RE: **Measure 2024-016- Authorization to transfer and repurpose \$28,000.00 from FY23 Capital Improvement Project- Park and Recreation Mason Field Playground Equipment (FY22 Free Cash), for upgrades to the Mason Filed Playground Complex Upgrades.**

Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré
Measure 2024-016- Authorization to transfer and repurpose \$28,000.00 from FY23 Capital Improvement Project- Park and Recreation Mason Field Playground Equipment (FY22 Free Cash), for upgrades to the Mason Filed Playground Complex .

Purpose and Justification:

The following proposed upgrades to the Mason Filed Playground Area would complete the Mason Field Complex. The new fields, dugouts, and playground look phenomenal and these last finishing touches would enhance the complex. We are investing in a communal space that encourages and enhances community participation.

- 1. \$10,000 to loam and seed the area around the entire playground grounds.**
We planned on doing this in the next few weeks as we wanted to wait until the fall and baseball season was over
- 2. \$10,000 to fix and paint guardrails around the playground and park**
The guardrails are about 20 years old and this would give the area a fresh, safe and clean look. Also wanted to wait until the park slowed down from baseball.
- 3. \$8,000 to move the batting cages away from the playground**
We need to move the cages as they are to close to the playground. We needed to do this off season.

These investments align with the Town values, vision, and the strategic priority of building a thriving community. We respectfully seek approval for funding these renovations/upgrades to the Mason Filed Complex in the amount of \$28,000.00 from existing authorizations.

In Measure 2022-082-General Government Capital Improvement Plan -FY2022 Free Cash- \$450,000.00 was allocated to the Mason Field Playground Equipment. There is currently a balance of \$40,049.37 left in this account. The request would be to transfer \$28,000.00 from account number 30650082-585001. The balance left in this account would be approximately \$12,000.00, will be closed out and fall back to Free Cash.

The Town Council met on September 18, 2023, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to refer Measure 2024-016- Authorization to transfer and repurpose \$28,000.00 from FY23 Capital Improvement Project- Park and Recreation Mason Field Playground Equipment (FY22 Free Cash), for upgrades to the Mason Filed Playground Complex to the Finance Sub-Committee for further discussion and review.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan.

Motion carried. 8-0 UNANIMOUS

The Finance Sub-Committee met on October 2, 2023, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan, to refer Measure 2024-016- Authorization to transfer and repurpose \$28,000.00 from FY23 Capital Improvement Project- Park and Recreation Mason Field Playground Equipment (FY22 Free Cash), for upgrades to the Mason Filed Playground Complex, back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0. UNANIMOUS

The Town Council met on October 11, 2023, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to approve Measure 2024-016- Authorization to transfer and repurpose \$28,000.00 from FY23 Capital Improvement Project- Park and Recreation Mason Field Playground Equipment (FY22 Free Cash), for upgrades to the Mason Filed Playground Complex.

Councilor Slobogan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0. UNANIMOUS