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Staff Report: LWCF Grant Update

As previously reported, the City of Maitland was recently awarded \$200,000 to be used towards improvements for Ft. Maitland Park by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. We will soon be receiving a grant agreement and once the agreement is fully executed the City will have three years to construct these improvements in order to receive this funding.

In the last year, it had been determined by Staff and PRAB that Hill Rec Park would be the next facility to be addressed. However, due to these latest developments it is proposed to begin the Ft. Maitland Park project first and pursue the Hill Rec Park improvement project once Ft. Maitland Park is substantially underway. It is envisioned that the construction design for Ft. Maitland could be completed in FY18. This will then allow ample time for bid preparation, bidding, awarding the contract, mobilization and construction. Once this construction is fully underway it is proposed that the planning process for Hill Rec Park could begin. Getting the Ft. Maitland Park project fully started will allow extra time to account for any unforeseen circumstances that could delay the project and should still leave time for it to be completed comfortably within the full three year period. It should also be noted that the grant award will also require additional reporting and bookkeeping which is more of a burden that will add in to the administrative needs and time spent on this project.

Regarding the additional funding that will be required for this project, the City Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will need to be amended to make the Ft. Maitland construction project happen in this time frame. On March 27, 2017, the City Council approved a resolution that should this project receive funding from the LWCF program, that the CIP would be amended to include \$125,000 in FY18 for design and engineering, and \$800,000 in FY19 for construction using funds from Fund 65 (the parks trust fund). This adjustment was done specifically with the purpose in mind of satisfying additional requirements of the grant and receiving additional scoring points on the grant application. As it turns out, if these 10 extra points were not received for this very item this grant application would have received \$0 in this year's application cycle.

In conclusion, technically, this funding amendment has already taken place and the CIP will be adjusted to allow for the Ft. Maitland project to commence in the coming fiscal years. This information is being presented to PRAB to inform members that the funding adjustment mechanism is in place to allow for the Ft. Maitland improvement project to happen in the required time frame and to receive members support for placing the Ft. Maitland project ahead of the Hill Rec. project on the CIP priority list.