

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
FROM: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation
MEETING: March 23, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff direction regarding the scope for Phase I of the Burleson Legacy Park. (*Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Great Place to Live Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	4.1.2 5 Year Capital Program Implementation

SUMMARY:

The Community Park project, now formally named Burleson Legacy Park, was identified as a priority project in the City’s 2019 Parks Master Plan. The City acquired the property for the park in February 2023, preserving the site for future civic and recreational use.

Public engagement efforts were conducted between 2024 and 2025 to help shape the vision, priorities, and desired amenities for the park. Based on those efforts and Council direction, a professional design contract was executed in 2025 to begin formal planning and design of the park.

As the project has advanced, staff has refined the scope of work to align with available funding, infrastructure needs, and a phased implementation strategy that allows the park to grow over time while delivering meaningful public benefit in Phase I.

PHASE I SCOPE

Phase I focuses on establishing the foundational infrastructure and core park elements necessary to support future amenities and long-term functionality. The refined Phase I scope includes:

- Public roadway infrastructure
- Parking lot

- Softball fields
- Site grading
- Pond construction
- Natural trail system
- Rain garden and stormwater infrastructure

These elements are intended to prepare the site, provide early public access, and support subsequent phases of development.

FULL BUILD-OUT CONTEXT

For reference, the full build-out of Burleson Legacy Park is anticipated to include additional amenities beyond Phase I, such as:

- Sports courts
- Stage / amphitheater and event lawn
- Sports field concession and restroom facilities
- Additional softball fields
- Food truck court
- Inclusive, nature-themed playground
- Expanded trail network
- Pond enhancements and fishing pier
- Dog park

These elements are planned for future phases and are not included in the current Phase I scope.

The current Opinion of Probable Cost for Phase I infrastructure and associated additive alternates is estimated at \$10,118,758.

Identified funding sources include:

- Available 4A funding: \$5,000,000
- Available 4B funding: [to be determined / under review]

Staff is seeking Council feedback on scope priorities and potential adjustments to align the Phase I program with available funding while maintaining the long-term vision for the park.

PROJECT TIMELINE

The anticipated timeline for Phase I is as follows:

- Bid: Early May 2026
- Award: July 2026
- Construction duration: Approximately 12 months
- Target ribbon cutting: August 2027

NEXT STEPS

Following Council discussion and direction, staff will:

- Finalize the Phase I scope
- Prepare bid documents consistent with Council priorities
- Advance the project into procurement and construction

Staff will continue to return to Council with updates as the project progresses and as future phases are evaluated.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval as presented.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

October 20, 2025-Council directed staff to proceed with naming the park Burleson Legacy Park.

REFERENCE:

Insert CSO# if applicable

Insert resolution or ordinance change

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue:

Account Number(s):

Fund:

Account Description:

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