



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Michelle Fischer, City Administrator

Council Meeting Date: April 21, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: **Discussion and possible action to approve the Road and Easement Interlocal Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Dripping Springs Independent School District regarding Rathgeber Natural Resource Park. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Michelle Fischer, City Administrator

Summary/Background: The City has requested access to Rathgeber Natural Resource Park through property owned by the District located at 294 Mira Vista Dr. The District has offered access to the City through the draft Road and Easement Interlocal Agreement. Major points of the agreement are:

- District and City agree to enter into future agreement that grants an easement and right of way to City by District.
- City will assume maintenance responsibility of Phase I when the City begins construction of Phase II of the road.
- Easement will be used for construction of Phase II of the road and associated improvements; testing, inspections, and surveys necessary for completion of construction; and to access City's park property.
- DSISD will provide City access to property for surveying, inspection, and coordination of construction.
- City's Project Manager will coordinate construction of Phase II of the road with DSISD staff.
- Granting easement to the City serves a public purpose and provides a public benefit, and will be granted without monetary consideration.
- City will bear all costs associated with design, permitting, construction, operation, and maintenance of Phase II of the road.
- The City will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of Phase I of the road once construction of Phase II begins.
- DSISD will deliver survey, title commitment, exception documents, known encroachments, utility conflicts, and any existing easements affecting the corridor within 6 months of the effective date of the Interlocal Agreement.

- Phase I road contractor will provide two year maintenance bond following City's acceptance of Phase I road, naming City as an obligee.
- City will not allow any waste on property, allow/create a nuisance to exist on property, or use property for any unlawful purpose.

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Approve the Interlocal Agreement

Attachments:

Draft Interlocal Agreement, including Attachment A - Description of Property; and Attachment B - Description of Easement; ~~and Attachment C - Form of Easement.~~

Next Steps/Schedule:

Notify District of City Council action.