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City Council Agenda Item

Title of Agenda Item: Renaming of Parks and Recreation Division to Grounds Maintenance Division– Public Works

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Council Meeting Date: 10-7-2024

Background/History:

Currently, the Parks and Recreation Division within the Public Works Department focuses primarily on landscaping, maintenance, and repair of city properties, including parks and rights-of-way. However, the name "Parks and Recreation Division" has led to confusion, particularly between this division and the Parks and Leisure Department, which handles recreational programming, park events, and leisure activities.

To avoid overlap and clarify duties, staff is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Division be renamed to the Grounds Maintenance Division.

Renaming this division provides a clearer understanding of the specific duties it handles, which include:

- Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance: Management of Starr Park, and other public spaces.
- Maintenance of City-Owned Properties and Right-of-Ways: Ensuring the upkeep of green spaces, streetscapes, and medians within the City's rights-of-way.

This clear distinction will help both internal operations and public understanding of the division's responsibilities. The renaming is also part of the broader recommendations from a meeting between the Executive team and Public Works staff to improve efficiency and communication within departments.

If approved, the department will officially adopt the Grounds Maintenance Division name and update all relevant documents, signage, and communication materials to reflect this change.

Action Requested from Council:

Council approval to officially rename the Parks and Recreation Division to the Grounds Maintenance Division.

Cost: \$ 0

Budgeted for: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Financial Impact:
