



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 02/14/2023

REQUESTER: Jason Olsen

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Parks and Recreation Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2122-75: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY APPROPRIATING \$114,164 FROM THE CAPITAL OUTLAY PORTION OF THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW GOLF CARTS FOR WESTWOOD GOLF COURSE.

BACKGROUND:

Westwood Golf Course is an 18-hole public golf course that opened in 1966. The Westwood Golf Course averages 35,000 rounds annually and has numerous programs, including leagues, camps, and tournaments. The Westwood Golf Course also hosts the Westwood Invitational Golf Tournament on the 4th of July every year, the largest open stroke play tournament in the State of Oklahoma.

DISCUSSION:

The Westwood Golf Course asked to replace 53 golf carts with Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) systems for fiscal year 2022-2023 (FYE23) out of the Capital Fund. The request included a plan for a 5-year lease for the golf carts. After ordering the golf carts, the lease from EZGO included a high-interest rate, with the City paying \$32,000 in interest payments over the five-year lease. City Staff has reviewed the proposal and believes it would be in the City's best interest to purchase the golf carts outright from the vendor instead of entering into a lease agreement.

The total cost for purchasing the 53 golf carts from the vendor is \$406,320.79. Westwood Golf Course would trade in 53 older golf carts worth \$150,000 in this transaction, which would decrease the purchase price of the golf carts to \$256,320.79. The Westwood Golf Course did not purchase any golf carts during FYE22, which left an available balance of \$69,650 in the capital equipment account. For FYE23, there is a capital equipment allocation of \$72,507, for a total allocation of \$142,157 available in the capital equipment account. This leaves the Westwood Golf Course needing an additional \$114,163.79 for the golf cart purchases.

With the purchase of these 53 golf carts, Westwood Golf would not need to order golf carts again for up to five years. These carts also include the lowest-end GPS that EZGO offers installed in

the golf carts. The GPS will be used only as a maintenance and theft prevention feature. The GPS does not have a display in the cart, and Westwood staff can have the golf carts automatically shut down if the carts are driven in blocked-off areas or removed from Westwood property.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council and the Norman Municipal Authority approve an appropriation of \$114,163.79 from the Capital Fund Balance (Account 50-29000) to the Westwood Golf Maintenance, Other (Account 29970231-45199).