



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 11/14/2023

REQUESTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks & Recreation

PRESENTER: Elisabeth Muckala, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-80: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TRANSFERRING \$37,609.76 FROM THE REIMBURSEMENTS-REFUNDS-MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR THE SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2015, Norman citizens passed the NORMAN FORWARD initiative, funding various quality-of-life projects through a one-half percent (½%) sales tax increase over fifteen (15) years. The NORMAN FORWARD initiative included authorization for a project to construct a new Senior Citizen's Recreation Center. After ongoing community input, the project's scope was expanded into a Senior Wellness Center, later named the Adult Wellness and Education Center (AWE).

The AWE will be located on City-owned land on the southeast corner of Norman Regional Health System's (NRHS) Porter Wellness Village, off North Findlay Avenue. The new AWE will include an indoor, heated saltwater pool with lap swimming, water walking, and hydrotherapy seating; an indoor walking track and training space; a fitness classroom area; lounge and game rooms; both wet and dry craft areas; a small prep and demonstration kitchen; and multipurpose rooms that can be used for eating, events, classes, theatrical plays, games, and much more.

The property on which the AWE project is located is directly adjacent, to the east, of property owned by the Norman Regional Hospital Authority d/b/a Norman Regional Health System (NRHS) and subject to a long-term lease by NRHS to NEP Norman, LP ("NEP Parcel"). As a long-term ground lessee, NEP has constructed a structure on the NEP Parcel and coordinated with the City of Norman regarding construction of a fire circulation drive for the joint use and benefit of the City Parcel and NEP Parcel.

On October 10, 2023, the City Council approved Contract K-2324-84 Compensation Agreement with NEP Norman, LP for AWE Center Fire Circulation Drive Construction. The Agreement provided that NEP is responsible to pay fifty percent (50%) of the construction cost associated with the portion of the Fire Circulation Drive that sits on the City Parcel. NEP's share of the

construction cost under the Agreement was \$37,609.76. The City deposited these funds in the General Fund revenue account Reimbursements-Refunds-Miscellaneous General (Account 109-365251). An appropriation is needed to move the funds into the AWE project budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends approval of R-2324-80 to transfer the funds of \$37,609.76 from revenue account Reimbursements-Refunds-Miscellaneous General (Account 109-365251) to the Norman Forward Fund, Senior Wellness Center Project, Construction account (51793365-46101; Project NFP111) for use in the AWE project budget.