



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 25-R-31 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Finalize/Secure a \$1 Million Term Facility with Arvest Bank to Fund Upgrades to JR Martin Park.

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Date: August 5, 2025

Issue Statement

To approve up to \$1 million in additional debt for Parks & Recreation to complete the JR Martin Park Upgrade - debt service to be funded by the ¼ Cent Parks Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Discussion and Analysis

- In March 2023, the City of Republic borrowed \$10 million amortized over 22 years in the Series 2023 Bond Offering to:
 - Fund the expansion of the Aquatic Facility (“RUSH”),
 - Improve/enhance JR Martin Park (“JRM Project”), and
 - Begin initial engineering/architectural work on a new Regional Sports Complex (“RSC”).
- To date, Parks & Recreation has completed:
 - The expansion of the RUSH.
 - New tennis courts/pickle ball courts in Miller Park adjacent to the RUSH. (in anticipation of removing them as part of the JRM Project).
 - Those two projects alone have consumed \$8.7 million of the \$10 million Series 2023 Bond Offering, leaving \$1.3 million for JRM Project:
- In 2024, Parks received JRM Project initial bids, but the estimated cost of the JRM Project was more than \$2.6 million and the JRM Project was put on hold to reassess.
 - Subsequently, Parks & Recreation has scaled back/redesigned the JRM Project to fit closer to a \$2.0 – 2.3 million budget.
 - Additionally, we have applied for a \$500K Grant and should know by the end of August whether that funding source will come through.

The Parks & Recreation Department held off re-issuing the bids until adequate funding could be identified.

- On Thursday July 24, 2025, Arvest Bank Loan Committee approved an Up To \$1 million facility to be used to complete the JRM Project, subject to City Council approval.
- Therefore, upon approval of this additional funding source, the next steps include:
 - Parks & Rec to re-issue the bid requirements for the modified JRM Project, with bid responses expected in late August 2025.
 - Upon selecting a winning bid, construction should begin in early fall with completion expected May 2026.
 - Please see Debt Service & Funding (projected ¼ cent Parks Capital Improvement Sales Tax) on following page.

Terms

- Rate – Wall Street Journal Prime Rate less 50 bps.
- Five-year amortization.
- Origination fee – 25 bps of amount drawn down.



Recommendation

With the completion of the RUSH in 2024 and the expected completion of the JR Martin Park Upgrade Project in 2026, the City will have completed two of the major projects identified during the discussions regarding the ¼ cent Parks Capital Improvement Sales Tax renewal in 2022. Staff recommends approval.

Debt Service & Funding

Year	Series 2023 Bonds	Arvest Term Facility ¹	Total	¼ Cent Parks CIST	Growth Rate
2024 - Actual	\$710,775	\$0	\$710,775	\$1,077,022	Actuals > Budget
2025 - Budget	\$487,475	\$0	\$487,475	\$1,071,187	1.5% over Budget
2026	\$519,175	\$243,891	\$763,066	\$1,087,255	1.5%
2027	\$539,675	\$243,891	\$783,566	\$1,103,563	1.5%
2028	\$568,975	\$243,891	\$812,866	\$1,120,117	1.5%
2029	\$601,775	\$243,891	\$845,666	\$1,136,919	1.5%
2030	\$628,075	\$243,891	\$871,966	\$1,153,972	1.5%

Notes

¹ Assumes current Prime Rate of 7.5% less 50 bps = 7.0%