



MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard McNabb, Mayor
City Council

FROM: Stevie Cox, City Manager

VIA:

CC: Bob Wilhoit, City Attorney
Crystal Postell, Finance Director

DATE: November 7, 2023

REF: Trinity Parks and Recreation Master Plan Strategic Planning Funding Request

Summary:

The City of Trinity has been awarded an \$80,000 Strategic Planning Grant from Randolph County to cover the cost for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the construction of a multi-purpose park and recreation complex.

Background:

In 2001, the City of Trinity acquired a 31.38-acres site that was going to be used for the construction of a new city hall and a park. At this same time, the City had a parks and recreation master plan conducted that gave several options for the development of the parks and a phase construction approach. Furthermore, it included a plan for the development of greenways and trail system.

Recently, the City has approved the ten residential development subdivisions that will create over 1,400 homes over the next five years. Trinity population will grow from 7,100 to almost 10,000 people over this period. There will be an increase in demand for recreational opportunities for families and adults that is located inside the Trinity City Limits.

In 2022, the City Council established as a goal for the construction of a new park that would benefit our residents. This was included in the City Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 and Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024. In 2023, the City Council approved and adopted the new Vision Trinity Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The

Comprehensive Plan stated that “The City is experiencing growth in residential and non-residential development. Trinity residents highlight the need for more recreation space, greenways, and recreational activities for all ages, especially the youth. Residential throughout the public participation in creating this comprehensive plan, wanted more recreation spaces in planned parks”.

The Randolph County Strategic Plan Grant would allow the City of Trinity to move forward with securing a firm to develop a Master Plan for this site. This would include the construction of a new park and the development of greenways and trails. Once the Master Plan has been completed, the City would be able to leverage the results of this study to secure a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant. In addition, we would seek additional funding to complete each phase of this park. The park would allow for the City to have dedicated public space for community events and a festival. Furthermore, it is a goal for this park to serve as a veteran’s park to remember those who have served and given their lives on behalf of our Country.

On November 6, 2023, the Randolph County Commissioners received a presentation from Trinity City Manager and Councilman Robbie Walker about how the City would use this grant. Mr. Walker stated that the funds would be used to cover the cost of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Cox stated that the City would also leverage those funds and the study to secure additional grant funding to construct and develop the park. After some additional discussion, the Randolph County Commissioners approved and awarded the City of Trinity an \$80,000 Strategic Planning Grant.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council approved to accept the Randolph County Strategic Planning Grant for \$80,000 Strategic Planning Grant that will be used to cover the cost of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Furthermore, Staff request that the City Council approve to allow staff to move forward with releasing a request for proposals for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.