



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT REPORT

<b>Council Date:</b> July 23, 2024	<b>Department:</b> Planning & Development and Parks	<b>Presented By:</b> Toni Fisher, Director
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### AGENDA ITEM: PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

No park improvements have been done for the FY2023-24 budget year, but rather, planning for potential improvements and additions to our park system. Keeping expenditures minimal to only regular maintenance items and supplies has kept our expenses well below budget, with 92% of its budget remaining, as intentionally expected. Status update by project, as follows:

- **Christmas Lighting:** We've communicated with the contractor, Murphy Christmas Lighting, for this year's Christmas lighting, and are planning the addition of Kings Gate Park's roadway trees and the roofline of the Public Safety Building.
- **Landscaping & Mowing Contract:** The addition of Kings Gate Park has come with some scheduling adjustments, and the addition of other areas related to the drainage project, but I&E Services is doing a great job keeping up with the changes.
- **Willow Park Trail System:** The new "Trinity Track" mountain bike trail has been cut in by Shadow Trail Designs and the Weatherford Mountain Bike Club, has its emergency markers and trail kiosk signage in place, and is planned to open the week of July 22, 2024. The opening will be announced on the WMBC's media pages and shared by the City. Trail features are planned to be added beginning this Fall.
- **Cross Timbers Park:** Jakob Cooper, our Parks Superintendent and Public Works employee, replaced all of the mulch in playground flower beds. The sprinkler system has been adjusted, yet again, and Jakob continues maintenance and cleaning of the restrooms.
- **Memorial Park:** Lawn maintenance continues. The flower beds are not planned to be reconstructed at this point since the sprinkler system is no longer operational due to the old City Hall's demolition.
- **Kings Gate Park:** Westwood Professional Services has begun working on the programming recommendations for Kings Gate Park and is due to meet with Staff to discuss their proposed park improvements this month. The expense of \$32,400, which is within the existing FY2023-24 Parks Budget, was approved by City Council on May 14, 2024, and the first installment has been paid.
- **City Hall Grounds:** Westwood Professional Services, Inc. is in the process of completing 90% construction documents for the parking lot/frontage renovation project plans in progress.
- **Billboards:** The westbound billboard was changed to be the same as the westbound, which has a higher contrast for our logo to stand out better. This expense was \$720, which is available within the HOT Tax fund.
- **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Program:** Planned for Spring 2025.