

## **Discussion Questions: 2025 Proposed Budget – Parks Dept.**

### General Government:

What is the relationship between the ATP and the Transportation and Mobility Plan? What stage are those initiatives in, what are the deliverables, and when can Council anticipate updates? Are there any opportunities to reduce costs or the duration of these plans? Why are multiple and different consultants being used?

Please be prepared to share status updates and timelines for each capital project underway or planned for 2025.

Please be prepared to discuss training and professional development planned for director, managers and superintendents, and other key staff members.

What is the planned spending for promotional materials, and how do the promotional items support sustainability principles?

### Parks Dept.:

Please provide a Parks and Rec org chart with and without the 2025 staffing request so that we can visually compare spa of control now versus proposed future state.

Is there a difference in the reclassification for Supervisor to Superintendent? Is this reflected in the salary and benefits figure on p. 85? If so, how much of that change is attributable to the reclassification?

What is the status of the contract with OHM in terms of evaluating or planning for a new action/adventure/skate park?

Please discuss the overall outlook on incorporating sustainability principles into the programming, events, maintenance, and capital improvements for Parks and Rec departments in 2025.

Before Issue 29, funds were not sufficient to replace playground elements in accordance with their expected useful life. Is the current replacement cycle on track to replace and maintain playground elements in accordance with generally accepted useful life cycles?

Are there any intentions to explore the feasibility of either improving the drainage of the existing grass baseball diamonds at Academy Park, or installing field turf infields? If so, what is the estimated timeline to completion?

With the efforts to expand housing opportunities by the economic development team, is the Parks Dept. actively seeking opportunities to add additional athletic field space to meet increased demand from a growing population? If so, what is the estimated funding request for such acquisition?

Please be prepared to discuss any beautification initiatives resulting from the request to establish a horticulture division? Will Veterans Memorial Park be included in any 2025 focus areas?

p. 82 – Please provide an update on the progress towards a fully developed street tree program?

p. 85 – Please explain what is driving the increase in contract services.

p. 115 – Does the asphalt lot maintenance item (\$100k) exclude Academy Park given the recent presentation to council? If so, what lots are being considered for 2025?

p. 115 – For the Price Road House renovations, are there additional renovations anticipated outside of what is budgeted for 2025? It looks like the CIP calls for another \$110k.

p 115 – Are there some park entrance signs that haven't been replaced yet? If so, which ones?

p. 115 – Please provide more detail about what work is specifically to be performed as part of the Morse Road Multi-use Trail Tunnel Drainage and which TIF is providing the funding.

P 137 – Can you provide more information about what is being presented in the table on this page?