REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 11-28-16 Item No.: 15.a

Department Approval

City Manager Approval

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Item Description: Park Capital Funding Policy Discussion

1 BACKGROUND

2 In the summer of 2015, the City Council suggested that the Finance Commission and the Parks

and Recreation Commission review and provide a recommendation on a Park Capital Funding

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6 Mayor Roe prepared and suggested a draft policy for the Commissions and staff to consider. The draft policy is included in your packet.

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At their July 2015 meeting, the Finance Commission reviewed and discussed the draft policy that Mayor Roe prepared to consider. Their suggested adjustments to that policy are included in your packet.

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In September of 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and discussed the draft policy that Mayor Roe prepared to consider. Their suggested adjustments are included in your packet.

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In September of 2015, representatives of the Finance Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission met to discuss the draft policy. That meeting resulted in representatives of both commissions generally feeling pretty comfortable with the proposed policy with the understanding that a minimum balance (amount yet to be identified) would always be held for potential acquisition. As outlined in each Commission recommendation, the minimum balances are different.

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In September 2016, the Cedarholm Golf Course Clubhouse Replacement Advisory Team provided their overall recommendations and suggested that the Park Dedication Fund be used as a source of revenue to replace the clubhouse. Included in your packet is the Executive Summary of that report.

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Park Dedication Funds can only be used for parkland acquisition or capital improvements and cannot be used for ongoing maintenance.

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Over time, the City has experienced wide fluctuations in the collections of Park Dedication fees. This is summarized in the chart below.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Collected</u>		<u>Expended</u>	
2005	\$	216,112	\$	_
2006	l 	131,500		_
2007		53,738		-
2008		6,000		
2009	1	1,000		43,928
2010				56,003
2011		512,000		12,218
2012	1	3,000		_
2013		634,345		5,175
2014				256,281
2015		188,986		52,500
2016 (YTD)		256,300		127,536
	\$	2,002,981	\$	553,640

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40 41 The Park Dedication Fund has a current fund balance of approximately \$1,384,765 million. Just prior to 2004, the Fund had a negative cash balance due to the acquisition of parkland adjacent to Twin Lakes which was eventually financed by Park Dedication fees.

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POLICY OBJECTIVEIt is the policy of the City to plan for infrastructure sustainability.

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FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This discussion does not have any direct financial impacts. Park Dedication Funds can only be used for capital improvmenet projects and land acquisitioin.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Attachments:

- A: Mayor Roe Suggested Park Capital Funding Draft Policy
- B. Finance Commission Recommended Park Capital Funding Draft Policy
- C. Parks and Recreation Commission Recommended Park Capital Funding Draft Policy
- D. Cedarholm Golf Course Resident Advisory Team Final Report Executive Summary

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1 2	Park Capital Funding Policy – DRAFT Mayor Roe Suggested Draft Policy										
3 4 5	Purpose										
6 7 8	To assure adequate funding for long-term Park System capital replacement and reh funding.										
9	Policy										
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18		The City will use two sources of funds for Park System capital expenditures: O A tax levy supported Park Improvement Fund O A Park Improvement sub-fund of the Park Dedication Fund For purposes of this policy, in accordance with State Statutes, the City Council finds that a nexus exists between citywide park improvements and land subdivisions because such subdivisions result in increased demand on citywide park system assets, requiring their timely replacement or rehabilitation.									
19 20		poses will be funded from both the end of the previous year									
21 22 23 24 25 26		The annual tax levy for the Park Improvement Fund will be set by the City Council based on projected expenditures in accordance with the Capital Investment Policy, net of projected funding provided by the Park Improvement sub-fund of the Park Dedication Fund.									
27 28 29		Initially, the Park Improvement sub-fund of the Park Dedication Fund shall be established at [\$400,000], with the balance of the Park Dedication Fund at that time established as a Park Acquisition sub-fund.									
30 31 32		The City Council may transfer funds between the sub-funds of the Park Dedication Fund as appropriate for projected capital spending and acquisition needs.									
33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40		Once the Park Improvement and Park Acquisition sub-funds of the Park Dedication Fund have been established, all subsequent Park Dedication receipts shall be allocated [2/3] to the Park Improvement sub-fund and [1/3] to the Park Acquisition sub-fund. The City Council may amend the allocation of receipts between the sub-funds of the Park Dedication fund as appropriate for projected capital spending and acquisition needs, with amended allocations recorded here:									
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