

RESOLUTION NO. 753

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DIRECTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE BENEFITS AND POTENTIAL CHALLENGES OF FORMING A METRO PARKS DISTRICT TO FUND PARKS AND RECREATION INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR CREATING, MANAGING AND OPERATING A DISTRICT, LEVEL OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO MEET THE CITY'S LONG-TERM PARKS AND RECREATION VISION FOR THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS

WHEREAS, the City Council's 2013-2014 goals identified "long range Parks, Recreation and Senior Center needs" as one of its primary goals; and

WHEREAS, through anticipated future growth and development, the City's density is expected to increase; and

WHEREAS, future growth is expected to increase demand for Parks, Recreation and Senior Center services; and

WHEREAS, the City's long-range financial forecast anticipates declining revenues available for City services, including parks, recreation and senior center services in 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City to develop a funding strategy for meeting those needs; and


WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Commission has studied Parks, Recreation and Senior Center needs including options for funding those needs and recommends in depth study of a Metro Parks District style of funding to maintain service levels and meet the City's long-term Parks and Recreation needs over the next twenty years service levels

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

The Parks and Recreation Commission is directed to further study the benefits and potential challenges of forming a Metro Parks District within the City of University Place. The Commission will evaluate options for governance, financial revenue, organizational design as it relates to operating costs, and control of assets.

The Commission will report progress and status of their study in August of 2014 and submit a final report for Council consideration by the fourth quarter of 2014.


ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 7, 2014.


Denise McCluskey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emelita Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Steve Victor, City Attorney