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STAFF REPORT

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Amendment #2 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Golden Eagle Regional Park Little League Parking Lot between Washoe County and the City of Sparks to extend the term to June 30, 2020; and authorize Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro to execute all current or future time extension amendments and all appropriate City of Sparks related agreements and documents. (Commission District 4.)

SUMMARY

This item requests a second extension to the term of the November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Golden Eagle Regional Park Little League Parking Lot Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Sparks from June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020. A time extension is required to complete an environmental assessment and secure final approval from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 19, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Golden Eagle Regional Park Little League Parking Lot between Washoe County and the City of Sparks to extend the term to June 30, 2019.

On June 27, 2017, the Board approved an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Golden Eagle Regional Park Little League Parking Lot [WC-1-\$300,000] between Washoe County and the City of Sparks effective June 27, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

On March 27, 2007, the Board awarded an Agreement with the City of Sparks for use of WC-1 Bond funds toward the development of the Golden Eagle Regional Park in the amount of \$1,330,850.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

In the November 2000 election, voters approved WC-1, authorizing the sale of bonds for the purpose of acquiring, improving and equipping parks, trails and open space. The Board approved a specific project list on April 25, 2000, which included the Spanish Springs Canyon Regional Park, (now known as the Golden Eagle Park and Sports Complex or Golden Eagle Regional Park).

Washoe County participated in the construction of the initial Golden Eagle Park and Sports Complex in 2007/2008 by contributing \$1,330,850 of WC-1 proceeds. All additional funding for construction of the sports complex, along with operations, maintenance and improvements are the responsibility of the City of Sparks.

The facility is a popular site and enjoys heavy use as a community and regional location for youth and adult athletics. The original master plan included additional parking, which has proven to be badly needed.

In June 2017, Washoe County and the City of Sparks entered into an interlocal cooperative agreement to fund the construction of one parking lot with approximately 88 spaces, pole lights, curb, drainage, and striping improvements on the north side of the existing Golden Eagle Little League fields. Three Hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in WC-1 bond proceeds were made available to assist the City of Sparks in this endeavor. Costs in excess of this amount will be funded by the City of Sparks.

In March 2018, the City of Sparks requested an extension of the agreement to accommodate a delay in the parking lot construction project. Estimates indicated the cost of the project to be approximately \$150,000 over budget from what was originally expected. As such, the City of Sparks worked on options to align available funding sources with project costs. One option included using expected savings from their Turf Replacement Project for Fields 7 and 8 at Golden Eagle Park to make up the deficit. The extension of the agreement to June 30, 2019 was approved by the Board in June 2018.

The City of Sparks has been working on the easement requirements with the BLM and a developer of future housing that will be located adjacent to the Park. Originally, the existing easement for the developer was to be relocatable within the park to allow for future development and the construction of the City's parking lot. As the City was finishing the plans for bid, the developer submitted drawings for the future housing. Upon review, the City is requiring a secondary access road for emergency services. BLM reviewed the plan for the additional road and the proposed realigned road and is requiring that it go through an Environmental Assessment (EA) for approval. Until the EA is completed and approved by BLM, the developer cannot release the existing roadway easement which would allow for construction of the parking lot. BLM estimates the EA review process will take until September 2019 to complete.

The amendment to the agreement extending the term to June 30, 2020 provides the City of Sparks time to provide time to bid, award, and construct the new parking lot.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budget authority resides FY 2019 in the Parks Capital Fund 404 – Golden Eagle Improvements (PK052212) for \$300,000 and will carry forward budget authority to FY 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve Amendment #2 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Golden Eagle Regional Park Little League Parking Lot between Washoe County and the City of Sparks to extend the term to June 30, 2020; and authorize Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro to execute all current or future time extension amendments and all appropriate City of Sparks related agreements and documents.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to Approve Amendment #2 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Regarding November 2000 Parks, Trails and Open Space Bonds-Golden Eagle Regional Park Little League Parking Lot between Washoe County and the City of Sparks to extend the term to June 30, 2020; and authorize Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro to execute all current or future time extension amendments and all appropriate City of Sparks related agreements and documents."