



CITY OF MARTINEZ

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
September 3, 2014**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Tim Tucker, City Engineer
SUBJECT: Waterfront Park Design
DATE: August 27, 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion approve Waterfront Park Renovation Project schedule.

BACKGROUND:

On September 4, 2013 the City Council approved a contract to Dillingham Associates for the schematic design of Waterfront Park. On May 21, 2014 the Council approved the schematic design of the park. On July 16, 2014 the Council approved a contract with Dillingham for the development of construction drawings and a preferred park layout.

Waterfront Park is one of three parks scheduled for construction over the next year. The scope of the project includes the ball and soccer fields, ball field lighting, group and individual picnic areas, play field, paths, landscaping, irrigation, play equipment area and parking lots. The project excludes work on the bocce courts.

The designer has completed a preliminary cost estimate for the preferred layout. The layout was developed through a series of public workshops. Several other layouts were also evaluated as part of the public process. The estimate has proven to be nearly \$10,000,000 which far exceeds budgeted and available funding. Over the last month the designer has worked with Engineering and Public Works staff to refocus the project priorities. On August 26, 2014 the Parks Recreation Marina and Cultural Commission’s (PRMCC) Park Subcommittee (Subcommittee) held a meeting regarding this and other park projects. The Subcommittee recommends that adequate time should be spent to evaluate options of reducing the scope of the project and analyzing alternative layouts. They also recommend that should the layout change an additional workshop should be held with the public.

While re-evaluating Waterfront Park the Subcommittee will be prioritizing work remaining at other parks such as Golden Hills, Highland and John Muir Parks along with available park funding such as Measure H, Park in-lieu and Proposition WW.

The proposed schedule for the project is as follows:

Project refining	September 2014 – October 2014
Design	November 2014 – March 2015
Bid/Award	April 15 – May 2015
Construction	Summer and Fall of 2015
Available for play	Spring of 2016

The benefits of this schedule compared to a phased project that would be needed to expedite baseball field construction are:

1. Shorter construction duration/park disruption
2. No substantial winter construction
3. Lower construction costs
4. Not having baseball activities within a construction area

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time.

Available funding (rounded) for remaining park projects including Waterfront Park:

Measure H (second bond sale)	\$3,500,000	(\$3,000,000 is budgeted to Waterfront)
Measure H (last bond sale-pending)	\$5,000,000	
Park In-Lieu	\$1,000,000	
Proposition WW	\$1,400,000	

No projects have been approved for Proposition WW funds. Other non-park projects have been investigated as potentially eligible for this funding.

In addition to the funding listed above funds have been previously allocated for other park projects including:

Hidden Lakes Soccer Field	\$1,800,000	Measure H	
Susana and Mt. View Park	\$ 600,000	Measure H	\$200,000 Developer Fee

ACTION:

Motion approving Waterfront Park Renovation Project schedule.

APPROVED BY: 
Interim City Manager