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Resolution of Intent on the Administration of Park Maintenance and Capital  
Improvements Millage

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### Text of Legislative File 10-0528

Resolution to Rescind and Replace R-449-10-06 and R-378-8-06, Resolution of Intent on the Administration of Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage

Whereas, On October 3, 2006, City Council adopted Resolution R-449-10-06, to amend the adopted policy guidance for the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage, which were adopted by City Council on August 21, 2006 on Resolution R-378-8-06; and

Whereas, Council Resolution R-449-10-06 adopted a minimum 3% annual increase for each of the subsequent five years of the Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage for The Natural Area Preservation program budget; and

Whereas, The Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage is projected to

recognize a decrease in annual revenue; and

Whereas, Resolution R-449-10-06 adopted a Funding Distribution Guideline indicating the mowing and trimming activities in Parks were to be funded by the General Fund; and

Whereas, The consolidated millage would be better addressed by rescinding and replacing the previously adopted guidance for a Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage Administration Policy;

RESOLVED, That City Council rescinds Resolutions R-449-10-06 and R378-8-06; and

RESOLVED, That City Council adopts the policy guidance for the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage to read as follows:

1. Adoption of the Funding Distribution Guidelines as stipulated in Attachment A;
2. Annual allocation for maintenance is to be between 60% and 80% and capital improvements is to be between 20% and 40% with a total annual allocation being 100%;
3. The Natural Area Preservation Program budget be established at a minimum of \$700,000 for first year of the millage budget, and that its budget be reflective of its proportionate share of the increase or decrease in revenue recognized from the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage proceeds;
4. If future reductions are necessary in the City's general fund budget, during any of the six years of this millage, beginning with Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the general fund budget supporting the parks and recreation system for that year will be reduced by a percentage no greater than the average percentage reduction of the total City general fund budget;
5. If future increases occur in the City's general fund budget during any of the six years of this millage, beginning with Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the general fund budget supporting the parks and recreation system for that year will be increased at the same rate as the average percentage increase of the total City general fund budget;
6. City Council will verify these expenditures by examining the audit statement for each year.
7. The millage will not be subject to a municipal service charge;
8. The millage may be subject to appropriate information technology and fleet charges;

9. If the millage is not renewed after the six years, the Natural Area Preservation Program will receive the same percentage of any remaining fund balance from the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage as was in the approved budgeted in the sixth year of the millage; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator is directed to develop an annual millage budget for review and recommendation by the Park Advisory Commission with final adoption by City Council consistent with this Resolution.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Higgins and Rapundalo

**PARKS MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
FUNDING DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES**

ACTIVITY	General Fund	Millage
<b>General Administration &amp; Park Planning</b>		
General parks & recreation administration	✓	
Park system planning		✓
<b>Park Operations &amp; Forestry</b>		
<b>Athletic Fields</b>		
Maintenance	✓	✓
Repairs & capital improvements, excluding mowing		✓
<b>Cemetery</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	
<b>Game Courts</b>		
Maintenance	✓	✓
Repairs & capital improvements		✓
<b>Park Maintenance Equipment (mowers, snow plows, snow blowers, etc)</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	✓
Replacements & capital improvement investments		✓
<b>Park Mechanical Systems (furnaces, air conditioners, etc)</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	✓
Replacement		✓
<b>Flowers/Shrubs &amp; Horticulture</b>		
Park areas	✓	✓
Non - Park areas	✓	
<b>Litter &amp; Refuse</b>		
Collection & removal from park areas	✓	
<b>Park Amenities (benches, buildings, fountains, gates, grills, picnic tables, restrooms, etc)</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	✓
Replacement & capital improvements		✓
Facility operational utility costs	✓	
<b>Mowing &amp; Trimming</b>		
Park and non-park areas	✓	✓
<b>Park Security</b>		
Security staffing		✓
Vandalism repair & maintenance		✓
<b>Forestry (Tree Maintenance, Pruning, Tree &amp; Stump Removals, Storm Damage, Plantings, Disease Management, Hazard Work, etc)</b>		
Park & natural areas maintenance	✓	✓
Non-Park areas	✓	
Park area replanting for Emerald Ash Borer recovery		✓
Tree nursery maintenance	✓	

ACTIVITY	General Fund	Millage
<b>Playground Safety</b>		
Inspections, maintenance, repairs, replacement & capital improvements		✓
<b>Sidewalk, Pathway, Trail, Boardwalk, Greenway</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	✓
Replacements & capital improvements		✓
Snow & ice control maintenance	✓	
<b>Park Parking Lots</b>		
Maintenance	✓	✓
Repairs & capital improvements		✓
Snow & ice control maintenance	✓	
<b>Natural Area Preservation</b>		
Stewardship & restoration		✓
Assessment/Monitoring & project review of City-owned natural areas, conservation easements, and ecological monitoring projects		✓
Environmental education coordination		✓
Outreach & volunteer coordination		✓
Prairie Restoration Activities		✓
Restoration of aquatic ecosystem		✓
<b>Recreation Facilities</b>		
<b>Recreation Equipment (canoes, bikes, ice skates, kayaks, etc)</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	✓
Replacements & capital investments		✓
<b>Facility Maintenance Equipment (zambonis, ice edgers, mowers, etc)</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	✓
Replacements & capital Investments		✓
<b>Mechanical Systems (furnaces, air conditioners, compressors, pool filtration systems, etc)</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	✓
Replacements & capital improvements		✓
<b>Recreation Facility Structures (buildings, structures, plumbing systems, etc)</b>		
Maintenance & repairs	✓	✓
Replacements & capital improvements		✓
Operational utility costs	✓	
<b>General Park Capital Projects</b>		
Improvements for park shelters, park structures, active parks, neighborhood parks & urban plazas, preservation of historic park amenities, & cemeteries		✓