

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ORDINANCE No. 2024-7

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Prepared by

K&L GATES LLP

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Municipal Clerk's Office
Approved
Date: **January 23, 2024**
Immediate Reconsideration Failed
Date: **January 23, 2024**

Requested by: Chair of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Cynthia M. Weed, Bond
Counsel K&L GATES LLP
For Reading: January 9, 2024

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WHEREAS, the best interest of the citizens and property owners in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area serving the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska (the "Municipality") require the Municipality to construct, renovate and equip various park, trail, and facilities improvements (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide financing for the Projects, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the Municipality issue and sell its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$4,350,000 (the "Bonds"); now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. The Assembly hereby determines that the parks, trails, and facilities within the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area are in need of construction, renovation and equipping of the Projects. The Assembly of the Municipality hereby determines that the best interest of the residents and property owners within the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area require the Municipality to undertake the Projects at the time and in the order and in the manner deemed most necessary and advisable by the Municipality. The estimated cost of the Projects, including incidental costs and costs related to issuing and selling the Bonds as provided in this ordinance, is estimated to be \$4,350,000.

1 The Projects are described in more detail in the attachment to the Assembly
2 Memorandum accompanying this ordinance. The cost of all necessary planning,
3 acquisition of property, site preparation, construction, installing and equipping of the
4 Projects, architectural, engineering, design, and other consulting services,
5 inspection and testing, administrative expenses, costs of issuance of the Bonds and
6 other costs incurred in connection with the Projects shall be deemed to be costs of
7 the approved Projects. The approved Projects may be completed with all necessary
8 equipment and appurtenances.

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10 The Municipality shall determine the application of available moneys between
11 the various Projects so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Projects
12 described or provided for in this section.

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14 If the Municipality shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish
15 any portion of the approved Projects by reason of changed conditions or needs,
16 incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the
17 Municipality shall not be required to accomplish such portions and shall apply Bond
18 proceeds as set forth in this section.

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20 If the approved Projects have been completed in whole or in part, or their
21 completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the
22 Municipality may apply Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other voter-
23 approved and not rescinded Municipality capital improvements within the
24 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area at its sole discretion. Otherwise, the
25 Municipality shall apply such remaining proceeds solely to payment of principal or
26 interest on the Bonds, as provided in the Home Rule Charter. In the event that the
27 proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other monies of the Municipality legally
28 available, are insufficient to accomplish the approved Projects, the Municipality shall
29 use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the approved Projects
30 deemed by the Municipality most necessary and in the best interest of the
31 Municipality. No Bond proceeds shall be used by the Municipality for any purpose
32 other than a capital improvement of the Municipality.

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34 For the purpose of providing funds for the undertaking of the Projects, which
35 are hereby found to be a public purpose and in the public interest, the Municipality
36 hereby proposes to issue general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not
37 to exceed Four Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,350,000).

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39 **Section 2. Details of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be sold in such amounts and at
40 such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly and as
41 permitted by law and shall mature over a period of up to 20 years from date of issue.
42 The Bonds shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed
43 \$4,350,000. The Bonds shall bear interest to be fixed at the time of sale or sales
44 thereof. The exact form, terms, conditions, contents, security, options of
45 redemption, and such other matters relating to the issuance and sale of said Bonds

as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Assembly shall be as hereinafter determined and/or delegated by ordinance and/or resolution of the Assembly.

The full faith and credit of the Municipality is pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property in the Municipality shall be levied without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The principal of and interest on the Bonds are to be paid first from ad valorem taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area.

Section 3. Ballot Proposition. The Assembly hereby submits to the qualified voters of the Municipality the proposition of whether or not the Municipality should issue the Bonds for the purpose of financing the costs of the approved Projects at the regular municipal election to be held on April 2, 2024.

The Clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters as provided by this ordinance and the Municipal Code and shall perform all necessary steps in accordance with law to place this proposition before the voters at the regular election. The proposition must receive a majority vote of those in the Municipality voting, both in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area and areawide, on the question to be approved. The proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. ____

**ANCHORAGE PARKS AND RECREATION
SERVICE AREA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

For the purpose of renovating and rehabilitating trails and parks, and making improvements at various parks and recreational facilities in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area, as provided in AO 2024-____, shall Anchorage borrow money and issue up to \$4,350,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds and increase the municipal tax cap by an annual amount not to exceed \$241,000 to pay for associated annual operations and maintenance costs?

Voter approval of this bond proposition authorizes for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value (based on the estimated 2024 assessed valuation in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area): (i) an annual increase in taxes of approximately \$1.04 to retire the proposed bonds, and (ii) an annual increase in the municipal tax cap (Charter 14.03(b)(2)) of approximately

\$0.75 to pay for annual operation and maintenance costs related to the proposed capital improvements.

The debt shall be paid from real and personal property taxes levied and collected within the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area, without cost to properties in Chugiak, Eagle River, Girdwood, and other areas outside the Service Area. The Municipality will also pledge its full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Section 4. Effective Dates. Section 2 of this ordinance shall become effective only if the proposition described in Section 3 is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at the regular election held on April 2, 2024. The remaining sections of this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage, this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Christopher Constant

ATTEST:

Chair

Janie King

Municipal Clerk



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 39-2024

Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

1 **FROM: MAYOR**

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3 **SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE**
4 **QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE,**
5 **ALASKA, THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO**
6 **EXCEED FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND**
7 **DOLLARS (\$4,350,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF**
8 **THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PAY THE COSTS OF**
9 **CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING PARK, TRAIL**
10 **AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN**
11 **THE ANCHORAGE PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA,**
12 **AND THE QUESTION OF AN INCREASE IN THE MUNICIPAL TAX**
13 **CAP LIMITATION TO PAY ASSOCIATED OPERATIONS AND**
14 **MAINTENANCE COSTS IN THE ANCHORAGE PARKS AND**
15 **RECREATION SERVICE AREA, WITHOUT COST TO CHUGIAK,**
16 **EAGLE RIVER, GIRDWOOD AND OTHER TAXPAYERS OUTSIDE**
17 **THE SERVICE AREA, AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE**
18 **MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 2, 2024.**

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20 The attached ordinance will place a general obligation bond proposition for the
21 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area on the ballot for the Municipal
22 election to be held on April 2, 2024.

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24 The Administration recommends scheduling a public hearing for this bond ordinance
25 on January 23, 2024.

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27 The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area bond proposal will implement
28 the priorities established in the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program. Please
29 see the attached Project List, attached as Exhibit A.

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31 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE.**

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33 Prepared by: Ross Risvold, Public Finance & Investments Manager
34 Approved: Alden Thern, CFO
35 Concur: Anne Helzer, Municipal Attorney
36 Concur: Sharon Lechner, Acting OMB Director
37 Concur: Kent E. Kohlhasse, P.E., Municipal Manager
38 Respectfully submitted: Dave Bronson, Mayor

EXHIBIT A

Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area 2024 Bond Project List (000)'s

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>O&M</u>
Athletic Field Safety Improvements	\$ 200	\$ 10
Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Way Finding	300	30
Eastchester Park	300	15
Fairview Recreation Center Improvements	250	13
Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean	50	2
Government Hill Neighborhood Park	100	5
Johnny Ellis Bridge & Park Placemaking	100	5
Mountain View Parks Improvements & Safety Enhancements	350	18
Mulcahy Stadium Facility Safety & ADA Upgrades	100	10
Playground Development - All-Inclusive	300	15
Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA Improvements	600	30
Sand Lake Dock	200	13
Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection	1,500	75
Total	\$4,350	\$241

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects - General Government

AO Number: 2024-7

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Sponsor: Mayor

Preparing Agency: Finance

Others Impacted: Parks & Recreation Department

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Operating Expenditures					
1000 Personal Services					
2000 Supplies					
3000 Other Services	--	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0
4000 Debt Service	--	333.7	333.7	333.7	333.7
5000 Capital Outlay					
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	--	574.7	574.7	574.7	574.7
ADD: 6000 Charge from Others					
FUNCTION COST:	--	574.7	574.7	574.7	574.7

REVENUES:

CAPITAL:

POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp.

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Estimated annual debt service of \$333,677 assumes bonds are sold as a single bond issue with an interest rate of 4.475% with bond repayments corresponding to the expected life of the assets financed up to 20 years.

When projects are completed and fully functioning, increased annual operations and maintenance costs are estimated at \$241,000.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Estimated annual debt service payments of approximately \$333,677 equate to an estimated property tax increase of 0.0104 mills or \$1.04 per year on \$100,000 of assessed valuation in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area.

When fully operational, increased annual operations and maintenance costs are estimated at \$241,000 and equate to an estimated property tax increase of 0.0075 mills or \$0.75 per year on \$100,000 of assessed valuation in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area and an increase in the Municipal tax cap limitation.

The total private sector economic effect would therefore be a total of \$1.79 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area.



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

No. AIM 8-2024

Meeting Date: January 23, 2024

From: Assembly Members Karen Bronga and Daniel Volland

Subject: AO 2024-7, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,350,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING PARK, TRAIL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ANCHORAGE PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA, AND THE QUESTION OF AN INCREASE IN THE MUNICIPAL TAX CAP LIMITATION TO PAY ASSOCIATED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS IN THE ANCHORAGE PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA, WITHOUT COST TO CHUGIAK, EAGLE RIVER, GIRDWOOD AND OTHER TAXPAYERS OUTSIDE THE SERVICE AREA, AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY ON APRIL 2, 2024

The attached memorandum from MOA Parks & Recreation to the Parks & Recreation Commission details the projects included in AO 2024-7 as introduced at the January 9 Regular Assembly Meeting with one exception: project #14. Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Equipment listed in the memorandum was not included in AO 2024-7, but moved into AO 2024-5, a bond proposal to pay the costs of Areawide Cemetery Capital Improvement Projects.

This is provided as a resource to the public to learn more about the projects included in the bond proposal.

Reviewed by: Assembly Legislative Services

Respectfully submitted: Karen Bronga, Assembly Member
District 5, East Anchorage

Daniel Volland, Assembly Member
District 1, North Anchorage



Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska
Parks & Recreation Department

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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 7, 2023

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

Cc: Mike Braniff, Director

From: Steve Rafuse, Superintendent

Project: **PRC 23-18 Parks and Recreation Service Area 2024 Bond**

INTRODUCTION

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department is proposing a \$4,450,000 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB), commonly referred to as the “Parks Bond” for 2024. The proposed 2024 Parks Bond identifies fourteen projects including trails, playgrounds, and other parks and recreation facilities throughout the Anchorage Service Area. The Parks and Recreation Commission is asked to review and recommend the proposed Bond to the Assembly.

BACKGROUND

The Anchorage Bowl Parks and Recreation Service Area is comprised of 226 parks, 250 miles of trails, 80+ playgrounds, as well as athletic fields, indoor and outdoor recreation centers. A park system of this size requires capital funding to ensure that parks and recreation facilities are modern, safe, and meet the levels of service identified in the 2006 Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan.

Starting in 2012, Anchorage voters have supported Park Bonds in each of the eleven Municipal elections since. Collectively, this amounts to \$40,900,000 in voter approved park bonds. Yet, the total investment in Anchorage Parks and Recreation facilities has been significantly higher, as the department has strategically leveraged bond funds to bring in additional funding from federal and state grants as well as philanthropic dollars from non-profit partners.

The Parks and Recreation Department weighs numerous factors when developing the Capital Improvement Budget and five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). These factors include the annual Community Council survey, adopted park master plans and strategic plans, Administration and Assembly priorities, facility needs assessments, opportunities for matching federal and state grant funding, community and user group input, and the priorities identified in the 2006 Park Plan.

2024 BOND PROPOSAL

Fairview Recreation Center (\$250,000)

The Fairview Recreation Center is an important recreation facility and community center that provides programs and resources that serve both the neighborhood and the broader

Anchorage community. Built in the 1970s, the facility is aging, and new improvements are needed to ensure that the facility can continue to serve Anchorage into the future. In 2023, the Parks and Recreation Department completed a Strategic Plan for the Recreation Center outlining the priorities for facility upgrades and new investments.

Playground Development – All-Inclusive (\$300,000)

Anchorage Parks and Recreation manages over 80 playgrounds and is a national leader for inclusive play. Funding will be used to renovate neighborhood and community use park playgrounds to provide a more inclusive experience by upgrading play equipment and safety surfacing to removing barriers to access for children and families.

Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA (\$600,000)

A master plan for Russian Jack Springs Park was completed in 2022. The master plan identifies community priorities for investment in current and new facilities. Funding will be used to implement the master plan and includes projects such as safety improvements, ADA access improvements, Chalet area upgrades, paved trail rehabilitation and bridge replacement, lighting, as well as new wayfinding, signage, and amenities.

Sand Lake Dock (\$200,000)

The dock at Sand Lake Park is a popular feature with neighborhood families and the rowing club. In recent years, the pathway and abutment to the dock has heaved and the surrounding ground has eroded, making ADA access to the existing dock difficult. Funding will be used to reconstruct the pathway and dock abutment to create uniform ADA access to support water sports activities for all users.

Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Wayfinding (\$300,000)

The Campbell Creek Trail is one of five major multi-use trails maintained by Anchorage Parks and Recreation. Funding will be used as part of a multi-year effort to resurface the trail with new asphalt, improve drainage, install new wayfinding, and replace aging bridges.

Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean (\$50,000)

The Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean project provides a new non-motorized trail connection from the Fish Creek Trail at Northern Lights Blvd. to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. Parks and Recreation in partnership with AMATS is planning, designing, and constructing this new connection. Funding will be used as a 9.03% local match to the Department of Transportation's federal share.

Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection (\$1,500,000)

The Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection project provides a new non-motorized trail connection from the Ship Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. Parks and Recreation in partnership with AMATS is planning, designing, and constructing this new connection. Funding will be used as a 9.03% local match to the Department of Transportation's federal share.

Mountain View Neighborhood Park Improvements & Safety Enhancements (\$350,000)

Mountain View is one of Anchorage's most densely populated and diverse neighborhoods. The neighborhood has relatively few parks, all of which see heavy use and are in need of investment and safety enhancements. Funding will be used to implement priorities identified

in the 2015 Davis Park Master Plan as well as other neighborhood park safety enhancements and lighting.

Jonny Ellis Bridge & Park Placemaking (\$100,000)

Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge and Park is located in the Fairview and South Addition neighborhoods along 15th Avenue and A Street. The park is named after the late Alaska State Senator Jonny Ellis who represented those communities in the legislature from 1987 to 2017. Funding will be used to add amenities, signage and placemaking elements to honor the late Senator.

Athletic Fields (\$200,000)

Areawide upgrades of athletic fields for improved safety and maintenance. Parks and Recreation is working with sports groups to identify improvements to athletic fields and supporting infrastructure.

Eastchester Park (\$300,000)

Eastchester Park is located in the Fairview and Rogers Park neighborhoods along the Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Trail. The Parks and Recreation Department is currently leading a community master planning effort to identify and prioritize future improvements at the park. Funding will be used to implement priorities identified through the master planning process.

Government Hill Parks Improvements (\$100,000)

Government Hill is Anchorage's oldest neighborhood. Existing park infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and modernization. Funding will be used to implement park and trails projects identified in the recently completed Government Hill Neighborhood Parks and Trails Plan.

Chester Creek Complex Facility Safety, Security and ADA Upgrades (\$100,000)

The Chester Creek Sports Complex is a large sports complex located in the Fairview neighborhood. The complex includes the Kosinski ballfields, Mulcahy Stadium, the Anchorage Football Stadium, and the Bonnie Cusack Memorial Hockey Rinks. Facilities are aging and in need of repair or replacement. Upgrades will address health and safety codes, infrastructure upgrades, and ADA accessibility improvements.

Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Equipment (\$100,000)

Funding will be used to upgrade maintenance equipment necessary to continue operations at the Anchorage Memorial Cemetery.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission support the Anchorage Bowl Parks and Recreation Service Area 2024 Bond Proposition.



Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska
Parks & Recreation Commission

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PRC RES NO. 2023-13
Park and Recreation Bond 2024

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long-term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, investments in capital projects provide needed upgrades to aging facilities as well as new development in line with community plans and priorities; and

WHEREAS, proposed investments in capital improvement projects are based on community priorities identified through the annual community council CIP survey as well as adopted comprehensive and park master plans, and are confirmed through ongoing engagement with the public, user groups, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2024 Park Bond includes the following projects totaling \$4,450,000:

1. Fairview Recreation Center: \$250,000
2. Playground Development: \$300,000
3. Russian Jack Springs Park Safety and ADA: \$600,000
4. Sand Lake Dock: \$200,000
5. Campbell Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Wayfinding: \$300,000
6. Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean: \$50,000
7. Tony Knowles Coastal Trail to Ship Creek Trail Connection: \$1,500,000
8. Mountain View Neighborhood Park Improvements & Safety Enhancements: \$350,000
9. Jonny Ellis Bridge & Park Placemaking \$100,000
10. Athletic Fields \$200,000
11. Eastchester Park \$300,000
12. Government Hill Parks Improvements: \$100,000
13. Chester Creek Complex Facility Safety and ADA Upgrades: \$100,000
14. Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Equipment: \$100,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the proposed 2024 Park Bond.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 7th day of December 2023.

Brian Looney, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

Mike Braniff, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

Attachment A:

Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area 2024 Bond
Assembly Amendments (November 21, 2023)

**Proposed Amendment #49 to AO 2023-96
2024 General Gov't Capital Improvement Budget**

Submitted by: Assembly Members Bronga and Volland

This is an omnibus amendment for Parks & Recreation bond funded projects, as described:

Line	Project	Description	Amount	Sponsor	Ref
1	NEW	Mountain View Parks Improvements and Safety Enhancements	350,000	Bronga, Constant, Volland	33, 34
2	NEW	Johnny Ellis Bridge & Park Placemaking	100,000	Volland	36
3	PR2017015	Athletic Fields - shift from 2025 to 2024	200,000	Bronga	40
4	PR2020004	Eastchester Park - shift from 2025 to 2024	300,000	Bronga	38
5	PR2019007	Government Hill Parks Improvements - start in 2024 at \$100K	100,000	Volland	43
6	PR2019005	Russian Jack Safety and ADA Improvements - increase by \$300K for FY2024 (\$600K total)	300,000	Bronga, Volland, Martinez	42
7	PR2017001	Playground Development - All-Inclusive - increase by \$150K for FY2024 (\$300K total)	150,000	Bronga, Volland, Martinez	41

Omnibus Total	1,500,000
FY24 Proposed CIB for P&R Bond Total	2,750,000
P&R CIB Bond Total	4,250,000

Line 1 – Add New Project

Project Name: Mountain View Neighborhood Park Improvements & Safety Enhancements

Amount: \$350,000

Description: This creates a new project for Mountain View neighborhood park improvements and safety enhancements at \$350,000 for 2024. The intention is to include a funding request on the 2024 Parks & Recreation Capital Bond for improvements to Davis Park which implement projects identified in the Davis Park Master Plan and for safety enhancements, such as better lighting, in multiple parks within the Mountain View neighborhood.

Funding Source:

Revenue Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bonds	350	0	0	0	0	0	350
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total (in thousands)	350	0	0	0	0	0	350
O&M Costs (in thousands)	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
<i>O&M will be for utilities and operation costs to keep new assets in working order</i>							

Line 2 – Add New Project**Project Name:** Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge & Park Placemaking**Amount:** \$100,000

Description: This creates a new project for Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge and Park Placemaking at \$100,000 for 2024. The intention to include a funding request on the 2024 Parks & Recreation Capital Bond for the Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge and Park placemaking effort.

Funding Source:

Revenue Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bonds	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total (in thousands)	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
O&M Costs (in thousands)	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>O&M will be for utilities and operation costs to keep new assets in working order</i>							

Line 3 – Change Existing Project**Project Name:** Athletic Field Safety Improvements, PR2017015**Amount:** \$200,000

Description: This shifts the project to start in 2024 instead of 2025. This money would be used to address the most pressing needs for upgrades of athletic fields and for improved safety and maintenance in a timely manner. It also allows the Parks department to focus on areas of the city that may not have received a park bond in this funding year. Our athletic fields are important to youth and adults and are heavily used. There comes a time in which they may need a 'facelift' and safety improvements.

Funding Source:

Revenue Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bonds	<u>200 0</u>	<u>0 200</u>	<u>200 0</u>	200	<u>0 200</u>	0	600
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total (in thousands)	<u>200 0</u>	<u>0 200</u>	<u>200 0</u>	200	<u>0 200</u>	0	600
O&M Costs (in thousands)	<u>10 0</u>	<u>0 10</u>	<u>10 0</u>	10	<u>0 10</u>	0	30
<i>O&M will be for utilities and operation costs to keep new assets in working order</i>							

Line 4 – Change Existing Project**Project Name:** Eastchester Park, PR2020004**Amount:** \$300,000

Description: This shifts the project to start in 2024 instead of 2025. Eastchester Park is a high use park next to substantial low-income concentrated housing units. It would benefit from a complete revisioning and this plan is complete and shovel ready. The Fairview Community Council has received a \$17,000 Challenge Grant from the Anchorage Parks Foundation to start things off. However, the Park needs substantial improvements. \$300,000 is requested for the long-overdue upgrade. It is the Number 1 Park Priority for the Fairview Council. Project scope: Eastchester Park or Woodside Park as some call it, is in desperate need of improvement. It could use paved parking. It warrants a substantial investment as the South Fairview area has numerous high-density developments but almost no recreational facilities. Project elements would include historical kiosks, picnic shelter, play equipment for young teens, consideration of a basketball court, etc.

Funding Source:

Revenue Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bonds	<u>300 150</u>	0	300	0	300	300	<u>1,200</u>
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total (in thousands)	<u>300 150</u>	0	300	0	300	300	<u>1,200</u>
O&M Costs (in thousands)	15	0	15	0	15	15	60
<i>O&M will be for utilities and operation costs to keep new assets in working order</i>							

Proposed Amendment #37 to AO 2023-96 2024 General Gov't Capital Improvement Budget

Submitted by: Assembly Members Brawley and Bronga

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ☐ Add New Project ☒ Change Existing Project

Department: Parks and Recreation

Project Name: Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Equipment, PR2024001

Amount: \$100,000

Description of amendment:

This project is currently listed in the Capital Improvement Program to be a bonded project in 2025. The amendment shifts half of this project from 2025 to 2024, to allow for replacement of currently inoperable lawn care equipment that can maneuver easily around the grounds. The remaining equipment purchases would remain in 2025.

Funding Source:

Revenue Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bonds	<u>100 0</u>	<u>100 200</u>	0	0	0	0	200
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total (in thousands)	<u>100 0</u>	<u>100 200</u>	0	0	0	0	200
O&M Costs (in thousands)	<u>5 0</u>	<u>5 10</u>	0	0	0	0	10
<i>O&M will be for utilities and operation costs to keep new assets in working order</i>							

Proposed Amendment #39 to AO 2023-96 2024 General Gov't Capital Improvement Budget

Submitted by: Assembly Member Bronga

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ☐ Add New Project ☒ Change Existing Project

Department: Parks & Recreation

Project Name: Chester Creek Complex Facility Safety and ADA Upgrades, PR2019012

Amount: \$100,000

Description of amendment:

This amendment shifts the project to start in 2024 instead of 2025. Funds are needed annually at this location to address safety and security due to the housing crisis. Improvements will address health and safety codes, electrical upgrades, fencing replacement, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access improvements.

Funding Source:

Revenue Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Bonds	<u>100 0</u>	100	100	<u>350 100</u>	350	<u>0 350</u>	1,000
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total (in thousands)	<u>100 0</u>	100	100	<u>350 100</u>	350	<u>0 350</u>	1,000
O&M Costs (in thousands)	<u>10 5</u>	5	<u>5 0</u>	<u>18 5</u>	18	<u>0 18</u>	51
<i>O&M will be for utilities and operation costs to keep new assets in working order</i>							