

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy; authorizing the acquisition of real property commonly known as 8805 Fremont Avenue North; authorizing acceptance and recording of the deed for open space, park, and recreation purposes; increasing appropriations to the Department of Parks and Recreation in the 2016 Adopted Budget and the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This proposed legislation authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to acquire the property located at 8805 Fremont Avenue North by negotiation. The legislation also allows for the acceptance of the deed to the subject property for open space, park, and recreation purposes.

On November 4, 2008, Seattle voters approved a six-year property tax levy, the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy (Levy), for the purpose of improving and expanding the City’s parks and green spaces. The Levy included an acquisition category calling for the City to acquire neighborhood park properties in areas with park and open space gaps. The proposed Council Bill authorizes DPR to acquire a 4,800 square-foot property located adjacent to Greenwood Park. The subject property is currently improved with a small single family house.

Greenwood Park encompasses almost an entire city block just outside the Greenwood/Phinney Residential Urban Village and provides a variety of park and recreation opportunities to the Greenwood residents. The City has been trying to buy this property since the acquisition of the original Greenwood Park property in the 1990’s, but the owner was unwilling to sell. The property suddenly came on the market and the City’s offer was accepted by the seller with the condition that it close by June 15, 2016. The legislation includes ratify and confirm language in order to meet the June 15, 2016 deadline.

The acquisition of this property is identified in the Greenwood neighborhood plan and the 2009 Greenwood Park Master Plan. The structure will be removed and the property will be left vacant until additional funding is available for park development.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

Project Name:	Project I.D.:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:	Total Cost:
Neighborhood Park Acquisitions-2008 Parks Levy	K730010	8805 Fremont Ave N	May 2016	June 2017	\$625,000

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation has direct financial implications.

Budget program(s) affected:				
Estimated \$ Appropriation change:	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
			\$625,000	
Estimated \$ Revenue change:	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Other departments affected:				

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and number	Dept	Budget Control Level Name/##*	2016 Appropriation Change	2017 Estimated Appropriation Change
2008 Parks Levy Fund (33860)	Parks and Recreation	K720010	\$625,000	
TOTAL			\$625,000	

Appropriations Notes: Funding from the Neighborhood Parks Acquisition category of the Levy will pay for this acquisition. The current budget for this project is \$625,000. The purchase price is \$527,000 (contingent on appraisal), with an additional budget of \$98,000 for staff time, title insurance and closing costs, environmental testing, survey, asbestos remediation, permitting and removal of the single-family house. The acquisition is scheduled to close June 15, 2016.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

3.c. Positions

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?

The 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy provides funding for acquisition of new properties in underserved urban villages. Funding has not been identified to develop and maintain the future expanded park; therefore, DPR intends to remove the structure shortly after acquisition and maintain it with minimal operations funding.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

If this property is not acquired, there will be a new house in Greenwood Park affecting users' enjoyment and Parks maintenance of Greenwood Park.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

Yes.

h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

N/A

i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

N/A

j) Other Issues: None

List attachments/exhibits below:

Attachment A: Map of Greenwood Park Acquisition