

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 Seattle Parks and Recreation; authorizing an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between The City of Seattle and the Seattle Park District.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The proposed Ordinance is an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Seattle and the Seattle Park District, which outlines the governance structure and planning procedures of the Seattle Park District. This legislation makes several amendments to the ILA that will affect the next financial plan cycle, including:

- Allowing for a delay of the six-year planning cycle in the event of a natural disaster, exigent economic circumstances, or other emergency; and
- Clarifying that the Park District Oversight Committee's recommendations are considered by the Superintendent, the Mayor, and City Council.

The ILA specifies that financial planning for the Seattle Park District must occur on a six-year cycle, and that a public process will inform the Park District Oversight Committee's recommendations for funding priorities to the Superintendent, Mayor, and City Council. The first cycle spanned from 2015-2020 and the second cycle was slated for 2021-2026. As currently written, the ILA does not allow for any delay of this six-year planning process in the event of an emergency (e.g., a natural disaster or pandemic).

In the first several months of 2020, SPR had initiated this planning process by convening the Park District Oversight Committee and Board of Park Commissioners, publishing a public survey, and holding one community meeting. However, the current COVID-19 crisis has interrupted this process. This amendment will allow for an annual budget process rather than a full six-year planning cycle until the public, community representatives, and elected officials can have adequate time to weigh in on priorities for the next Park District cycle, and until the significant economic uncertainties associated with pandemic response stabilize. An annual budget process is proposed for 2021, using the 2015-2020 six-year cycle as a base.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.

The legislation itself does not have any direct financial impacts, but it affects the timeframe for the development of a six-year financial plan for the Seattle Park District, which is a substantial share of SPR's overall funding portfolio. In 2020, Seattle Park District funds account for 20% of SPR's overall adopted budget. SPR will develop an annual budget for the Park District, which will be adopted by the City of Seattle as part of the biennial budget process and the Park District Board via resolution in November 2020.

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

Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs or consequences.

Park District expenses in 2020 total \$54 million and are embedded in almost every one of SPR's core lines of business. Given SPR's inability to conduct a robust public process given COVID-19 response, failing to approve an option to extend current Seattle Park District funding in lieu of a full six-year planning process would jeopardize the many essential services this funding supports.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

If so, please list the affected department(s) and the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc.).

No.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

If yes, what public hearing(s) have been held to date, and/or what public hearing(s) are planned/required in the future?

No.

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

If yes, please describe the measures taken to comply with RCW 64.06.080.

No.

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

For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.

No.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.

No.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

If yes, please explain how this legislation may impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. Using the racial equity toolkit is one way to help determine the legislation's impact on certain communities. If any aspect of the legislation involves communication or outreach to the public, please describe the plan for communicating with non-English speakers.

Approving this amendment will ensure that the next six-year financial plan cycle is informed by a robust public engagement and prioritization process, including consideration of the needs of historically underserved communities throughout the City. Attempting to shape a six-year plan during the current crisis, without the ability to hold in-person community meetings and considering other emergent needs on the minds of the public, advisory bodies, and elected officials, would likely not result in a six-year funding plan that fully considers critical policy issues like impacts on vulnerable communities. Further, the needs of Seattle residents and vulnerable communities are evolving as the pandemic continues, and the Park District planning process should be informed by an in-depth analysis of the disparities exacerbated by the current pandemic and how Park District-funded services can mitigate those impacts. SPR will build equity analysis into the Park District Oversight Committee and Board of Park Commissioners prioritization process, which requires careful consideration and ongoing discussion. SPR believes that shifting this conversation to after the current public health crisis will result in a more thoughtful, well-developed financial plan grounded in racial equity.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)?

This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

N/A.

List attachments/exhibits below:

N/A.