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TO: Mayor Morley and Members of the City Council
RE: Response to Park District Letter – Use of Parks for Stormwater

The Public Works and Buildings Committee met on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 to formulate a response to the correspondence received by the City regarding the City's request for the use of Golden Meadows Park and York Commons Park for stormwater detention, from the Elmhurst Park District. These letters are dated October 29, 2014 and February 13, 2015.

1. Use of City Garage - The Committee does not recommend that the terms of the agreement regarding the use the City's Public Works Facility be considered part of this process. The agreement for this use was part of the Fire Station #2 construction, which is a separate issue that should stand on its own. The Park District, while sharing in the cost of one mechanic to maintain their vehicles, has enjoyed the use of the public works garage at a significant savings to the Park District. The Park District has use of 5,650 square feet of office and work shop space, and 21 indoor parking spaces, along with 2,000 square feet of outdoor storage. It is estimated that this space has the following value:

1993 to present	\$1,300,000
Present to end of current agreement in 2029	\$840,000
Proposed extension by Park District to 2108	\$4,740,000
2. York Commons Park – While not providing the entire volume of storage requested, the City will design a basin to fit into the west lobe of York Commons Park. The City will also agree to construct one (1) basketball court and two (2) volleyball courts in exchange for the use of the park land. The City further agrees to continue to pursue the design and construction of the additional stormwater improvements outlined in the Comprehensive Flooding Plan Report.
3. Golden Meadows Park – The City acknowledges that this park was purchased with Land and Water Conservation Funds, and will pursue a design that will either incorporate appropriate recreational facilities to allow that land to remain in compliance with the purchase stipulations or will pursue the appropriate transfer of the land from the Park District to the City.

It is therefore the recommendation of the Public Works and Buildings Committee that the City Council direct the City Manager to incorporate these items into the intergovernmental agreement being jointly developed with the Park District.

Respectfully submitted,

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