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Subject: Public Comment for Town Council meeting of June 15

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment related to Item 9.2, '.... Annual Budget for FY 22/23'; Attachment 2, Presentation page 23. Versions of these comments have been previously submitted for consideration during CIP and preliminary budget presentations, with no specific discussion. All three comments have the potential to impact the FY 22/23 budget and future budgets. Please accept these three comments in the spirit in which they are provided – in the best interests of the Community as a whole.

COMMENT A: Tanner Rill (Mill Ditch): All I am requesting is that Town Council consider providing some indication as to whether or not they agree that the concept of future passive/interpretive/open space/community improvements to Tanner Rill is a good thing. The Town Manager has (appropriately) indicated the planning work “will likely be done” in coordination with future phases. Direction to staff to ensure the planning actually takes place seems appropriate. This area was discussed during Plan The Parcel, with several public comments indicating the community did not want this to just turn into a backyard drainage. The Parcel Master Plan states “Mill Ditch: The Mill Ditch is intended to function as stormwater management and as a community amenity. The Mill Ditch is intended to remain a natural and open space. Any changes or improvements to the Mill Ditch shall be considered as part of the Design Review Application for Development Area 4.”

REQUEST: Consider; Direction to staff to include ‘Tanner Rill Interpretive Open Space’ in the five-year CIP. The ‘budget’ would not include the MUPS, it would simply include other possible amenities such as interpretive signage, benches or other passive improvements to enhance the enjoyment of this open space area.

BUDGET IMPACT: No impact in FY 22/23. Could be added to 5-year CIP in, perhaps, year three for planning/design and year four for construction.

COMMENT B: Park at The Parcel, Planning and Design Approach: The Town Manager has indicated the “primary focus is on the Parcel residents.” While this may seem to be a reasonable approach, this park will be the most central of all Town parks and may, therefore, have a large community use, not just by Parcel residents. It seems planning and design of the park should be done in a comprehensive manner. The Town Manager has also indicated the “community park site is relatively small .6 acre or less of usable space.” That is actually consistent with other Town parks:

Trails End Park: less than 0.5 acres including paths, pavilion, tables and play area – but not including the skate park and rock areas.

Shady Rest Park: 0.8 acres is the size of the ‘pavilion’, play area and turf, exclusive of the volleyball courts.

Mammoth Creek Park West (pre-CRC construction start): 0.6 acres, including accessible playground, graded area west of playground and turf area north of playground, exclusive of rock play area.

Ice Rink (existing): 1.0 acres is the fenced area.

The point being, this is not a small 'usable space' by Town current park standards and it deserves an appropriate planning process to ensure the best use is made of every square foot.

REQUEST: Consider; Direction to staff to have the designer present the preliminary concept design to the Parks and Rec Commission for input on amenities after some consideration of improvements at other Town parks.

BUDGET IMPACT: Funds for planning and design should be minimal, staff time and Parks and Recreation commission time will be required.

COMMENT C: Park at The Parcel, Phasing: This will be an important amenity for the Community. This may likely be our most community-oriented park, with less out-of-town visitor use than others. As noted above, it should be planned in a comprehensive fashion and there will likely be significant design and use advantages to building it out as One Phase.

REQUEST: Consider; Direction to staff to plan, design and implement the Park at The Parcel as one phase, in an effort to mitigate 'phasing' costs and to provide this full amenity to this new neighborhood and the entire community in one package, with required funding to be included in the FY 22/23 CIP.

BUDGET IMPACT: Staff has noted a potential cost of up to \$700,000 with no specificity as yet due to no design as yet. Staff has also indicated they will continue to seek additional funding sources. If there are no 'excess' FY21/22 funds available, perhaps this could be noted as 'first in line' for potential excess FY22/23 funds, with the planning and design to proceed now so the work would be 'shovel ready.'

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

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