

Resolution R-5514

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AMENDING THE 2021-2022 CITY WORK PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF EXPLORING COMPREHENSIVE PARKS BALLOT MEASURE OPTIONS TO BE PLACED BEFORE KIRKLAND VOTERS IN 2023.

1 WHEREAS, in 2011 and 2012 the City Council approved annual
2 City Work Programs, but determined that subsequent City Work
3 Programs be adopted as biennial initiatives to better align with the
4 biennial budget process; and

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6 WHEREAS, City Work Program initiatives are of citywide
7 significance and involve substantial financial resources designed to
8 maintain community safety and quality of life in Kirkland, as well as an
9 effective and efficient City government; and

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11 WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Council goals for the
12 City that articulate key policy and service priorities and guide the
13 allocation of resources for Kirkland through the budget and capital
14 improvement programs; and

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16 WHEREAS, potential voter-approved ballot measures are
17 designed to help achieve the Council goals and meet the criteria for
18 inclusion on the City Work Program; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Council adopted the 2021-2022 City Work
21 Program through Resolution R-5462 passed March 16, 2021 consisting
22 of eleven goals; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Council amended the 2021-2022 City Work
25 Program through Resolution R-5502 on November 16, 2021 to include
26 a twelfth goal to activate the Kirkland Transportation Benefit District
27 in 2022 for the purpose of funding Safer Routes to School
28 Action Plan and Active Transportation Plan priority projects, and
29 other active transportation projects, as well as to further the goals
30 of community safety, inclusive and equitable community, vibrant
31 neighborhoods, balanced transportation, and dependable
32 infrastructure; and

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34 WHEREAS, the addition of exploring comprehensive parks
35 ballot measure options to place before the voters in 2023 could help
36 implement the Council's goal of abundant parks, open spaces, and
37 recreational services; and

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WHEREAS, the Parks and Community Services Department (“PCS”) is preparing the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (“PROS”) Plan, which acts as a strategic guide and informs the Council of the community’s level of interest in capital and operating investments for Kirkland’s parks; and

WHEREAS, to respond to the community’s interest in expanding and enhancing Kirkland’s parks and recreation programs, the Council set aside funding to explore the possibility of Parks-related ballot measure options during the City’s mid-biennial budget process in 2021; and

WHEREAS, at their January 28, 2022 retreat, the Council was presented with three tiered scenarios of capital and operating investments derived from preliminary community survey results and community feedback PCS has received in prior years; and

WHEREAS, at such retreat the Council expressed interest in moving forward with exploring Scenario C, a comprehensive list of improvements, enhancements, and large system expansions that includes both capital and operating investments; and

WHEREAS, due to the size and scope of Scenario C, the Council considered it important to focus on 2023 ballot measure dates to ensure adequate time for project and program development, financial analysis and community engagement regarding capital and operating investment options, timing, and funding mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Council now wishes to add a thirteenth work program item to the 2021-2022 City Work Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The 2021-2022 City Work Program originally adopted through Resolution R-5462 passed March 16, 2021, amended by Resolution R-5502 passed November 16, 2021, is further amended by adding a thirteenth work program item stating:

*Explore potential comprehensive Parks ballot measure options to be placed before Kirkland voters in 2023 for the purpose of maintaining and expanding natural areas, open spaces, aquatic and recreational facilities, and program opportunities that enhance the health and wellbeing of the community to further the goals of **abundant parks, open spaces, and recreational services.***

87 Section 2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to
88 establish an initial framework outlining project and program
89 development and community engagement and to formalize an
90 advisory group to begin discussion of size and scope of the potential
91 Parks ballot measure options for 2023.

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93 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
94 meeting this ____ day of ____, 2022

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96 Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of ____, 2022.

Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

Kathi Anderson, City Clerk