

Recreation & Parks Commission Commission Agenda

September 8, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Jerry Hammond Building, 1111 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205

- I. Call To Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Acceptance of Previous Minutes**
- IV. New Business**
 - A. Remarks**
City Council Representation
 - B. Remarks**
Office of Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff
 - C. Consent Agenda**
No legislation
 - D. Administration Agenda**
No legislation
 - E. Arts, Rentals & Events Agenda**
 - 1. Winter Lighting 2026 (2459-2026)**
Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks Department to enter into an agreement with Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (dba Downtown Columbus Inc.) for the annual tradition of winter lighting in Bicentennial Park and the Promenade. (\$0.00)
 - F. Capital Agenda**
 - 1. Recreation and Parks CIP Equipment 2026-2027 (2460-2026)**
Title: To authorize and direct the City Auditor to set up a certificate in the amount of \$790,750.00 for the purchase of equipment for the Recreation and

Parks Department; to authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to enter into various contracts for the purchase of equipment on behalf of the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the transfer of \$600,000.00 between the General Fund Income Tax Set Aside Subfund and the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; to authorize the appropriation of \$600,000.00 in the Income Tax Set Aside Subfund, Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund, and Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund; to authorize the appropriation of \$190,750.00 within the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund; to authorize the transfer of \$190,750.00 within the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund; to authorize the amendment of the 2025 Capital Improvements Budget; to authorize the expenditure of \$790,750.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund and Permanent Improvement Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$790,750.00)

2. Storm Damage – August 2026 – Mayor’s Emergency Letter – Funding Correction (2461-2026)

Title: To authorize the various fiscal actions needed as a result of emergency expenditures authorized for the remediation of storm damage at Barack Community Center, Busch Park, Berliner Park, and the Fran Ryan Center; to authorize the appropriation of \$500,000.00 within the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund; to authorize the transfer of \$2,500,000.00 within the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund and Voted Bond Fund; to authorize the amendment of the 2025 Capital Improvements Budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,500,000.00)

3. General Design, Engineering, Construction, and Planning Services AC 2026-2028 (2462-2026)

Title: To authorize and direct the City Auditor to establish an auditor’s certificate in the amount of \$500,000.00 for various expenditures for professional services in conjunction with park, trail, and facility capital improvement projects; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code, allowing the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into multiple future contracts on behalf of the City for the professional services mentioned herein up to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00); to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into multiple future professional service contracts; to authorize the transfer of \$500,000.00 between the General Fund Income Tax Set Aside Subfund and the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; to authorize the appropriation of \$500,000.00 in the Income Tax Set Aside Subfund and Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to authorize the expenditure of \$500,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund. (\$500,000.00)

4. Willow Creek Park Improvements (2463-2026)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Ironsite, Inc. for the Willow Creek Park Improvements

Project; to authorize the transfer of \$3,083,826.68 between the General Fund Income Tax Set Aside Subfund and the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; to authorize the appropriation of \$3,083,826.68 in the Income Tax Set Aside Subfund and Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to authorize the expenditure of \$3,083,826.68 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund. (\$3,083,826.68)

5. Hoover Amenities Project – CWP Expenditure Correction (2464-2026)

Title: To authorize an expenditure correction of \$270,113.97 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund to the Water Bond Fund to be applied towards the costs of the Hoover Amenities Project; to authorize the transfer of cash and appropriation within the Water Bond Fund; to authorize an amendment to the 2025 Capital Improvement Budget; and to authorize the expenditure of \$270,113.97 from the Water Bond Fund. (\$270,113.97)

G. Community Centers Agenda

No legislation

H. Operations & Maintenance Agenda

1. CAC Elevator Repair (2490-2026)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Otis Elevator Company for elevator repair services, to authorize the expenditure of \$135,540.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$135,540.00)

I. Recreation Services Agenda

No legislation

J. Youth Development Agenda

No legislation

V. Department & Project Updates

R.I.S.E. update – Geoff Martin or Julia Hatton

VI. CRP Foundation Update – Keiana Mitchell

VII. Director's Comments

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment