

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** September 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Public hearing and consideration of Resolution No. 2016-030, authorizing the application of a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant for the Northfield Park renovation project.

PRESENTER: Vickie Loftice, Managing Director of Community Services

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills is eligible to apply for matching grant funds from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for the renovation of Northfield Park.

TPWD requires all grant applicants to pass a resolution authorizing the submittal of the application, dedicating the park improvements for public use and certifying that the applicant's matching share is readily available.

The grant application is in the amount of \$500,000, and funding for the City's matching share is available through the currently approved Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Redevelopment of Northfield Park was the top recommendation of the *Updated Park Development Schedule* adopted by Council in January 2016. The project involves the renovation of the existing community park through the design and construction of amenities based on public meetings orchestrated to gather stakeholder input.

At the September 12, 2016 City Council meeting, Dennis Sims, our consultant with Dunkin Sims Stoffels, presented an update on the project and reviewed the proposed Master Plan along with the sequence of events that will take the project through completion. The project schedule anticipates a March 2017 notice of award of the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2016-030.