



Report on Proposed Change to Interlocal Agreement between the Olympia City Council and the Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) Board

October 24, 2018

Olympia City Council
Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) Board
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Dear City Councilmembers and OMPD Board Members:

Section 4.1.1. of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olympia and the Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) details the use of various funding sources for the OMPD. Section 4.1.1. (iv.) refers to the use of one-half of the Non-Voted Utility Tax. Section 4.1.1. (v.) of the OMPD Interlocal Agreement states "The City intends to maintain the funding levels in (i.) and (ii.) without a time limit, and the funding levels in (iii.) until January 1, 2030, **and the funding levels in (iv.) until January 1, 2026.**" (Emphasis added)

On September 18, 2018, Olympia City Council approved a funding package for homelessness response that included the utilization of one-half of the Non-Voted Utility Tax for a period of three years (2019-2021). Council applied the "exigent financial circumstance" as described in Section 4.1.1. (iv.) and recommended "reimbursing" these funds by extending the sunset date on this funding source by four years. Four years was chosen rather than three to account for presumably higher land acquisition costs in the future.

- On October 24, 2018, the OMPD Advisory Committee discussed this issue. We are concerned about the use of these funds for non-parks purposes. Since Council has already approved this alternative use, the Committee supports changing the sunset date for this funding source. However, the Committee recommends it be extended to January 1, 2031, rather than January 1, 2030, as proposed by Council. This would better address the expected increased cost of park land acquisition and development.
- In order to protect the funds as approved by the public, OMPD Board and City Council, the Committee also recommends that the language regarding "exigent financial circumstance" in Section 4.1.1. (iv.) be removed from the Interlocal Agreement. This is not intended to eliminate the possibility of use of these funds for an emergency situation – rather it would go through the amendment process as provided for in the Interlocal Agreement.

It is the intent of the Committee that this letter serves as the "report" to the Board as required for a change to the Interlocal Agreement as per section 6.3 of the Agreement. Thank you for your consideration of these proposed amendments, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Roger Horn, Chair
OMPD Advisory Committee