

Date: November 22, 2024

To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Councillor Shwery

Subject: Proposed Budget Amendment – New double half-court basketball pad in Compass Trail Park

Mover: Councillor Shwery

Seconded: Councillor Ermeta

Proposed Budget Amendment for Council to Consider:

THAT the installation of a new double half-court basketball pad in Compass Trail Park, including design, construction and court lighting be added to the 2026 capital budget at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

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Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The River Mill subdivision, nestled between Maple Grove, Beaverdale, and Speedsville Roads, is a secluded neighborhood currently lacking essential amenities. While it will soon house approximately 4,000 homes, the area presently has only an empty park located at Maple Grove and Compass Trail, with no schools or recreational facilities within walking distance for children.

Although progress has been made with the addition of a new bus stop at Speedsville, residents have expressed concerns about the lack of safe, accessible spaces for activities like basketball. Children currently resort to playing in the streets, which is both unsafe and disruptive.

Given these concerns, it is clear that this growing community is in urgent need of amenities. To address this issue without placing an undue financial burden on residents, I propose that funding for these facilities be included in the 2026 Capital Budget.

This plan ensures we are proactive in supporting the needs of River Mill's residents while being mindful of their concerns about property tax increases.

Budget Impact:

\$150,000

- Budget Additions

Other information related to budget impact:

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✓ Approved by the City Clerk