



MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
FROM: Donna Leahy, Budget Analyst
SUBJECT: Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for the Old Mill Park Entrance Fee Program
DATE: February 6, 2023 (for the February 14, 2023 Council Meeting)

ISSUE

Shall the City Council amend the FY 2023 budget to appropriate funds for the Old Mill Park Entrance Fee Program?

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution, which requires one reading.

DISCUSSION

On June 28, 2022, City Council passed Ordinance 22-42 which established fees for visitors' use of Old Mill Park: \$10 per car entering the park and \$5 per walk-in. The Parks, Recreation, and Events Department charged non-residents of the City of Fredericksburg and Stafford County these fees every weekend and week day holiday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm between July 23, 2022 and October 30, 2022. The Park fee revenues were specifically set aside for operations, maintenance, and improvements to Old Mill Park.

This action followed the adoption of an ordinance on June 7, 2022 by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors which implemented a \$25 per car fee for parking at the Historic Port of Falmouth – directly across the Rappahannock River from Old Mill Park – beginning July 22, 2023 until Labor Day. The City established its fee program to mitigate existing overcrowding and parking challenges at Old Mill Park that would be only be exacerbated by the Historic Port of Falmouth fee program.

Old Mill Park was formerly owned by the Fredericksburg Stafford Park Authority. That Authority was dissolved in 2009, pursuant to an agreement between the City of Fredericksburg and Stafford County. At that time, the Authority conveyed its holdings, including Old Mill Park and the Historic Port of Falmouth, to the respective jurisdictions in which these parks are located. The two jurisdictions agreed that County residents will pay no more for access to the former Authority property in the City than residents of the City, and vice versa; therefore, residents of the City of Fredericksburg and County of Stafford are exempt from paying the current park user fees at Old Mill Park and the Historic Port of Falmouth.

FISCAL IMPACT

From July 23, 2022 to October 30, 2022, the Parks, Recreation, and Events department collected \$20,985 in visitor fees at Old Mill Park through this program. Direct and indirect costs for the program through the end of January 2023 totaled \$23,659.40.

This fee program will continue in calendar year 2023, from Memorial Day weekend, May 27, 2023 through Labor Day, September 4, 2023. It is believed that for the entire 2023 fiscal year – July 2022 through June 2023 – the Parks, Recreation, and Events Department will collect approximately \$31,000 in revenue. Expenditures for the program include part-time salary & wages, FICA benefits, Workers Compensation, credit card fees, telecommunications charges, point-of-sale equipment, signage, and other miscellaneous supplies.

The total appropriation requested in the City Grants Fund (Fund 0210) is \$31,000. No additional or new City funds are requested from City Council as part of the attached resolution.

Attachment: Resolution



February 14, 2023
Regular Meeting
Resolution 23-

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for the Old Mill Park Entrance Fee Program

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0 Nays:

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Therefore, City Council resolves that the following appropriations amending the FY 2023 budget in the City Grants Fund be made:

City Grants Fund (Fund 0210)

Sources

City Grants Fund

Admission Fees Old Mill Park	21071310 316132	\$ 31,000
Total		<u>\$ 31,000</u>

Total Sources \$ 31,000

Uses

City Grants Fund

PT Salaries & Wages Old Mill Park	21071310 413010	\$ 17,000
FICA Benefits Old Mill Park	21071310 421000	\$ 1,301
Workers Compensation Old Mill Park	21071310 427100	\$ 11
Telecommunications Old Mill Park	21071310 460140	\$ 2,100
Other Operating Supplies Old Mill Park	21071310 460140	\$ 10,588

Total Uses \$ 31,000

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

Clerk's Certificate

I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 23- , adopted at a meeting of the City Council held January 24, 2023, at which a quorum was present and voted.

***Tonya B. Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council***