

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MAY 19, 2020 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorizing the execution of the appropriate documents to acquire property between Hindman and Western Hills Parks.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents to acquire property located between Hindman and Western Hills Parks that will allow for the construction of a trail to connect the two parks.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The sale price for the approximately one (1)-acre tract is \$9,000.00, and funding is available from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Tax Western Hills Park Allocation, Account No. 326459 – TS45A20.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Since acquiring the Wester Hills Park in 2011, staff has been working with the Westwood Neighborhood Association regarding a number of planned improvements in the park. The Westwood Neighborhood Association is fully aware and supportive of this acquisition and eventual improvements. The idea of connecting Western Hills Park with trails to surrounding areas has always been supported by area residents.</p>	

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After the closing of Hindman Golf Course, the Mayor's Task Force, who was charged to repurpose Hindman Golf Course, was added to that group who saw an opportunity to connect Hindman to Western Hills Park and even further as funds allow.

This property considered for acquisition will create a seamless connection between the two (2) parks and set the stage for eventual trail construction. The property, which is approximately an acre in size, has been offered by Pulco Realty Corporation to the City for \$9,000. Staff has performed an Environmental Assessment and title search on the property and no issues were found to prohibit the acquisition.