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Founders Park and Community Park Projects Move Forward

Wylie, TX, Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – The City Council approved a contract to proceed with the expansion and renovation of Founders Park; and directed staff and consultants to proceed with the design of Community Park improvements during the March 9 City Council Meeting. The contracts are a result of years of hard work by the Parks and Recreation Board and input from citizens and athletic associations during countless public meetings.

“We are excited to move forward on these bond projects and provide park amenities that our citizens have asked for...they offer something for everyone,” said Mayor Hogue. “Founders Park and Community Park will quickly become the crown jewels of our extensive park system.”

Both projects are funded through the 2005 Bond Campaign approved by voters. Construction of the two parks is intentionally staggered to ensure there are enough fields to accommodate baseball, football, softball and soccer leagues during the construction process.

Founders Park Expansion and Renovation

The \$4.06 million Founders Park project has been awarded to Hasen Design Build & Development, Inc. Construction will begin in the coming weeks and is projected to take less than a year to complete.

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Park Improvements Include:

- 283 additional lighted parking spaces
- More than 9,400 feet of concrete hike and bike trail
- Concession stand and restrooms in two locations
- Large shade structures for the south plaza, baseball/softball fourplex and playground areas
- Two new sodded and lighted baseball/softball fields
- Two new lighted, sodded U12; two new lighted, sodded U10; and up to twelve lighted smaller soccer fields (dependent upon configuration)
- One lighted basketball court
- Two lighted volleyball courts
- Utilities, landscaping and irrigation
- 218 trees including 25 transplanted from the Highway 78 project

The plaza will also feature a public art project currently under development by the Public Arts Advisory Board.

Community Park Expansion and Renovation

Design of the approximately \$1.7 million Community Park project has been awarded to Teague Nall and Perkins, Inc. Following approval of the design, construction is anticipated to begin after the 2011 spring sports season and completed prior to the 2012 spring season.

Proposed Community Park Improvements Include:

- 92 new parking spaces
- Replacement of existing asphalt trail with concrete
- New plaza area in the baseball fourplex with concession stand and restrooms
- Baseball field improvements including grading, drainage, fencing bleacher and shade structures
- Football field improvements including grading, drainage, turf and irrigation
- New restroom facility for football

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Proposed Add Alternates Include (dependent upon available funding):

- Football field improvements including a press box for fields #1 and #2, press box and scoreboard for field #3 and a satellite concession stand.
- 206 additional parking spaces
- Addition of turf and irrigation to Cooper baseball field

Go to www.WylieTexas.gov > Departments > Parks & Rec for a complete listing of Wylie's parks and amenities.

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