

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement between the City and King County; 2) amending the 2019-2020 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan to increase the appropriation by \$592,000 for the estimated 2020 levy collections to be allocated to Bellevue, 3) and to add a new project, 2020-2025 King County Park Levy (CIP Plan No. P-AD-105); and 4) amending the 2019-2025 General CIP plan appropriation by \$3,552,000, the estimated total levy collections allocated to Bellevue over the six-year life of the levy for P-AD-105.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Ordinance authorizes execution of the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement between the City and King County, amends the 2019-2025 General CIP plan to increase the appropriation and to add a new project, 2020-2025 King County Park Levy (CIP Plan No. P-AD-105), and amends the 2019-2025 General CIP plan. The Ordinance and resulting agreement will allow the City to accept and budget an annual pass-through allocation from the 2020-2025 King County Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy, as approved by King County voters on August 6, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6502.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

On July 15, 2019, the City Council passed Resolution No. 9460 supporting King County Proposition No. 1, Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy. This levy was subsequently considered and approved by King County voters on August 6, 2019.

Proposition No. 1 replaces an expiring parks levy and authorizes an additional six-year property tax levy (from 2020 through 2025). The first King County Parks levy was approved by voters in 2003 and was renewed and increased in 2007, 2013, and most recently in 2019.

As part of the levy's structure, cities in King County receive a direct pass-through share of the levy proceeds each year based upon a formula allocation. The King County Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement is the conduit through which each city receives the allocation.

This agreement with the County commits the City to use allocated funds for parks system operations and capital improvement projects consistent with the County's levy ordinance. Each year, the City will provide a report to the County documenting its use of use of levy funds. The City will also provide signage recognizing Proposition No. 1 as the source of funding on any capital project funded in whole or part by levy proceeds.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation & Open Space

PA-8: Develop partnerships with other public agencies and the private sector to provide parks, open space, and cultural and recreation facilities in the City.

PA-9. Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Execution of the King County Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement will provide funding for acquisition, development, and renovation of local parks and trails in King County's cities. These revenues are derived by an annual pass-through allocation formula, estimated to be \$592,000 per year to Bellevue over the next six years. These funds will be budgeted in the 2019-2025 General CIP Plan, in 2020-2025 King County Park Levy project (CIP Plan No. P-AD-105). Use of the funds are restricted to parks system operations and capital improvement projects consistent with the County's adopted levy language.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of a Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement between the City and King County; 2) amending the 2019-2020 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan to increase the appropriation by \$592,000 for the estimated 2020 levy collections to be allocated to Bellevue, 3) and to add a new project, 2020-2025 King County Park Levy (CIP Plan No. P-AD-105); and 4) amending the 2019-2025 General CIP plan appropriation by \$3,552,000, the estimated total levy collections allocated to Bellevue over the six-year life of the levy for P-AD-105.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. CIP Project Description (P-AD-105)  
Proposed Ordinance No. 6502

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

2020-2025 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement