

City Council Staff Report

July 24, 2018



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From: Ninus Amirfar, Chief of Police
Allison Van Guilder, Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities Director

Prepared by: Allison Van Guilder, Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities Director

Agendized by: Office of the City Manager

1. ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Motion: Modifying park hours at Denair, Central, and GAR pocket parks from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, to 7:00 AM to dusk, on a trial basis to evaluate the impacts to crime and calls for service in and around those locations

2. SYNOPSIS:

Modifying park access hours at Denair, Central, and GAR pocket parks from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM to dusk, on a trial basis to evaluate the impacts to crime and calls for service in and around those locations.

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUE:

There are growing community concerns regarding crime and Turlock Municipal Code violations in and around the downtown corridor. This area includes Denair, Central, and GAR pocket parks. Given the City's ability to manage access to the parks, there is interest in evaluating whether or not a change in park hours could have a positive impact on reducing the level of violations occurring in and around these parks. Dark, secluded areas in our parks create the opportunity for illegal activity and make victimization much easier. The closure of these parks at dusk, combined with the proposed plan to improve the lighting at these locations, should discourage negative activity and aid the Police Department with patrolling these locations.

It is recognized that crime and Turlock Municipal Code violations occur throughout the community and in/around our other public parks. As a result, the findings of this trial evaluation will assist staff with determining if park hours should be permanently changed at these, and other, parks in the community.

4. BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Turlock Municipal Code Section 10-1-12 Closing of Sections of Parks

5. POLICY GOAL AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN INITIATIVE:

Policy Goal #3– Public Safety

General Principles:

- 1. Public Safety is a core mission for every department and employee of the City.
- 3. The Police and Fire Departments are traditional leaders in the Public Safety Mission. Their effectiveness is greatly enhanced when all departments work in unison to provide for the safety of the community.

Policy Goal #4– Municipal Infrastructure

General Principles:

- 5. Safe, well designed and attractively maintained parks and facilities.

6. FISCAL IMPACT / BUDGET AMENDMENT:

The trial change in park access hours will not have any significant fiscal impact. If the park access hours are permanently changed, costs associated with updating park signage would be incurred.

7. CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Recommend Approval.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

N/A

9. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Maintain the current park hours at Denair, Central, and GAR pocket parks.
- B. Modify park access hours on a trial basis at Denair, Central, and GAR pocket parks for another agreed upon time frame.

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TURLOCK

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING PARK }
HOURS AT DENAIR, CENTRAL, AND GAR }
POCKET PARKS FROM 6:00 AM TO 10:00 PM, }
TO 7:00 AM TO DUSK, ON A TRIAL BASIS TO }
EVALUATE THE IMPACTS TO CRIME IN, }
AND AROUND, THOSE LOCATIONS }
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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

WHEREAS, there are growing community concerns regarding crime and Turlock Municipal Code violations in and around the downtown corridor; and

WHEREAS, this area includes Denair, Central, and GAR pocket parks; and

WHEREAS, given the City's ability to manage access to the parks, there is interest in evaluating whether or not a change in park hours could have a positive impact on reducing the level of violations occurring in and around these parks; and

WHEREAS, the findings of this trial evaluation will assist staff with determining if park hours should be permanently changed at these, and other, parks in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Turlock does hereby modify park hours at Denair, Central, and GAR pocket parks from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, to 7:00 AM to dusk, on a trial basis to evaluate the impacts to crime in, and around, those locations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Turlock this 24th day of July, 2018, by the following vote.

AYES:
NOES:
NOT PARTICIPATING:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Jennifer Land, City Clerk,
City of Turlock, County of Stanislaus,
State of California

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BK



From: Michael I. Cooke, Municipal Services Director
Prepared by: Michael I. Cooke, Municipal Services Director
Agendized by: Office of the City Manager

1. ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Motion: Directing staff to re-lamp the streetlights and security lights at Broadway, Central, and GAR parks with energy-efficient LED technology at a total estimated cost of \$2,523.32 with funding from account number 110-60-600-44001_000 "Parks Maintenance"

2. SYNOPSIS:

Installing brighter, energy-efficient streetlights and security lights at Broadway, Central, and GAR parks.

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUE:

Over the past 2-3 years, it has been the City's practice to replace failed high pressure sodium (HPS) street lights with brighter, more energy-efficient LED street lights. Such lighting is generally well received by the public due to the increased light output and the cleaner, white light. Occasionally, an entire section of streetlights is re-lamped to address a vehicle or pedestrian safety concern.

Furthermore, City staff maintains security lighting at City parks and facilities. This lighting is also replaced with LED lighting to improve light output and address security concerns. For instance, LED lights have been installed at Crane Park, Rotary International Park (Crowell and Gettysburg), the Animal Services building, and portions of the Taylor Road bike path.

The estimated cost of installing brighter, energy-efficient streetlights and security lights at Broadway, Central, and GAR is \$2,523.32 which is composed of a materials cost of \$1,504.00 and a labor charge of \$1,019.32. This project can be funded from existing parks maintenance funds.

4. BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Installing energy-efficient lighting will improve visibility in and around the parks to enhance security.
- B. Re-lamping lights with LED technology is an existing program; the proposed action will merely accelerate the replacement of these lights.

5. POLICY GOAL AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN INITIATIVE:

Not specifically identified within the Mayor and City Council Policy Goals and Implementation Plan. This item pertains to the ongoing operation and overall maintenance of City facilities and equipment.

6. FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal Impact \$2,523.32

110-60-600-44001_000 "Parks Maintenance".

As LED lights are more energy-efficient, they cost less to operate. LED typically have a typical 2-3 year payback. The life expectancy on LED lights is generally 10 years.

Budget Amendment

Not necessary.

7. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Recommend Approval.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

N/A

9. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Council may choose not to accelerate this re-lamping project. This alternative is not recommended as LED lighting represents an upgrade to the quality of the ambient lighting in and around these parks.