PARK DEVELOPMENT FEES DISCLOSURE

BACKGROUND

The City of Lawndale collects Park Development Fees which are derived from construction and remodeling of any dwelling unit. The amount of the fee is $400. These fees must go towards the betterment of park and recreation in the city. Government Code section 66006 and Chapter 12 of the Lawndale Municipal Code require that the City disclose an accounting of current Park Development Fees and earned interest. Under the Lawndale Municipal Code, this disclosure must be made within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year. The relevant section of the Lawndale Municipal Code is the following:

12.34.060 Accounting for fees.

A. The city shall deposit any fees collected in a separate capital facilities account in a manner to avoid any commingling of the fees with other revenues and funds of the city, except for temporary investments, and expend those fees solely for the purpose for which the fee was collected. Any interest income earned by moneys in the capital facilities account shall also be deposited in that account and shall be expended only for the purpose for which the fee was originally collected.

B. Within sixty days of the close of each fiscal year, the city shall make available to the public an accounting of the funds established pursuant to this chapter, which accounting shall show the beginning and ending balance, the amount of fees, interest, and other income collected, and the expenditures made during the fiscal year. The city shall review this information at the next regularly scheduled city council meeting not less than fifteen days after the availability of the information required by this section. (Ord. 676-91 § 1)

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE FOR JUNE 30, 2018, FY 2017-18

The amount of Park Development Fees on hand at the following dates are as follows:

July 1, 2017 $10,657
June 30, 2018 $15,553

This is an increase of $4,896 during 2017-18 with $4,773 coming from the collection of development fees and $123 from annual interest earned in the fund. There were no expenditures in 2017-18. Because this fund does not annually derive large amounts of revenue, the City will wait until significant amounts are accumulated and then use them for park and recreation purposes. The last time this fund was used was in 2009 when $59,560 was used for expenditures in relation to the Hopper Park Project. This fund is held separately in the City’s Fund 236 titled “Park Development Fund”.

When this fee was enacted in 1991, management, with the approval of the City Council, detailed a list of projects that this fee would be used for (attached). At this time, the City is considering the use of these funds to improve park signage at all city parks. The outline of the project is expected to be presented to
the City Council this fall (2018), with the park signage improvements completed in the 2018-19 fiscal year.

No interfund transfers or loans have been made from the Park Development Fund. No refunds of the Park Development Fund have been issued.