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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: J. Nicholas Williams
Director

SUBJECT: Naming Parks At Brooklyn Basin

DATE: May 31, 2019

City Administrator Approval

Date:

6/13/19

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends The City Council Adopt A Resolution Naming Four (4) Parks At The Brooklyn Basin Development To Township Commons, Brooklyn Plaza, Mayhew Park, And Sii Tka Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development Department (OPRYD) received a request from the Brooklyn Basin project sponsor Zarsion Oakland Harbor Partners I, LLC (ZOHP), to name the four parks at the Brooklyn Basin development. The Park Name Land Plan (**Attachment A**) illustrates the parks and location within the project. The first park, Township Commons, is anticipated to open in July, 2019. The proposed park names and the background on each name follows.

Township Commons: The name was chosen in honor of the Brooklyn Township, established in 1856 at the site of today's Brooklyn Basin development. The notion of the commons means land or resources belonging to the community as a whole. The park is a representation of a community asset, a grand civic space designed to accommodate large celebrations, impromptu gatherings, or day to day activities.

Brooklyn Plaza: The name was also chosen in honor of Brooklyn Township. The park is envisioned as a plaza that connects visitors to retail shops and the Clinton Basin waterfront.

Mayhew Park: Named for Brooklyn Township's first and only mayor, elected and re-elected three times before the township incorporated into the city of Oakland.

Sii Tka Park: The Ohlone translation of "Sii Tka" is "into the water". The naming of the park was proposed by the Sogorea Te Land Trust and is pronounced *Seed-Kah*.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Brooklyn Basin development project encompasses a 64 acre site that adjoins the Oakland Estuary to the south, the Embarcadero and the I-880 freeway to the north, 9th Avenue to the east, and Fallon Street to the west. The project includes 29.9 acres of City parks located along the Oakland-Alameda Estuary edge of the Brooklyn Basin site. The Brooklyn Basin Project was approved by the City of Oakland Planning Commission on March 15, 2006, a Development Agreement was executed on July 18, 2006, and final entitlements were granted in 2009. The project sponsor, ZOHP, plans to construct up to 3,100 residential units, 200,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space, a minimum of 3,950 parking spaces, and 29.9 acres of parks and public open space. Final Development Plans for the parks was approved in August, 2017 by the City of Oakland.

City policy to name a public facility is set forth in Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S. (**Attachment B**), and requires that all requests for naming of parks and recreation facilities be referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) and the Rules & Legislation Committee before the name is recommended to the City Council. Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S. states criteria for appropriate naming that includes a) a geographical area of the City or a significant historical event, b) an individual philanthropist, family, or estate name, and c) unique or civic circumstances. The PRAC unanimously recommended approval of the naming request at its June 12, 2019 meeting.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The 29.9 acres of new open space are planned along the waterfront edges of Brooklyn Basin. In total, they are a diverse network of parks, promenades, and plazas along the Estuary shoreline, linked by a pedestrian and bicycle trail system that connects to Jack London Square and Oakland's eastern waterfront. The open space includes 4 new parks, an expanded Estuary Park, and a wide public promenade along the perimeter of Clinton Basin. Each of the new parks within Brooklyn Basin plays a specific inter-related and complementary role. Township Commons, part of the first phase of Brooklyn Basin, is scheduled to open in late summer 2019. Located at the far eastern end of Brooklyn Basin, it is the park most closely tied to the industrial heritage of the site. Township Commons features repurposed truss structures from the 9th Avenue terminal building and a large south facing deck. Brooklyn Plaza provides a predominantly hardscape plaza that can host civic events at the head of Clinton Basin and connects to wide promenades; Mayhew Park is a quiet meadow planted to promote pollinators and featuring long views up and down the Estuary; Sii Tka Park features a viewing hill with vegetated edges for passive recreation and big water views. On the westernmost side of the area, Estuary Park, a City of Oakland project, features open fields for recreation and is closely tied to the Jack London Aquatic Center and the small-boat sailing, kayaking, rowing and other aquatic programs that are offered there. The parks and open spaces are linked with pedestrian and bicycle trails along the water's edge, contributing a total of 1.6 miles of new Bay Trail.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Oakland in naming of the parks at the Brooklyn Basin project.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

The park names proposed by ZOHP were vetted with Councilmember Nikki Fortunato Bas. Based on the Councilmember's recommendation, all names were reviewed by the Sogorea Te Land Trust resulting in the proposed Sii Tka Park name.

COORDINATION

The Office of the City Attorney and the Budget Bureau were consulted in preparation of this report.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no economic opportunities associated with this report.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities associated with this report.

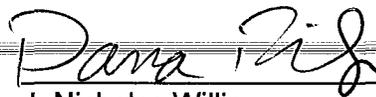
Social Equity: Educational signs and learning boards placed in the parks will explain the background of the park name bringing awareness to the history of the Ohlone people.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution naming four (4) parks at the Brooklyn Basin Development Township Commons, Brooklyn Plaza, Mayhew Park, and Sii Tka Park.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Dana Riley, Assistant Director at (510) 238-6495.

Respectfully submitted,

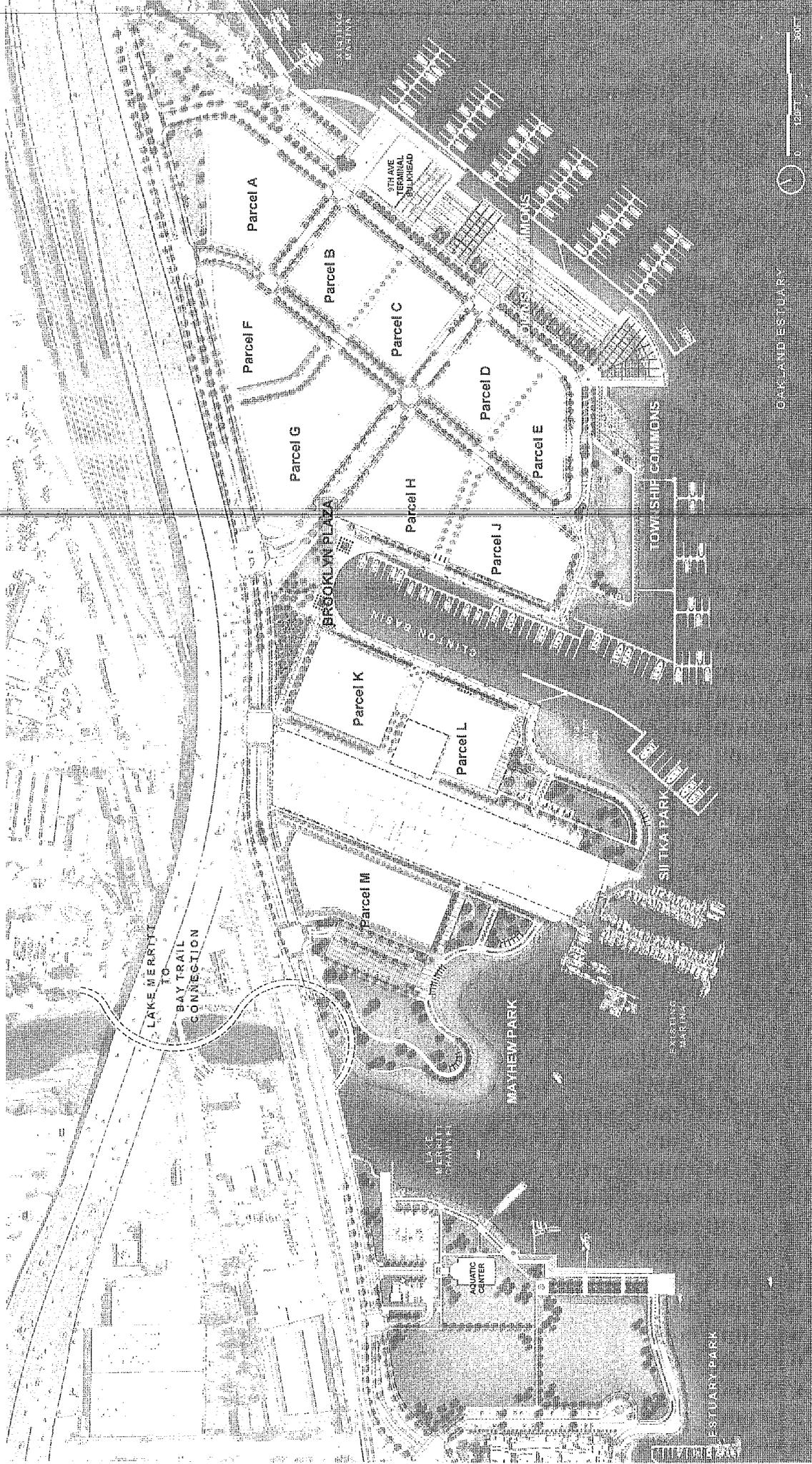


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Attachments (2):

- A: Park Name Land Plan
- B: Oakland City Council Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S.



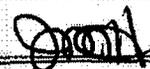
BROOKLYN BASIN

Attachment B

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 65024 C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____



RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PROCEDURE
FOR DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NAMES FOR MUNICIPAL
(PUBLIC) FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the City Council Rules and Procedures/Legislative Committee of the City of Oakland has conducted a review of the procedure by which the City Council selects appropriate names for municipal facilities in the City of Oakland, other than Parks and Recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed that an official procedure be established for designating official names for public facilities in the City of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council herewith approves and adopts the following procedure for naming public facilities in the City of Oakland:

1. Any individual or entity may initiate a proposal to name or rename a public facility in the City of Oakland.
2. All requests for naming and renaming public facilities in the City of Oakland shall be transmitted to the Rules and Procedures/Legislative Committee, including requests by:
 - (a) individuals and public officials;
 - (b) clubs, civic groups, or neighborhood organizations;
 - (c) public agencies or governmental entities.
3. Any request to name or rename park and recreation facilities shall be referred to, or may be initiated by, the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (OPRAC). The recommendation of the OPRAC shall be referred to the Rules and Procedures/Legislative Committee.
4. The Rules and Procedures/Legislative Committee shall review all requests and recommend an appropriate name to the City Council. Special consideration will be rendered based upon the following criteria:
 - (a) a geographical area of the City or a significant historical event;
 - (b) an individual philanthropist, family, or estate name;
 - (c) unique or civic circumstances;

(d) memorialization of a living person, only under special circumstances as follows:

- o the honoree contributed half or more of the cost of a major facility;
- o the honoree initiated or contributed major time to the establishment of the project;
- o overwhelming belief (public opinion) that the designee would probably be honored for that facility post-humously;
- o if no other individual now living has, or is likely to have, greater public support for being honored at this specific site;
- o the honoree has given extraordinary service to the City or the community;
- o the honoree has attained national or international prominence and achievement.

Upon approval, the City shall limit its recognition of an honoree to one facility or portion thereof. Further, facilities named for a specific individual should rarely be renamed, although the City Council could be flexible in renaming facilities originally named for geographical areas, etc. A public hearing shall be conducted by the City Council prior to the official designation of any name for a public facility.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC 1 1987, 19

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

HASKELL

AYES— BAZILE, CANNON, ~~BRIDSON~~, GILMORE, MOORE, OGAWA, RILES, SPEES, and PRESIDENT WILSON , - 8

NOES— NONE

ABSENT— CANNON, - 1

ABSTENTION— NONE

ATTEST:

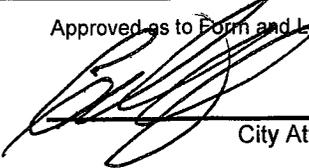


ARRECE JAMESON
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
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Approved as to Form and Legality



City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION NAMING FOUR (4) PARKS AT THE BROOKLYN BASIN DEVELOPMENT TOWNSHIP COMMONS, BROOKLYN PLAZA, MAYHEW PARK, AND SII TKA PARK

WHEREAS, the policy to name a public facility is set forth in Resolution 65024 C.M.S., and requires that all requests for naming or renaming parks and recreation facilities be referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) and the Rules & Legislation Committee ~~before the name is recommended to the City Council; and~~

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S. states criteria for appropriate naming that includes a) a geographical area of the City or a significant historical event; b) an individual philanthropist, family, or estate name, and c) unique or civic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development Department received a request from the Brooklyn Basin project sponsor Zarsion-OHP I, LLC ("Developer") to name the parks, which, pursuant to Section 4.4 and Exhibit D of that certain Development Agreement dated as of August 24, 2006, by and between the City (as itself and as successor to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Oakland) and Developer (as successor to Oakland Harbor Partners, LLC), as amended (the "DA"), are contemplated to be transferred to the City in phases; and

WHEREAS, the first park transfer (currently referred to as Shoreline Park Phase 1) is scheduled to occur as soon as all of the conditions precedent set forth in the DA for the transfer are satisfied; and

WHEREAS, Township Commons, the most eastern park of the site is named in honor of the Brooklyn Township established in 1856 at the site of today's Brooklyn Basin; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Plaza located on the Clinton Basin near the Embarcadero is also named in honor of Brooklyn Township; and

WHEREAS, Mayhew Park adjacent to the Lake Merritt Channel at the western edge of the site is named to honor Brooklyn Township's first and only mayor, elected and re-elected three times before the township incorporated into the city of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the name for Sii Tka Park located at the end of 5th Avenue was proposed by the Sogorea Te Land Trust and has an Ohlone transition of "into the water"; and

WHEREAS, Developer vetted the proposed park names with Councilmember Fortunato Bas and the Sogorea Te Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the naming request at its June 12, 2019 meeting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The four parks at the Brooklyn Basin Development are hereby named and will from henceforth be known as Township Commons, Brooklyn Plaza, Mayhew Park, and Sii Tka Park.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO, and PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

