



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. P
5/21/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution approving the Rules, Regulations, and Policies of the Oklahoma City Park Commission.

Background:

The Oklahoma City Park Commission (“Park Commission”) is an advisory board to the City Council. The membership, authority, and functions of the Park Commission are set forth in Article II of Chapter 38 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020 (“Code”). In accordance with Section 38-50 of the Code, the Park Commission, with City Council approval, may establish Rules, Regulations, and Policies (“Rules”).

Commissioners discussed the Rules at three meetings in early 2024. Among other things, the Rules are intended to maintain order, safety, and decency in City parks. They also clarify the Park Commission’s role in policymaking and ordinance development.

The Rules describe the Park Commission’s purpose as an advisory board to the City Council. They also address the Park Commission’s membership and structure, including the nomination, election, and duties of officers. The Rules also describe the Park Commission’s role in recommending the acquisition, donation, or disposal of City parklands, including factors to be considered when taking such actions.

In addition, the Rules describe the Park Commission’s role in recommending City Council action on Statements of No Adverse Impact for waste disposal facilities to be located within one-half mile of a City park. They also incorporate a revised Park Naming and Renaming Policy and add a mechanism for making changes to the Rules.

On March 20, 2024, the Park Commission recommended approval of the Rules.

Review:

Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.