



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2025-06

**Agenda Date:** January 16, 2025

**Department:** Wild Spaces & Public Places

**Title:** 2025-06 Authorization of an Amendment to a Task Assignment Under a Professional Design Services for Wild Spaces Public Places Projects Continuing Services Agreement (B)

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**Description:** Request for City Commission approval to amend a task assignment to add additional design services to the Tom Petty Park Pickleball Project. The design of the Tom Petty Park Pickleball Project is by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

**Fiscal Note:** The additional services cost \$38,570.00 which result in a revised total project cost of \$200,090.00. Funds in the amount of \$38,570.00 are available for professional design services from the Wild Spaces Public Places FY 2025 budget for this project.

**Explanation:** In 2023 the Department of Parks, Recreational and Cultural Affairs completed a needs assessment to update the department's master plan. Through the needs assessment update it was found that pickleball courts were among the highest priority needs within the City of Gainesville. The Tom Petty Park Pickleball project is an important recreational component in District 4. This project will also include rerouting and an expansion of the multipurpose trail that currently runs north-south through the park, which supports the highest priority need identified within the 2023 needs assessment, of increasing Bicycle / Walking / Multipurpose trails throughout the city.

City of Gainesville Parks and Recreation staff have requested that additional parking options in the vicinity of Tom Petty Park be investigated as an additional service. Parking was a concern of neighbors that was brought to staff's attention during the project's open houses.

During the City of Gainesville's Site Development Review processes the design team was directed to widen the proposed multipurpose trail from 8' to 10' wide. Widening requires site plan layout and grading revisions.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. received comments from the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) regarding the potential interaction between the project's proposed stormwater pond and existing wetlands. These comments required

one on-site review and several follow up virtual coordination meetings. The recommendations from these discussions require revisions to the proposed stormwater pond layout, pond details, and overall site grading. Comments also require revisions to stormwater calculations.

These additional services are required to successfully complete the design and permitting processes and move the project forward. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring or summer of 2025.

**Strategic Connection:**

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** The City Commission 1) approve the amendment for additional design services and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contract documents and other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.