

RESOLUTION R-5584

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND  
ACCEPTING THE PARKS FUNDING EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE  
REPORT.

1           WHEREAS, parks and recreation services are a vital component  
2 of the quality of life for all Kirkland community members, businesses,  
3 and visitors; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland values an exceptional parks,  
6 natural areas, and recreation system that provides a wide variety of  
7 opportunities aimed at promoting the community's health and  
8 enjoyment; and  
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10           WHEREAS, through Resolution R-5555, the City Council adopted  
11 the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, which provides a  
12 vision for the City's parks and recreation system, with goals and  
13 priorities based on input from over 4,700 community members; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the PROS plan identifies an indoor aquatics and  
16 recreation center(s) as a top community need, and other top interests  
17 include trails and trail networks, restrooms in parks, park safety and  
18 security, accessibility and sustainability measures, aquatics programs,  
19 environmental and outdoor education, sports programs, fitness and  
20 wellness programs, and community events; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the City Council's 2021-2022 City Work Program  
23 included a goal to explore potential comprehensive Parks ballot measure  
24 options to be placed before Kirkland voters in 2023 for the purpose of  
25 maintaining and expanding natural areas, open spaces, aquatics and  
26 recreational facilities, and program opportunities that enhance the  
27 health and well-being of the community and further the goals of  
28 abundant parks, open spaces, and recreational services; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution R-5551  
31 authorizing the City Manager to convene a Parks Funding Exploratory  
32 Committee (PFEC) to meet from September 2022 through March 2023  
33 to recommend to the Council capital and operating elements and  
34 funding mechanisms that could be included in one or more potential  
35 Parks ballot measures; and  
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37           WHEREAS, PFEC included 45 community members who studied  
38 Kirkland community needs and priorities based on the PROS Plan and  
39 reviewed potential ballot measure elements to meet those needs; and  
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41           WHEREAS, PFEC completed an initial report in March 2023  
42 recommending that a ballot measure or measures should have at least  
43 six priority elements, including at least one aquatics and recreation  
44 facility, three new and six winterized year-round restrooms in parks  
45 across Kirkland, Green Loop Trail segments, seven new sports courts,  
46 City-managed Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) operations including

47 teen recreation programs, and increased beach lifeguard hours and  
48 water safety programs; and  
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50 WHEREAS, at the March 21, 2023 Council Study Session, Council  
51 reviewed PFEC's report and recommendations and granted PFEC's  
52 request to reconvene and provide final recommendations about aquatics  
53 and recreation facilities, funding mechanisms, and estimated ballot  
54 measure costs of a ballot measure costs; and  
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56 WHEREAS, at PFEC's May 1, 2023 meeting, PFEC reviewed  
57 additional indoor aquatics and recreation facility options, and the results  
58 of a statistically valid community survey conducted to gather public  
59 input on expanded aquatics, parks, and recreational opportunities and  
60 PFEC recommended an addendum to the original report; and  
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62 WHEREAS, included in both the PFEC Report and Addendum are  
63 comments submitted by PFEC members who provided additional  
64 information or disagreed with the majority recommendations; and  
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66 WHEREAS, at the May 16, 2023 Council Meeting, the City Council  
67 reviewed the PFEC Report Addendum with additional recommendations  
68 about facility options and ballot measure funding mechanisms; and  
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70 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express significant  
71 gratitude to the members of PFEC who dedicated substantial time and  
72 energy into providing recommendations to Council; and  
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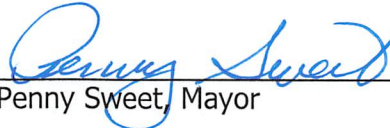
74 WHEREAS, the City Council will utilize the PFEC report and  
75 Addendum as the foundation for any potential ballot measure and  
76 supporting legislation as the Council evaluates placing a measure before  
77 voters on November 7, 2023.  
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79 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City  
80 of Kirkland as follows:  
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82 Section 1. The City Council hereby accepts the "Parks Funding  
83 Exploratory Committee (PFEC) Report", including the May 1, 2023 PFEC  
84 Report Addendum, as shown in Exhibit A to this resolution.  
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87 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open  
88 meeting this 6 day of June, 2023.  
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90 Signed in authentication thereof this 6 day of June, 2023.

  
Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk