

**Title:** Method Community Park– Authorize City Manager to Execute Certain Documents and Permits Action  
**Meeting Date:** July 1, 2025  
**Meeting Type:** City Council Meeting - First Tuesday - Afternoon & Evening Sessions  
**Department:** Engineering Services  
**Sponsor:** Brad Williams, Kelly Ham

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**Agenda Content:**

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Method Community Park is located at 514 Method Road. The 2022 Parks Bond allocated \$14,650,000 to Method Community Park for extensive renovation of the existing historic O'Kelly/White Community Center and Pioneers Building, improved site drainage, and accessibility improvements. On November 19, 2024, City Council authorized the addition of a recreational water feature in the park. A request for authorization of additional funds of approximately \$4M to support the water feature addition is anticipated to be included with the request for authorization of construction award after the project is bid.

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As part of the design and permitting process, certain applications must be made to the City (as the regulator of development under the State Building Code and the Unified Development Ordinance) associated with construction of the project. These applications include deeds of easement with utility providers and various applications for development approval, including in this instance an application to the Raleigh Historic Development Commission for Certificate(s) of Appropriateness, all as necessary for project development.

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Execution of these types of applications and deeds of easement requires City Council authorization. Authorization is requested to allow the City Manager to execute, as the designated representative of the City as the property owner, an application to the Raleigh Historic Development Commission for issuance of Certificate(s) of Appropriateness as well as deed(s) of easement conveying utility easement interests to utility providers to allow the permitting and construction of the Method Community Park project.

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This requested authorization does not include authorization for the City to enter into contracts or financing arrangements that exceed the thresholds for the City Manager's

authority under Section 2-4003 of the City Code of Ordinances (\$300,000 for service contracts and \$500,000 for construction contracts). Further approvals for these items for the Method Community Park project will be brought to the City Council for authorization as they arise.

**Recommended Action:** In addition to existing delegations of authority, authorize the City Manager to execute applications, agreements, and other instruments necessary to facilitate the construction of Method Community Park Improvements as described in the agenda item, with such authorization to not include obligations of funding or execution of contracts above the existing thresholds for City Manager approval as set forth in the City Code or through other Council action.