



Common Council Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ordinance #2021-484 - Ordinance Prohibiting Domestic Animals in Central Park
Meeting Date: May 18, 2021
Presenter: Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works
Department: Public Works

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

- Affordability & Financial Stability
- Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
- Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
- High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
- Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

At the prior City Council meeting, staff was directed to prepare an ordinance to prohibit domestic animals in the fenced in area of the Central Park softball/baseball field.

Analysis and Key Issues:

The Public Works Department has received complaints about feces and holes in the grass in the fenced in area of the Central Park softball/baseball field. The owners are allowing dogs to run unleashed on the field failing to clean up after them. A situation did arise with an aggressive dog approaching a volunteer working on the field.

Fiscal Impact

There would be no fiscal impact if the ordinance was approved to prohibit dogs within the fenced area at Central Park. However, it would likely reduce the staff time to clean up the area.

Recommended Motion

City Staff is requesting Council to approve Ordinance #2021-484 prohibiting domestic animals inside the fenced in area of the Central Park softball/baseball field.