MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
September 11, 2025

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on September 11, 2025 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. President Zimmerman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9-11. The pledge of allegiance was said. Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske and Redmann were present.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Lynn Beiswanger, representing the Bismarck Marathon, appeared before the Board as the featured partners and program.

Finance Director Kathy Feist provided an overview of the proposed 2026 budget. President Zimmerman opened the public hearing on the 2026 budget. He asked three times for anyone opposed to or concerned with the budget to appear before the Board. The then asked three times for anyone in favor of the budget to appear before the Board. President Zimmerman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Redmann moved to adjust the full-time employee merit increase from 3% to 4%. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Herzog and Redmann. Nays: Commissioners Gilbertson, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The motion failed.

Commissioner Jeske moved to adjust the full-time employee merit increase from 3% to 3.5%. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the second reading of the 2026 budget and the mill levy. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Jeske moved to adopt the 2026 operating budget with the approved change. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Herzog left the meeting.

Susan Hazelett with Apex Engineering reviewed the one bid that was received for the Sertoma Park restroom improvement project. Commissioner Gilbertson moved to reject the bid received and authorized staff to continue to work with Apex Engineering to re-bid the project. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Operations Director David Mayer reviewed the proposed park development agreement for the William Blackstone Park which, if approved, would be located west of north Washington Street and north of $57^{th}$ Avenue northwest. Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the park development agreement documents presented. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved approval of the following consent agenda:

- Consideration of August 21, 2025 Board meeting minutes
- Request authorization to add Bolton & Menk to the approved list of engineering, architect and planning services

Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve bills for payment with checks 408324 to 408331 and 219537 to 219788 along with bank drafts DFT001607 to DFT001613, EFTs 3526 to 3566 and direct deposits 90956 to 91560. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting will be held October 16, 2025, at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.