



DATE: June 16, 2026

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Calling for Bids for the Tennyson Park Streetlight Project, Project No. 06973

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopts the attached Resolution (Attachment II) approving the plans and specifications and call for bids for the Tennyson Park Streetlight Project.

SUMMARY

The Tennyson Park Streetlight Project calls for installation of eight streetlights around Tennyson Park, four on Panjon Street and four on Huntwood Avenue as part of the agreement with Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD) to install streetlights for the renovation of Tennyson Park Phase 2.

The total project budget of \$225,000 is funded by a \$140,625 contribution from HARD and the City’s share of \$84,375 from Gas Tax Fund 210.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item will not impact the City’s General Fund or Measure C.

The estimated project cost for the Tennyson Park Streetlight Project is \$225,000, including a \$140,625 contribution from HARD and the City’s share of \$84,375 from Gas Tax Fund 210 detailed in the table below.

	HARD Contribution	City’s Share
Fund 405 – Capital Projects (Governmental)	\$140,625	\$0
Fund 210 – Gas Tax Fund	\$0	\$84,375

Once the bids are received and a more accurate project cost is available, staff will return to City Council for the award of contract and request budget appropriation in August 2026. HARD will reimburse up to \$140,625 in project costs after project completion.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, HARD and City staff agreed to share the cost of installing streetlights around Tennyson Park, with HARD reimbursing the City for five streetlights at an amount not-to-exceed \$140,625. The remaining three streetlights will serve City streets.

On September 5, 2023, the HARD Board approved funding for additional streetlights along Tennyson Park (Attachment III).

In June 2024, HARD began construction on the Tennyson Park Renovation project. The project consisted of the renovation of nine acres of parkland, including: renovation of a sports field, a new pump track, modifications to the skate park, new basketball and bankshot courts, new picnic areas, new site furnishings, lighting, a prefabricated maintenance building, pedestrian walkways, a new parking lot, new bioretention basins, and landscaping.

On September 19, 2025, HARD held a grand reopening for Tennyson Park.

DISCUSSION

The Tennyson Park area currently lacks streetlights along the eastern portion of Panjon Street (near Mia's Dream Come True Playground) and the frontage of Huntwood Avenue. The City required HARD to install new streetlights on the park side of Panjon Street and Huntwood Avenue. An agreement was made between the City and HARD, that HARD would provide funding for five streetlights adjacent to Tennyson Park.

New street lights will help illuminate the sidewalks in the neighborhood, complementing recent improvements in the area, including:

- Hayward Firehouse Clinic located across the street from Tennyson Park (2015)
- Mia's Dream Come True Playground (2021)
- Tennyson Park improvements (2025)
- Nearby Stack Center Phase I (2025).

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15303(d), which exempts the construction and installation of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, including utility extensions and street improvements.

On November 15, 2016¹, Council adopted a resolution authorizing a Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) with the Alameda County Building Trades Council (BTC), which applies to City projects with construction costs of \$1,000,000 or more. The construction cost estimate for this project is less than \$1,000,000; therefore, the CWA agreement does not apply to this project.

¹ <https://hayward.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2882111&GUID=118B2EF9-1D2C-471F-999E-4BE0929706A0&Options=&Search=>

The plans and specifications are completed and staff is requesting that Council authorize the call for construction bids to be received by July 21, 2026.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The project will generate economic benefits by:

- **Enhanced Public Safety** - Improved lighting will deter vandalism and criminal activity, creating a safer environment for all park users and surrounding residents.
- **Reduction in Pedestrian Hazards** - Illuminated sidewalk will significantly reduce the risk of trip-and-fall incidents for pedestrians.
- **Improved Traffic and Crosswalk Safety** - Lighting will enhance visibility for at crosswalks on Panjon St and Aradon Ave and Panjon St and Huntwood Ave, reducing the likelihood of vehicle-pedestrian conflicts.

STRATEGIC ROADMAP

This agenda item supports the FY25 Strategic Roadmap priority relating to Cultivate Vibrant Neighborhoods:

- Objective 1: Invest in Cleanliness and Blight Reduction
- Objective 3: Beautify and Activate Public Spaces

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

The project requires the contractor to recycle all construction and demolition debris generated from the project.

The project satisfies the following 2040 General Plan policies:

- M-3.1 Serving All Users
- M-5.1 Pedestrian Needs
- M-5.6 Safe Pedestrian Crossings

PUBLIC CONTACT

After the construction contract is awarded, a preliminary notice explaining the project will be posted and distributed to all residents and businesses along the affected streets. After the construction work has been scheduled, signs on barricades will be posted seventy-two hours prior to commencement of work indicating the date and time of work for each street. Residents will be advised to park their vehicles on side streets outside of the work area during the period when the streets are being treated.

NEXT STEPS

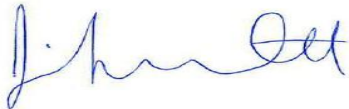
July 2026	Bid Opening
September 2026	Award of Contract
October 2026	Start of Construction
January 2027	End of Construction

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