



**NAPLES CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**Workshop Meeting Date: November 16, 2015**

Agenda Item:

Prepared By: Gregg Strakaluse, Director  
Department: Streets and Stormwater

**SUBJECT:**

Baker Park Risk Assessment

**BACKGROUND:**

At the December 15, 2014 City Council Workshop, CDM Smith presented the Preliminary Design Reports for a Basic Baker Park, Bridge & Boardwalks, and preliminary cost estimates for 24-park features associated with Alternative Master Park Plan "F" (please see Attachment 1) and a Gordon River pedestrian bridge. The 30% design cost estimate was \$21,720,000.

City Council previously agreed to allocate \$7,500,000 in City funds for development of the park and bridge and boardwalk crossing. In addition, private pledges and donations received prior to a March 7, 2015 gala, totaled approximately \$5.8 million.

At the February 4, 2015 City Council meeting, City Council reduced the number of park features and directed staff to develop a scope of work for a risk analysis of the Baker Park site and the amended park plan. Matt Kragh of MKH Architects continued his voluntary service by developing a revised rendition of the master plan with the park features supported by City Council. The revised rendition, referred to as Site Plan G was presented to City Council in the workshop meeting of March 16, 2015 (please see Attachment 2). At the conclusion of this meeting, City Council directed staff to develop a scope of services and solicit a nationally recognized park design and landscape architectural firm. City Council also directed staff to continue with the bridge design at the previously approved (Plan F) location.

On August 19, 2015, City Council approved an agreement with GHD Services, Inc. for an amount of \$43,900 to assess the documented environmental conditions of the upland portion of the Baker Park site, the potential risks to the public and structures due to site conditions post park development, and report on structural failures at similar sites. Attached, please find Exhibit #1, a summary of GHD's work and professional opinions entitled '**Baker Park Site Risk Assessment Analysis**'. **Dr. Richard Lewis** is the Project Manager and a registered Engineer in the State of Florida. Dr. Lewis will provide a presentation to City Council.

Reviewed by Department Director  
Gregg R. Strakaluse, P.E.

Reviewed by Finance

Reviewed by City Manager

City Council Action: