



Legislation Text

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Title

Resolution to Prohibit the Sale of Municipal Golf Course Lands

Body

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor owns and operates two municipal golf courses - Leslie Park Golf Course at 2120 Traver Road, and Huron Hills Golf Course located at 3465 East Huron River Drive - as part of a Golf Enterprise Fund;

Whereas, The golf courses are considered to be valuable part of City of Ann Arbor parks system as identified in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, and as such in the City's Master Plan;

Whereas, the Leslie Park and Huron Hills golf operations continue to be challenged by many economic and operational factors as manifested by decreased revenues and numbers of customers;

Whereas, The City hired a consultant recently to conduct a comprehensive study of the City golf operations, evaluate the future viability and profitability of the golf courses, and provide recommended options for enhancing the long-term sustainability of golf operations;

Whereas, One potential solution would be to sell in part or in whole, one or both golf courses to reduce accumulated debt in the Golf Enterprise Fund and possibly serve as a revenue source for required capital improvements to any remaining golf course(s);

Whereas, The Mayor and City Council have publicly and repeatedly indicated their unwillingness to consider any sale of the golf courses' properties for private development;

Whereas, Some residents continue to misrepresent the facts and insist that a sale of golf course properties is imminent, and whose resulting sale proceeds would be used to fund other City capital improvement projects such as a new Courts/Policy Building;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council deem that any consideration of possible sale of all the properties commonly known as the Leslie Park and/or Huron Hills Golf Courses' for private development is not in the best interests of the community;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council declare that all the properties commonly known as the Leslie Park and/or Huron Hills Golf Courses' will not be sold either in whole or in part for private development, and;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council agree that all the golf course properties shall remain in the parks system as open space for the purpose of other possible public recreational uses, should the golf operations cease for any reason.

As Amended by City Council on October 22, 2007