RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 102

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IDENTIFYING A PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITHIN ST. JOHNS COUNTY; IDENTIFYING BENEFITS OF SAID PARK IMPROVEMENT TO ADJACENT PARK IMPACT FEE DISTRICTS; APPROVING USE OF IMPACT FEES FROM OTHER PARK DISTRICTS FOR THE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN DISTRICT B; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Park Impact Fee Ordinance, Ordinance No. 87-58, authorizes the collection of park impact fees within four park impact fee districts within the county (hereinafter referred to as District A,B, C, or D); and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has received a donation of 132+ acres of land in Park District B with design, engineering and permitting completed and construction underway. This project includes the construction of active recreation facilities to include baseball, softball, football and soccer at this time; and

WHEREAS, impact fees collected in Districts A, C, and D are proposed to aid in the construction of the improvements in District B. Section 11, paragraph B of the St. Johns County Park Impact Fee Ordinance 87-58, states as follows:

"Funds shall be used exclusively for acquisition, expansions, or capital improvements within the park impact fee district as identified in Appendix I, hereof, from which the funds were collected or for projects in other park impact fee districts which are of benefit to the park impact fee districts from which the funds were collected."; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance requires that the use of impact fees in a district other than the one from which the fees are collected requires that the district from which the fees are collected derive a benefit from the project. The proposed park improvements in Park District B will add to the number of sports fields available and will provide additional fields that are expected to be used by residents of each of the other park impact fee districts. Additionally, the proposed park improvements in Park District B will serve to continue promoting the county as a "Headquarters for a World of Sports" by marketing the area to promote additional sport venues thus increasing recreational benefits to all park districts. Therefore, the Park Impact B improvement project will provide a direct benefit to all districts by increasing field availability and recreational benefits for the entire county; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, as follows;

Section 1: The findings contained in the "Whereas" clauses of this resolution are hereby incorporated into this section 1.

Section 2: The use of park impact fee funds collected in District A, C, and D for the project identified in District B is permissible and hereby authorized due to a direct benefit to residents of District A, C, and D for additional field availability and for additional recreational benefits through sports promotion from the construction of the park improvements.

Section 3: The county administrator is hereby authorized to transfer funds among the Park Impact Fee Trust Funds as necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 4: Any and all funds transferred to support the Park District B improvements will be reimbursed to the appropriate districts as projects are identified and qualified for a transfer from District B.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 8th day of Ougust, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: James & Bryant
Its Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

Deputy Clerk