

Item 25-0857: Approve ordinance changes to Section 13-1(f) Special Use Areas, Section 13-5(o) Prohibited Items and Uses, and Section 13-8 Possession of Alcoholic Beverages
Parks and Recreation Committee

Mon, Jul 21, 2025 6:00PM

Aldersperson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 01:14

There are no public hearings or appearances. Our action items for the day—we have a one, 25-0857, approve ordinance changes the section 13-1 subset F, special use areas, Section 13-5 subset O, prohibited items and usages, and section 13-8, possession of alcoholic beverages. Director Gazza, did you have anything to add to this? And what—?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 01:41

Just for those that aren't familiar that when we're updating an ordinance, it can be—it's a pretty big task, and working with the legal department, and we thank them for all their hard work and suggestions and wording and just making sure we're doing things correctly.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 02:05

We looked—we looked to update it, and we were going to update quite a—there's more updates coming, is what I'm trying to say. But there were some critical ones and some relatively easy ones that we thought would be good timing. And when we had worked with the police department on the possession of alcoholic beverages within the vicinity of playgrounds and pavilions, and that was passed by the council, we thought that that was important if they were going to start enforcing that ordinance, that is necessary to get that in front of you. And then Deputy Director Flick added the Gardens of the Fox Valley, just because it's old terminology. That one was an easy one, and then the ordinance didn't reflect the Vulcan Heritage Park as a leased area.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 02:54

And then one of the other issues we had with 13-50 was just vandalism of the pickleball courts. They're not being used for their intended use, so clarifying their specific use helped being that pickleball's relatively new and wasn't part of lot of older ordinance, you know, the past ordinances. And then overall, the updating of the alcohol beverages.

Aldersperson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 03:23

Any questions or concerns? Yes. Alder Smith.

Aldersperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 03:26

Yeah, just a thank you, Director Gazza, and just to follow up, when I used to live up on Erb street—Erb Park Area—

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:33

Yes.

Aldersperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 03:33

The tennis courts there were sometimes converted to volleyball late at night. And so, would this prohibit that use as well?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:41

Yes, yes, we do. We do allow racket sports to be played on the courts when using that, but when volleyball was being used specifically on these courts, the netting continually, continues to be damaged. And so, with that, the repairs got quite costly. It also then affected the ability for the tennis players to play. And so, we—you know, quite frankly, you know, you hope you wouldn't need any rules or ordinances and things would work them things out on their own. But in this case, it required us to step forward and put an ordinance in place to make sure that not only our assets are protected but then courts are used for their intended use.

Aldersperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 04:31

Thank you.

Aldersperson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 04:34

And Director Gazza, from the moving up the start time for shot—to accommodate shotgun starts at Reid golf course, do you expect to see any additional revenue about from that? Or will it make it easier on staff? Since I'm sure they have to really scramble, like watching the clock for nine o'clock to get drinks out to everybody that's already dispersed or....

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 04:55

That that's really what it is. So, most people will always do the nine o'clock start for the tournaments. So, what happens is, they want to buy beverages before the round starts, and so it makes it easier for staff to get them all set up, then they can go out on the course, and then they don't have to scramble and be out on the course right after they end up starting. So it isn't, for example, you know, people drinking early, or anything like that. It's all about preparation and getting them all set up before the nine o'clock shotgun start.

Aldersperson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 05:34

And I think, I think I forgot to ask for a motion on this. Is that correct? So could I get a motion on this before we go?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:41

I'll move to approve

Aldersperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 05:42

Second.

Aldersperson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 05:45

Any other questions or comments? Alder Smith.

Aldersperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 05:52

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Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:54

They both said it at the same time.

Aldersperson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 05:57

All right. Well, all those in favor, then? Aye. All those opposed? Abstentions? This passes five to zero.