

Explanation of the funding for several upcoming City projects

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Mayor Phil Fisher’s office provided the following explanation of the funding sources for the Lions Club Park, Parkway repairs and Parks and Recreation improvements.

Clinton Parkway Project:

The low bid was from W.E. Blain for \$1,145,497.45.

The money for the Clinton Parkway project will come from a City match of \$609,000 (already budgeted) and the \$500,000 from Speaker Gunn via the 2019 legislature:

\$609,000

+ \$500,000

\$1,109,000.

This leaves a \$36,000 shortfall. To account for these numbers, I [Phil Fisher] recommend:

1. The \$609,000 already budgeted for the Parkway (budgeted City match money) + the \$500,000 from the 2019 Legislature = \$1,109,000. The bid for the Parkway came in at \$1,145,500. This will leave us \$36,500 short.
2. The remaining \$36,500 will come from the \$210,000 left over from the 2018 street improvement money given by the Legislature (Speaker Gunn). \$210,000 - \$36,500 = \$173,500.
3. The remaining \$173,500 will be for any contingencies until the completion of the Parkway project in August/September.
4. The contingency (all or part of the \$173,500) will be spent on a traffic calming experiment in Ward 6 and on the City walking trails at Kids Towne Park, Phase 1 City trail (from Southern Oaks to Arrow Drive) and Neal Street. The order of trail paving will be based on the amount remaining and the cost of paving the trails to completion.

This will not affect the \$410,000 transfer to the Lion’s Club Park. The \$410,000 was originally tied to the Clinton Parkway and freed when Speaker Gunn gave the City \$500,000 specifically for the Parkway (see point 1 above).

This also has no bearing on the transfer of \$1,000,000 from street paving to Parks and Rec, replacing that amount with the \$1,000,000 Speaker Gunn gave to the City and designated for street paving by the 2019 Legislature. The Board approved using \$800,000 of the \$1,000,000 for work in the Parks and \$200,000 for matching funds to draw additional Parks and Rec grants.

Lion’s Club Park Funding:

Here is the breakdown of contributions for Lion’s Club Park thus far:

Lion’s Club International	\$100,000
Lion’s Club Local	\$15,000
MC	\$30,000
Chartre	\$38,000
Leland Speed	\$30,000
Main Street	\$14,000
Chamber of Commerce	\$1,000
Jr. Civic League	\$30,000
Donations from Caterpillar Parade	\$120
Total	\$258,120

The \$410,000 (from above) brings the total to \$668,120 for park construction. Of that, \$275,000 is allotted for playground equipment.

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