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ing \$410,000 of City money to Lions Club Park,” Martin said.

“This is not a City park. This is owned by Mississippi College, and the Lions Club is looking at leasing the property. We are taking \$410,000 of City money and putting it in a private park. We’ve got City parks that we already have around town and could develop one of those as handicap-accessible instead of doing it in a park we don’t own,” Martin said.

“Knowing the lease was being considered gives me a high level of comfort,” Alderwoman-at-Large Ricki Garrett said. “Would it give the Board some comfort if we just amended the motion to say that it’s approved contingent upon the approval of a lease? That way, if, for some reason, the lease agreement with MC falls through, then we wouldn’t have to move ahead.”

“The way it has to be worded – it [funds] will go into an account,” Brannon said, “but you would have to authorize the funds from the account. My understanding in the way this has been worded is you would still have to allocate the authorization to it for it to be expended.”

“If this doesn’t go through or whatever, we would come back and make

another amendment,” City Clerk Russell Wall explained.

“So there’s still another vote before this happens?” Ward 6 Alderman Mike Cashion asked.

“Since the construction exceeds \$50,000, I will have to come back to the Board to get approval and authorization,” Brannon said.

“If no lease then, it can’t go ahead,” Cashion stated.

“I’ve got some concerns,” Ward 2 Alderman Jim Martin said. “We’re taking on a commitment to take on a new park, and I’m having trouble keeping up with the parks we have now. I’ve got some concerns that not only will we be building it, but maintaining it, and stretch our resources beyond what we already have.”

“I’m not going to sit here and tell you we’re not going to build Lions Club [Park],” Ward 4 Alderman Keith Perritt said. “It will be a wonderful thing for the City to make a project as beautiful as what we’ve just seen here.”

“Lion’s Club Park will be a great addition to our City,” Mayor Fisher said.

The vote was 6-1 to approve the funds, with Martin casting the dissenting vote.