



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Funding - Sugar Creek Golf & Tennis Center Cost: \$600,000 from Hotel/Motel Tax Fund

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PURPOSE:

To create a capital project for the Sugar Creek Golf & Tennis Center not to exceed \$600,000 funded through Tourism Product Development of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; transfer \$600,000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund and to authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents.

NEED/IMPACT:

The Sugar Creek Golf & Tennis Center is an 18-hole golf facility with a lighted driving range and tennis facility with 10 hard courts and 4 clay courts.

Conditions at the site have deteriorated due to a lack of capital investment to maintain the golf and tennis center. The golf course is located in a floodplain and has been designed to handle the occasional flooding of the area; however, much-needed infrastructure improvements to assist with flooding have not been undertaken for many years. Keeping pace with the needed maintenance, which heretofore has been unfunded, has significantly reduced the playability of the course and impacted the use of the courts. Utilizing the funding that is available from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund would significantly upgrade this amenity. State Law, O.C.G.A. §43-13-51 allows for the use of collected funds through hotel/motel taxes to be utilized for tourism product development which includes the expenditure of funds for the creation or expansion of physical attractions which are available and open to the public and improve destination appeal to visitors, support visitors' experience, and are used by visitors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Appropriation of \$600,000 from the CIP Account 104027.89110.541401.01.601643 which has a balance of \$786,300 will leave a balance of \$186,300 in the Tourism Product Development project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the creation of a capital project for the Sugar Creek Golf & Tennis Center not to exceed \$600,000; transfer \$600,000 from the Tourism Product Development project account and to authorize the CEO to execute all necessary documents.