



**City Council  
Agenda Item Summary Report**

Meeting Date: October 4, 2022			
Submitted by: Jennifer Barnes Smith, City Attorney			
Consent	Discussion Only	Public Hearing	Action/Discussion X
Item Title: Discuss and consider action regarding a Resolution approving a Real Estate Contract for Exchange of Property between the City of Forney and the Board of Trustees of the Forney Independent School District.			
Attachments: Resolution Real Estate Agreement for Exchange of Property			

**Item Summary:**

Earlier this year, Forney ISD approached the City about the possibility of a land swap between the two parties. Each parcel of land that is being proposed, is located within what is referred to as Mulberry Park. Currently, the ISD is planning on constructing a new Warren Middle School on the property, southeast of the current Warren Middle School location. In doing so, the ISD is hoping to acquire approximately 4.7 acres of city-owned land within the southeast corner of Mulberry Park.

In hopes of acquiring the 4.7 acres needed for the future school, the ISD has offered approximately 7.7 acres for a potential land swap. The 7.7 acres is also located within the Mulberry Park boundaries and was previously used as the Forney High School baseball and softball complex. The ISD completed new complexes for each sport in 2021 near City Bank Stadium.

As of now the major use for the 4.7 acres that the city would be swapping, is practice fields for youth sports. This area hosts the majority of soccer and football practices during each respective season. While discussing the potential swap with the ISD, staff did inform the ISD that the area they were hoping to acquire hosted most of the practices for soccer and football. No longer having the area for practices would put an additional strain, on what is already a major issue with lack of open field space for leagues.

It was agreed that in addition to the baseball and softball complex, the ISD would allow the City to host practice on land, east of what is formerly Johnson Elementary off Shands St. The ISD would also allow the City access to the administration multi-purpose field located behind the Fisd Administration Building. The City previously installed lights on the field in 2019. The City performed an appraisal on the land, which is attached to the agenda item. Staff recognizes the importance of the partnership we have with the ISD, and the opportunity we both share in expanding community opportunities.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.