

**Item Title:** Amendment to Joint Use Agreements with Town of Knightdale and Wake County Board of Education for School Park at Knightdale High School and Forestville Road Elementary School

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners receives this information and approves the terms and conditions of the proposed Amendment to the existing Joint Use Agreements (JUAs) as has been approved by the Town of Knightdale and the Wake County Board of Education.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** Wake County is a party to the existing Joint Use Agreements, and Board of Commissioners approval is required to amend the terms and conditions.

**Background:** On April 5, 2004, the Town of Knightdale, Wake County Board of Education and Wake County entered into a Joint Use Agreement for development and shared use of a school park recreational amenities at Knightdale High School and Forestville Road Elementary School, and also entered into a Joint Use Agreement for shared use of adjacent Town Property (collectively “the JUAs”). Each Joint Use Agreement has a fifty (50) year term. Town and Board have successfully operated facilities included in the original master plan as agreed upon and approved within the JUAs. Town now desires and has requested that a Town-owned parcel identified in the JUAs as Town Licensed Area 9 (“TLA 9”) be released from the obligations and restrictions of the JUAs.

**Board Goal:** Meets the Board of Commissioners Education goals by collaborating with education stakeholders.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact resulting from this item.

**Additional Information:**

Pursuant to the JUAs, the parties have collaboratively funded, constructed and shared the benefits of use and responsibilities for maintenance of School/Park areas including playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball court, multipurpose fields, tracks, baseball and softball fields, and parking areas. The JUAs reference an intended plan for future development by the Town of Knightdale of a community center, pool, parking area, drive access, multipurpose field and playground area upon TLA #9, which upon completion could be available for shared use by the Board of Education.

Since entering the JUAs, the Town has not constructed any of the planned amenities as proposed in the JUAs, but has located similar amenities in other Town-owned locations for community use and benefit, Since the proposed amenities are no longer planned for

construction, the Town desires and has requested that TLA 9 be released from the obligations and restrictions of the JUAs. The Town also desires to consider the sale of TLA 9 together with adjacent Town property for a proposed mixed-use development which the Town considers to be in the best interest of the Town and citizens in the area, in furtherance of which release of TLA 9 is necessary and appropriate. The proposed future mixed-use development will be beneficial to Town and community in its provision of a residential neighborhood adjacent to Forestville Road Elementary School. The Town will ensure Knightdale High School receives improved traffic measures and amenities to support safe pedestrian and bike access for students.

TLA 9 is an undeveloped parcel containing approximately 15.46 acres and having Wake County PIN #1754492629 and REID 0314120. The parcel is located at the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Lawson Ridge Road and Forestville Road, and lies adjacent to the eastern side of the Forestville Road Elementary School campus and adjacent to the southern side of the Knightdale High School campus. The location of TLA # 9 is depicted below:



Terms and conditions of the Amendment have been reached. The proposed Amendment to the Joint use Agreements was considered and approved by the Town of Knightdale on November 13, 2019, and was considered and approved by the Board of Education on December 3, 2019.

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed Amendment #1 to the Joint Use Agreements