

these items to the agenda of a future meeting. Commissioner Kenton accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Chair Alexander III  
Vice Chair Pasqua  
Commissioner Kenton  
Commissioner Pochowski

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Schneck

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

[15-0308](#) Acknowledge the Department of Public Works' Amendments to the Operational Standards for Acceptance of Land for Park Purposes

Director of Public Works Manuel Pineda presented the staff report. He answered commissioner's questions; which sites brought up this review; how many land candidates would become available for consideration; and what "checks and balances" are in place to ensure the accuracy of the test results from the sites. He also answered questions about the costs related to site clean up and who is responsible to pay for it. Superintendent of Parks and Golf Scott Morton provided the definition of Superfund at Commissioner Kenton's request. Chair Alexander asked what the word "acknowledge" in Alternative 3 means, Director Pineda explained that Alternative 3 is asking for Council to acknowledge these changes to operating standards set by staff, as this is not a change to a Council Policy.

Chair Alexander opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and he closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Pochowski moved and Commissioner Kenton seconded the motion to approve Alternative 3: Recommend that Council acknowledge the Department of Public Works Operational Standards for Acceptance of Land for Park Purposes, as presented in Attachment 3. The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Chair Pasqua  
Commissioner Kenton  
Commissioner Pochowski

**No:** 1 - Chair Alexander III

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Schneck

Commissioners explained the rationale for their vote. Commissioner Pochowski voted yes, he stated it seemed reasonable, it gives Council more discretion to evaluate and make a determination how to proceed. Commissioner Pasqua voted yes, he stated he felt the report was well done. He said he had concerns about the Director's technical knowledge to make the final decision, but trusted that consulting experts would be used and "checks and balances" are in place. Commissioner Kenton stated he voted yes to do all we can do to acquire more green space and to be flexible to get more land.

Commissioner Alexander opposed Alternative 3, he stated there is some ambiguity in the report. He said that he could not vote for it with a good conscience because of the possibility of error, but he is not 100% opposed to the idea.

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

##### **-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Kenton inquired how land donations come to the City's attention. Director Pineda explained they are primarily in conjunction with development projects.

##### **-Staff Comments**

Superintendent Morton announced two activities this Saturday, the Fit and Fun Earth Day Fair and the first workshop of the Civic Center Project, Civic Center Tours. He directed Commissioners to the City website for more information.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.