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Transcript

00:00:00 Speaker 1

I'd like to call to order this special call meeting for March 30th, 2026.

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It is 9 a.m.

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John, if you could lead us in the invocation.

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Heavenly Father, Lord, we are grateful for another day.

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Excited for the week coming up, Lord, as we honor the death, burial, and the resurrection, dear Lord, of your Son.

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Acknowledging him in all our ways, pray that your blessing upon us today and just pray you would guide us in Jesus' name.

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Amen.

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Amen.

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Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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Ms.

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Kelly, roll call.

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Mayor Shaw.

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Here.

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Alderman Sinn.

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Here.

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Alderman Gregory.

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Here.

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Alderman Martin.

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Here.

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Vice Mayor Gilmour.

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Here.

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Attorney Russell Freeman.

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Okay, any citizens comments?

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Good morning, Mr.

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Mayor.

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Good morning.

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Alder lady, Alderman.

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My name is John Neely.

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I live at 2021 Rebecca Drive here at Rinchtrop.

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My comment is,

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At first, when I heard about the extension to the greenway, I was against it because of everything else and all the other funny coming.

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But since I'm lucky enough and fortunate enough, since I live right across from the Station Ridge Park, I do have a way across the roadway into the park safely.

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And having said that, I looked at the other end and said, you know what, I have seen people in the morning come and they're walking around and having to go through people's front yard to keep from getting in the roadway.

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So I'm 100% behind.

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My attitude changed 180 degrees from I was against it to an out probe.

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I think the people over there need to have the same way to get in and out of it.

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So I'm for it.

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Appreciate it, Don.

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Anyone else?

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Hi, Ron Valerie.

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Can I give you my address, all that?

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I live in Ridge Shop, right across from Station Park.

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I'm just a little confused.

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Last month I attended the park meeting, and we discussed putting a trail in around the place where it used to be a pasture for the horses, you know, over where the caboose was.

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So after 10 minutes of discussion, I heard that it had been proposed two or three times over the years, and it was always dropped because it was too expensive.

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So I went out and took my little laser and you got about approximately 600 feet of easement plus a bridge and then approximately 600 feet of trail around the outside.

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So the trail on our existing park would be too expensive, but now we've got a trail from Glen Circle over there that now we're looking for money for.

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I'm just confused, what's going on.

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I'm not sure.

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sure which one you're referring to the other trail?

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He's talking about a trail that would go around the field, down into the gully and back around where the road frontage is.

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From the playground, over to the fence line, around to the caboose, circle around there, to extend the existing park.

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So that's been discussed many times over the years and it was always pushed aside because it would cost too much.

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But now somebody's going to give us property or loan or whatever easement and so everybody is all excited about approximately the same amount of footage plus the bridge.

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So I'm not opposed to it.

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I'm just confused as to all these things getting pushed aside and passed, but all of a sudden now it seems like we can afford it.

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Well, this is a grant and the property was donated to us and this is a grant to provide the fence and the

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everything else that goes up the bridge and everything else that goes along with it.

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It's finding a grant or something to actually add to the walkway in your park is a lot harder than finding an access from a subdivision or another part that lets you access the property is a whole lot easier than finding something to actually do an improvement to your park.

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So, yeah, so I'm not opposed to it.

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I'm just wondering how we got all excited about this and the other one got pushed outside so many times.

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Yeah, because those are those are hard to come up with money for where this, you know, luckily kind of falls into our lap.

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And so this is.

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Thank you.

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Yes.

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And real quick, this is kind of a safety thing, as John was saying.

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Woodruff out here, it's hard, it's walking up and down, and I've done it.

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And you've got to get off the road because there's no space to walk.

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This would enable us to connect the subdivision going into the park so people don't have to walk out on that main thorough, or it's dangerous.

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It's my understanding that the state highway has an easement.

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It's a shorter distance on paralleling the highway, it's like, I don't know.

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50 yards, so that'd be 150 feet.

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Should the state give the easement?

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If this falls through, could they get an easement just for there?

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We have, I have, talked with the state trying to get a grant to put in a sidewalk down Woodruff.

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We've been declined on first attempt.

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We will go back if they offer it again.

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My plans are to try and reapply, but that's

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What happened there?

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We were turned down last year for that particular grant.

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Which side of the street would that be?

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I'm sorry.

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Which side of the street would that be?

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That park side.

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Okay.

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So the people across the street still can't cross the highway then without taking their lives in their hands.

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Correct.

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Correct.

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Yeah.

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This was a sidewalk that we were looking at coming from Lynn Circle.

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Right.

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All the way down to 41.

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Oh, okay.

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All the way to the stoplight is what we'd applied for.

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Well, how about just from Lynn Circle to where the fence is and you could put a pathway in that way?

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There's a possibility.

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Yeah.

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Yeah, it could connect to the trail.

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Yeah.

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Yeah.

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So like I said, right now, I'm not sure if there's gonna be another grand opportunity on that, but the company that I was dealing with,

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is staying on top of that and going to notify me if that comes available again?

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Okay, well the distance around from, I just measured from the caboose, but the distance around from the caboose is what, 580 feet, and going across with the bridge is about 600 feet.

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So they're very close in distance, but I don't know the technicality of getting your money for it.

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Yeah, there's

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What we applied for or are planning for is a specific grant for a greenway, walking path into park, et cetera.

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And as Monty stated, it's a different story applying for a grant on existing.

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That's a shame.

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Yeah.

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There's a lot of stipulations to these grant applications and so forth.

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Did you get one of these?

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No, I just got the time.

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Oh, okay.

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Okay, anyone else?

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Okay, well the business that we're here for today, as has been discussed, resolution number 26-03, which is a resolution authorizing the submission of an application

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for fiscal year 2026 public parks and recreation grant cycle for the 2026 Recreational Trails Program funds.

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We are applying for \$300,000 through this grant to again create a greenway from Lynn Circle into the backside of the park.

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This will include fencing, path, bridge, native trees.

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It's going to be a rather extensive project that we'll be undertaking.

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And it will give the people in the Barrwood, Lynn Circle area

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and access into the backside of the park and off of Woodruff Avenue.

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This particular grant is an 80/20 grant.

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So our liability, of course, would be \$60,000.

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That sounds like a bargain.

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It's one of our better ones, finally.

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Do you really think that the 300,000 is gonna cover it?

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Yeah.

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Yeah.

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Yeah.

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I don't think it'll cost, I don't think it'll cost that much.

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Really?

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Yeah.

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Sounds like a big project.

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It's a big project, but you know, just rough estimates that I've gotten, excuse me, are in the 250 range, so.

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It's going to be block top instead of not concrete.

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Yes.

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Okay, so block top.

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Similar to what we already have in our walking trails.

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Okay.

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The land has already been acquired, donated by the Poils.

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We're very grateful for that donation.

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Basic survey

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drawings and so forth have have been done um so we're we're ready to apply and see if we can obtain this grant yes sir quick question since you brought it up um if this current owner sells a property and a new owner comes in it's ours I'm sorry it's ours okay good it's already been recorded and deed it over to us.

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Now, where we discussed this at the last regular board meeting, what was the purpose that we had to come back this morning to re-discuss?

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Part of the grant program requires to have a special meeting.

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To pass the resolution.

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To pass this resolution applying for the grant.

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This just fulfills our obligation to have a public meeting.

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Yes.

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Okay.

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And this came up at the last minute, and I apologize for the 9 A.m.

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meeting, but we didn't have a choice.

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Okay.

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Are we ready?

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Yes.

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I'll make a motion we approve resolution 26-03, a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the

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FYI 2026 Public Parks and Recreation Grant Cycle for the 2026 Recreational Trails Program funds.

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I'll second it.

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Okay, any questions?

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Concerns?

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Okay, all in favor.

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Aye.

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Okay, we can close this out.

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And I make a motion that we close this special call of meeting.

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Second.

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Any questions?

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All in favor?