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City Council Awards Beast Urban Park Phase II Construction Contract

EL PASO, Texas—City Council today approved the next major expansion of The Beast Urban Park in El Paso's Upper Eastside, advancing Phase II construction and building on the community-focused amenities delivered in Phase I.

As the project moves into Phase II, Council awarded an approximately \$11.7 million construction contract to Gracen Engineering & Construction, Inc. Phase II will expand the park by approximately 650,000 square feet, adding new athletic spaces, shade, and onsite amenities that increase access to recreation and support a stronger quality of life for residents of all ages.

Phase II will add four diamond fields with dugout shelters, 10 pickleball courts, two handball courts, two sand volleyball courts, and two basketball courts, along with bleachers and bike racks. Additional improvements include new and expanded parking, food truck parking, walking paths, landscaping, irrigation systems, shade canopies, fencing, restrooms, and other site amenities.

"This investment reflects the City of El Paso's commitment to expanding access to recreation and wellness opportunities that strengthen families and enhance quality of life across our community," said Deputy City Manager and City Engineer Yvette Hernandez.

"District 5 families have been asking for places where our kids can play, our teams can compete, and our neighbors can gather," said City Representative Ivan Niño. "Phase II of The Beast Urban Park delivers that. It is an investment in our youth, our health, and the everyday moments that bring a community together."

The Beast Urban Park development calls for a multi-phase approach to transforming approximately 92 acres into a dynamic public space that advances the City's vision for exceptional recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities.

The first phase of The Beast Urban Park, which is already complete, included the construction of a recreation facility with an indoor 50-meter pool, gymnasium, fitness areas, community room, a new water park, surfing machine and other amenities.

The community will have a chance to review the construction schedule at upcoming community meeting, which will be scheduled in the springtime, before the start of construction.

Development of The Beast Urban Park has a total budget of approximately \$15 million, which includes project design and construction and supports the City's continued investment in recreational, cultural, and educational environments that enhance El Paso's quality of life.

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