

# O.J. Watson Park Improvements



Wichita Park & Recreation

November 1, 2022



# Background



- Watson Park is the only fully staffed destination park within the park system
- Variety of activities:
  - Mini train rides, pony rides, mini golf, pedal boats
  - Fishing, shelter rentals, sand volleyball leagues
  - Concessions, events, Seasons Venue
- Master Plan from 2015 guides operations and capital investments for the next 20-30 years



# Analysis



- Funding will be used for:
  - Furniture, fixtures, and equipment at Seasons Venue
  - Landscape improvements around the park, including irrigation systems
  - Road and sidewalk repairs
  - Other safety concerns



# Financial & Legal Considerations



- Adopted 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Program contains \$550,100 in 2023 for Watson Park improvements
- Staff recommends initiating the full amount
- Funding source is General Obligation bonds
  
- The Law Department has reviewed and approved the bonding resolution as to form.



# Recommended Action



- It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution and authorize initiation of the project.

