

City of Gulf Shores Pickleball Courts– Site Plan

Staff Report: Andy Bauer

Planning Commission Meeting Date: June 28, 2022

Applicant: City of Gulf Shores

Property Location: Sportsplex

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The City of Gulf Shores proposes to add 12 new outdoor lighted pickleball courts at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex. These courts will be located on the East side of Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium, and will share the parking lot with the Varsity Baseball Field. Currently, pickleball players have been utilizing the gymnasium at the Cultural Center and the outdoor basketball courts for play, limiting court availability. With the addition of these new courts, residents and visitors alike will have the opportunity to play on certified pickleball courts year-round. As pickleball continues to grow, these courts will also provide sports tourism opportunities through tournaments and league play, further supporting the sport's popularity.



In accordance with Article 3-3 B. Site Plan Review, the site plan technically meets the criteria to be reviewed administratively because there are no proposed structures in excess of 2,500 square feet.

This project is presented to the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 11-52-11 of the Code of Alabama. This section provides the Planning Commission the authority to review the character, location,

and extent of any street, square, park or other public way, ground or open space or public building or structure or major utility project.

BACKGROUND

May 9, 2022 – The City Council approved a contract between the City of Gulf Shores and American Tennis Courts, Inc. for the construction of 12 pickleball Courts.

FUNDING

Total Project Cost: \$744,369. Funding for the new courts will be split 50/50 by the City and Gulf Shores and Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Construction is set to begin in June 2022, with an estimated completion date of December 2022.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

The plans have been reviewed and approved by the Recreation and Cultural Affairs and City Engineering Departments.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Site Plan.

Attachments: Site Plan Set, Draft Resolution

City of Gulf Shores Pickleball Courts –Location Map

