SUMMARY:
The City Council recently received a request from the East Campus Neighborhood Association to consider renaming Rockhill Park to Clyde Wilson Memorial Park, in honor of former Mayor Wilson who recently passed away. At its May 3 meeting, the Council referred the matter to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their consideration and recommendation.

DISCUSSION:
At the May 20 Commission meeting, Park and Recreation Director Mike Hood shared a copy of the letter from the neighborhood requesting the name change. Tom Wilson, Clyde Wilson’s oldest son, was present at the Commission meeting and expressed support for renaming the park, saying it would be an honor for his father and family.

Hood advised the Commission that there would be some minimal costs associated with the renaming such as replacing signs and changing the name on printed materials and the website. However, he did not anticipate any other issues with renaming the park. Commissioner Devine asked if the renaming adhered to the Department’s naming guidelines? Hood indicated that it did, as parks may be named for city officials who are no longer in office. The motion as made by Pauls and seconded by Blevins was to recommend to Council that Rockhill Park be renamed Clyde Wilson Memorial Park.

Voting in favor of the motion: Kloepell, Blevins, Pauls, Devine, Davis
Opposed: None
Absent: Donaldson
Motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL IMPACT:
If Council determines that it is appropriate to proceed with the park renaming, there will be some minimal costs associated with sign replacement and updating printed and website materials.

VISION IMPACT
This report has no vision impact.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:
Accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and direct staff to prepare a resolution renaming the park.