

# SPECIAL A GENDA EL SEGUNDO CITY COUNCIL

6:00 PM Regular Session MARCH 16, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL** 

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#### D. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

# 1. Amended The Lakes at El Segundo Golf Course Design

Recommendation: Approve amended golf course for the upgrades/renovations to The Lakes at El Segundo golf course as part of the Topgolf project located at 400 S. Pacific Coast Highway.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

POSTED:

DATE: BY: TIME: March 15, 2021 Tracy Weaver 5:30 PM



# City Council Agenda Statement Special Meeting Date: March 16, 2021

Agenda Heading: Staff Presentation

#### TITLE:

Amended The Lakes at El Segundo Golf Course Design

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

 Approve amended golf course design for the upgrades/renovations to The Lakes at El Segundo golf course as part of the Topgolf project located at 400 S. Pacific Coast Highway.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are no fiscal impacts to the City. Topgolf will be investing approximately an additional \$800,000 in the golf course renovations.

#### DISCUSSION:

The current conceptual design (Exhibit 1) of the golf course was approved on May 17, 2016, and prior to the latest Due Diligence and Lease Agreement and Golf Course Management Agreement which now require that Topgolf operate both the Topgolf driving range and the golf course and club house facilities. Topgolf as is explained in detail below in the Background section of this report, desires to make a larger investment in the golf course and significantly improve its appearance and also make it more inviting for all players regardless of experience level and ability. Staff supports these changes as they exceed the minimum requirements set forth in the agreements for the golf course renovation and will help achieve the Council's goal of increasing the golf course's financial stability and increase the potential of it remaining open to the public well into the future.

The proposed new plan (Exhibit 2) meets the requirements of the conceptual design plan process and the agreements and is a significant improvement in many aspects including:

- All new grass on tees, greens, roughs and fairways as opposed to only limited areas of new turf under the prior plan; the course will basically be a <u>brand-new golf</u> <u>course</u> as opposed to simply a modified golf course.
- All tees are being expanded to allow for more teeing area to provide for different levels of difficulty of play and thereby attract golfers with different experience levels and all tees will be laser leveled to make sure golfers have an even lie when teeing off.
- Renovating all bunkers with new drainage and sand, as opposed to just renovating a handful of bunkers under the prior plan.

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- Providing a new state of the art commercial irrigation system with individual head control as opposed to only changing the locations of sprinkler heads for the revised design from the current golf course which will be much more efficient with water.
- Incorporation of the existing lakes (water features) into 2 of the golf holes as opposed to only 1 – further defining the theme for "The Lakes of El Segundo" and creating more memorable holes. The current design does not bring any of the lakes into play except for current hole #7. Hole #9 green is now closer to the lake creating a much greater sense of risk / reward for golfers.
- Enlarged practice green and chipping areas (17% larger) for more use and practice options.
- The playing yardage is essentially the same (changed from 1,204 yards to 1,205 yards), however, the layout of some of the holes is being altered for purposing of increasing the speed of play and for providing the improvements identified above.
- Additional investment of over \$800,000

The new plan adheres to Exhibit D of the Master Lease Agreement including, but not limited to, including one par 4 hole which is 265 yards.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The revised plan is the result of Topgolf partnering with Indigo Golf for the operation of the nine-hole golf course and receiving their input. The prior plan was designed and approved by the Council when the intent was that the golf course would be managed by an entity other than Topgolf. With Topgolf now under agreement to manage the golf course, Topgolf desires to improve the course's appearance and encourage players with different experience levels and ability to use the course. Exhibit D of the Due Diligence and Lease Agreement requires that the Council approve the final design of the course. Accordingly, given the changes are consistent with and, in fact, exceed the minimum requirements set forth in the Agreement, staff recommends that Council approve the amended design.

Indigo Golf Partners (formerly Billy Casper Golf) is one of the pre-imminent golf course management companies in the United States. Indigo Golf Partners is widely respected for its success in full-service management of and consultation to more than 160 public, semi-private and private facilities, communities and resorts in 29 states, of which more than 85 are municipally owned.

Indigo Golf Partners' client base spans private ownership, public agencies, homeowners' associations, universities and destination resorts with nine-hole layouts to 72-hole facilities. Many contain driving ranges, short-game practice areas and instruction centers; small- to large-scale food-and-beverage and catering operations; tennis courts, fitness centers, pools and other amenities.

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Indigo has been involved in the development, construction and opening of more than 30 golf facilities and another 30+ course renovations of public access facilities working with multiple architects, contractors and clients. With that, Indigo's review of the previously approved golf course plan has led to a revised plan completed by Mike Angus, a highly

regarded golf course architect who designs courses in conjunction with professional golfer, Phil Mickelson.

The determination to approve the amended design made tonight is ministerial in nature as the golf course requirements were established by the approved entitlements for project. This determination does not include or allow for any discretion to alter the prior entitlements or applicable regulations.

#### **CITY STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE:**

Goal 1: Enhance Customer Service, Engagement, and Communications; Embrace Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Objective A: El Segundo's engagement with the community ensures excellence.

PREPARED BY: Mark Hensley, City Attorney

Carol Beck, Golf Course Consultant

REVIEWED BY: Joseph Lillio, Chief Financial Officer

APPROVED BY: Barbara Voss, Deputy City Manager

Scott Mitnick, City Manager

#### **ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

1. Current golf course design

2. Proposed amended golf course design

### **EXISTING GOLF COURSE PLAN**

# **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS SCORECARD**



# NEW PROPOSED GOLF COURSE PLAN





 $2021 \ Design \ - \ 9\text{-Holes} \ / \ \ Par \ 28 \ \ / \ \ 1,205 \ Yards$