

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 10

DATE: November 21, 2006

STAFF: Craig Foreman

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 186, 2006, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Capital Projects Fund - Inspiration Playground Capital Project to Be Used for Design and Construction of a Fully Accessible Playground for All Children at Spring Canyon Community Park.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The community is donating funds to help build a playground at the Spring Canyon Park that will be fully accessible to all children. The total construction cost for the playground, including the water splash park, is \$1,195,000. The City has \$475,000 available for the playground from the park construction budget. Contributions, totaling \$720,000, include \$200,000 from a Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") grant, \$250,000 from the Colorado Eagles Foundation, and \$270,000 from the All Children Together ("ACT") fund raising efforts. This ordinance appropriates \$720,000 in the Capital Projects Fund - Inspiration Playground capital project from the aforementioned funding sources.

Annual operation and maintenance costs for the playground are budgeted at \$5,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This totally accessible playground will ensure that children of all abilities will be able to play side-by-side. No child will be left out at this playground. The playground will have a rubberized surface for accessibility, enhanced play equipment that allows children to play together throughout the playground with unique sensory and audio features. The water splash park will be barrier-free for the enjoyment of all children.

The community fund raising effort includes \$250,000 in matching money from the Colorado Eagles, a \$200,000 Great Outdoors Colorado grant, and numerous donations from citizens, businesses and community organizations.

On September 16, 2003, City Council adopted Resolution 2003-103 supporting the development of the Inspiration Playground.

ORDINANCE NO. 186, 2006
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS
FUND - INSPIRATION PLAYGROUND CAPITAL PROJECT TO BE USED FOR
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FULLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND
FOR ALL CHILDREN AT SPRING CANYON COMMUNITY PARK

WHEREAS, Spring Canyon Park represents the sixth community Park developed by the City of Fort Collins (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, City community parks are developed with large playgrounds that contain a variety of play equipment, constructed to comply with the guidelines contained in the Americans with Disabilities Act, that can be enjoyed by children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the City and the community has been to construct a universally accessible playground at a City park that would integrate play and socializing between able-bodied children and children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2003, City Council adopted Resolution 2003-103 supporting the development of a 100% universally accessible playground as part of the City's park system; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to design and construct a totally accessible playground at Spring Canyon Community Park ("Inspiration Playground") is \$1,195,000; and

WHEREAS, the scope of improvements at Inspiration Playground will include a rubberized surface for accessibility, enhanced play equipment with unique sensory and audio features, and a barrier-free water splash park; and

WHEREAS, the City and the All Children Together ("ACT") group applied for and received a Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund ("GOCO") grant to help fund improvements for the Inspiration Playground; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 2005-093, on August 16, 2005, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the GOCO state board obligating the City to use \$200,000 in grant proceeds for construction of the Inspiration Playground at Spring Creek Community Park; and

WHEREAS, funding sources for the remaining cost of improvements for Inspiration Playground, totaling \$995,000, have been identified as follows:

Spring Canyon Community Park Existing Appropriations	\$ 475,000
Colorado Eagles Foundation	250,000
All Children Together (ACT) Fund-raising	<u>270,000</u>
Total	\$ 995,000

WHEREAS, Under Article V, Section 9 of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins permits the City Council to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriations, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, does not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the proceeds from the GOCO grant, the contribution from the Colorado Eagles Foundation, and fund-raising receipts from ACT will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund - Inspiration Playground capital project to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to appropriate the sum of \$720,000, representing the proceeds from a GOCO grant (\$200,000), a contribution from the Colorado Eagles Foundation (\$250,000), and contributions (\$270,000) from the Fund-raising efforts of ACT, upon receipt, to be used for design and construction of a fully accessible playground for all children at Spring Canyon Community Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated revenue in the Capital Projects Fund - Inspiration Playground capital project, the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$720,000), upon receipt from the following sources:

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Grant Proceeds	\$ 200,000
Colorado Eagle Foundation Contribution	250,000
All Children Together (ACT) Fund-raising	<u>270,000</u>
Total	\$ 720,000

to be used for design and construction of a fully accessible playground for all children at Spring Canyon Community Park.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, this 21st day of November, A.D. 2006, and to be presented for final passage on the 5th day of December, A.D. 2006.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 5th day of December, A.D. 2006.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk