

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

March 21, 2017

City Council

STAFF

Kurt Friesen, Director of Park Planning & Development

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 038, 2017, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the Neighborhood Parkland Fund for Neighborhood Park Site Development and Transferring Appropriations to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund for the Art in Public Places Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 7, 2017 (Campana recused) appropriates Neighborhood Parkland Funds for the 2017-2018 budget cycle. This appropriation will complete the neighborhood park offer, providing funding in the New Park Site Development business unit for Sidehill Park and other neighborhood park projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, March 7, 2017 (w/o attachments) (PDF)
2. Ordinance No, 038, 2017 (PDF)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to request appropriation of Neighborhood Parkland Funds for the 2017-2018 budget cycle. During the regular 2017-18 budget appropriation process, Councilmember Campana recused himself from the appropriation of funds for Sidehill Park, resulting in a neighborhood park offer that was only partially funded. This appropriation will complete the neighborhood park offer, providing funding in the New Park Site Development business unit for Sidehill Park and other neighborhood park projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

A portion of Offer 70.2: Neighborhood Park Development was not funded through the 2017-18 budget process due to a conflict of interest with Councilmember Campana, and the funding of Sidehill Park. The City Manager's Recommended Budget provided approximately 1.8M be appropriated to the Sidehill Park business unit. Instead, the department would prefer the 1.8M be appropriated to the New Park Site Development business unit. Reasons for this include:

- The Department is moving towards a parent/child business unit system. In this case, the parent business unit is New Park Site Development, and the child business unit would be Sidehill Park.
- The parent/child arrangement provides more flexibility in how neighborhood park fees are spent, providing greater flexibility to respond to opportunity projects and unforeseen needs that arise during the budget cycle.
- This is the same system utilized by the Stormwater Department.

The 1.8M is anticipated to be spent in the following manner:

- Approximately \$900,000 for Sidehill Park, including raw water and land acquisition, design services, and potentially a portion of the budget needed to construct the park. After design of the park has progressed, additional appropriations will be needed to fully fund the project. A date for completion of the park has not been determined.
- Approximately \$900,000 available for other neighborhood park projects, including phase I development of the Streets Facility Park located at the Streets Maintenance Facility near the intersection of Vine & Lemay, raw water and land purchases for other neighborhood parks, and opportunity projects that may arise.

As outlined in the original offer narrative provided in the City Manager's Recommended Budget, design of Sidehill Park is planned to begin in the current budget cycle, with future appropriations likely prior to construction of the park. In addition, appropriate amounts for these projects must be transferred to the APP program accounts, pursuant to Section 23-304 of the City Code. These amounts total 1% of the Project budgets. Since \$9,000 has already been transferred with prior appropriations, this item transfers another \$9,000 to the APP program accounts.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This offer appropriates funding for the design and construction of neighborhood parks.

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Board unanimously approved of this approach at its February 22 meeting. **(Attachment 1)**

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Significant public outreach was conducted during the 2017-18 BFO process.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Parks Recreation Board Minutes, February 22, 2017 (draft) (PDF)
2. Power Point Presentation (PDF)

ORDINANCE NO. 038, 2017
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
PARKLAND FUND FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SITE DEVELOPMENT
AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CULTURAL SERVICES
AND FACILITIES FUND FOR THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Parks staff has identified a need to appropriate \$1,800,000 for Sidehill Park and other neighborhood projects; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified a need to appropriate half of those funds (\$900,000) for the Sidehill Park capital project, to include raw water and land acquisition, design services, and potentially a portion of the budget needed to construct the park; and

WHEREAS, staff has also identified a need to appropriate the second half of those funds (\$900,000) for other neighborhood park capital projects, including phase I development of the Streets Facility Park located at the Streets Maintenance Facility near the intersection of Vine and Lemay, raw water and land purchases for other neighborhood parks, and opportunity projects that may arise; and

WHEREAS, this project involves construction estimated to cost more than \$250,000, as such, Section 23-304 of the City Code requires one percent of these qualified appropriations (to include design and construction of the parks totaling \$900,000 out of the \$1,800,000) to be transferred to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund for a contribution to the Art in Public Places (APP) program; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council to appropriate by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund (project) to another fund (project), provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Neighborhood Parkland Fund the sum of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,800,000) for expenditure in the Neighborhood Park Site

Development Fund for Park Development of Sidehill Park and other neighborhood park capital projects.

Section 3. That the unexpended appropriated amount of SEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$7,020) in the Neighborhood Park Site Development Fund is authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund and appropriated therein for the Art in Public Places Art Project.

Section 4. That the unexpended appropriated amount of ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$1,980) in the Neighborhood Park Site Development Fund is authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund and appropriated therein for the Art in Public Places Program Maintenance and Operations.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 7th day of March, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of March, A.D. 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 21st day of March, A.D. 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk