



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item – 10.C.

City Council Meeting
February 13, 2023



Strategic Priority 5: Robust Infrastructure

Provide safe and equitable access to core services and amenities by safeguarding, maintaining and improving the city's water, wastewater, stormwater, mobility and roadway systems.

Subject:

Resolution No. 5 Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with Adams County Open Space for the Squires Park Renovation Project; Resolution No. 6 Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with Adams County Open Space for the McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation; First Reading of Councillor's Bill No. 4 re: Adams County Open Space Grants Supplemental Appropriations for the Squires Park Renovation and McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Projects.

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Recommended City Council Action:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 5 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Adams County Open Space for the Squires Park Renovation Project.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 6 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Adams County Open Space for McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Project.
3. Pass Councillor's Bill No. 4 on first reading appropriating the Adams County Open Space Grant Funds for the Squires Park Renovation and McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Projects not to exceed \$1,900,000 in expenses into the Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST) Fund.

Summary Statement:

City Council previously authorized Staff to pursue the Adams County Open Space grant during the Fall 2022 cycle for the Squires Park Renovation Project. Adams County awarded the City a grant for the Squires Park Renovation Project in the maximum amount of \$900,000 on November 29, 2022. City Council action is needed execute the grant agreement and to appropriate the awarded grant funds from Adams County.

City Council previously authorized Staff to pursue the Adams County Open Space grant during the Fall 2022 cycle for the McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Project. Adams County awarded the City a grant for McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Project in the maximum amount of \$1,000,000 on November 29, 2022. City Council action is needed execute the grant agreement and to appropriate the awarded grant funds from Adams County.

Fiscal Impact:

\$1,900,000 in grant funds.

Source of Funds:

Adams County Open Space Grant Revenues

Policy Issue(s):

- Should City Council enter into a grant agreement with Adams County Open Space for the Squires Park Renovation Project?
- Should City Council enter into a grant agreement with Adams County Open Space for the McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Project?
- Should City Council approve the appropriation of the Adams County Open Space grants to the POST Fund to help pay for Squires Park Renovation Project and McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Project?

Alternative(s):

City Council could choose to decline the Adams County Open Space grant funding. Staff does not recommend this alternative because the grants were awarded to complete these projects and a funding gap would exist in completing these projects without these funds.

Background Information:

The Squires Park Renovation project will update one of the most popular parks in the City. Squires Park was built in 1985, is 16.6 acres in size, contains a large picnic pavilion, playground, basketball court, detention pond/natural area, restrooms, a non-programmed ballfield, soccer field, and open play areas. Planned improvements include a new themed adventure playground, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible upgrades at the basketball court and trails, replacement of a 35-year-old irrigation system, enhancement of natural areas including an overlook and interpretive signage, a small off-leash dog area, and additional small shade shelters.

City Council previously authorized Staff to pursue the Adams County Open Space grant during the Spring 2022 cycle for the Squires Park Renovation Project. Adams County awarded the City a grant for the Squires Park Renovation Project in the maximum amount of \$900,000 on November 29, 2022.

McKay Lake Open Space faces many issues impacting the accessibility and safety of community visitors due to lack of parking, restrooms, and facilities as well as frequent flooding due to fluctuating lake levels. The project will upgrade the trail system to ensure ADA accessibility and compliance, elevate a portion of the trail to avoid flooding, and install restroom facilities. The parking lot located on 144th Avenue will be expanded utilizing environmentally conscious permeable pavers and will include

plantings that model xeriscape and water conscious landscaping. Additionally, there will be enhanced educational and recreational opportunities at the park including tree plantings, pollinator gardens, and other amenities that improve the user experience.

City Council previously authorized Staff to pursue the Adams County Open Space grant during the Spring 2022 cycle for the McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Project. Adams County awarded the City a grant for the McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation Project in the maximum amount of \$1,000,000 on November 29, 2022.

Approval of executing these grant agreements and appropriating the funds will help support the City's Strategic Priority of Robust Infrastructure by ensuring that Westminster offers a diverse range of amenities by improving resident mobility access to our facilities. It also supports the Strategic Priority of Quality of Life by providing safe and equitable access to a diverse range of services and amenities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark A Freitag".

Mark A. Freitag
City Manager

Attachments:

- Resolution No. 5 Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with Adams County Open Space for the Squires Park Renovation Project
- Resolution No. 6 Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with Adams County Open Space for the McKay Lake Area Management Plan Implementation
- Councillor's Bill No. 4 Adams County Open Space Grants Supplemental Appropriation for the Squires Park and McKay Lake Area Management Plan
- Supplemental Appropriation Account table