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FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT FOR OPEN SPACE RESTORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260,000 AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

Summary and Background Information:

As stewards of our public spaces, the PRG Department is focused on promoting resident health, safety and education through a variety of relevant programs and services for the community. One of our goals is to maintain and improve these public spaces, promoting sustainability and wellness. Adams County agrees to disburse grant funds to the Applicant to provide reimbursement for the payment of project costs upon successful completion of the Project, or on a quarterly basis. Itemized Reimbursement Requests are required for reimbursements. Should the Project take two full years to complete, the Reimbursement Request for the final period of the project must be received by August 9, 2025 to remain compliant with the Project Completion Date, as set forth above. Reimbursements disbursed from Adams County shall not exceed 52% of project costs incurred during the previous period with cumulative reimbursements totaling no more than \$260,000 based on a total project cost of \$500,000.

The open space restoration referenced in this grant can occur in Ragweed Draw Open Space, First Creek Open Space and/or Second Creek Open Space. Restoration began in the Second Creek corridor in 2019 and staff is seeing success. These funds will help to continue this work in coordination with the My C3 Program which strives to preserve the environment and protect natural habitats.

On March 27, 2023 Commerce City submitted an Adams County Open Space grant application in the amount of \$260,000 for Open Space Restoration.

The overall project includes purchasing equipment and supplies as well as contracting needs to successfully restore open space areas. Grant funds were requested for equipment and seeding.

On August 9, 2023 the Adams County Board of County Commissioners awarded \$260,000 in Adams County Open Space grant funds for Open Space Restoration. Staff expects to complete these improvements by Q2 2025.

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Carolyn Keith, Director of Parks, Recreation & Golf

Staff Member Presenting: Carolyn Keith, Director of Parks, Recreation & Golf

Financial Impact: \$260,000.00

Funding Source: ACOS Grant

Staff Recommendation: To approve ordinance 2535 to accept the ACOS grant funds.

Suggested Motion: