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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,229.92 FOR MOW DOWN POLLUTION AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

Summary and Background Information:

The Regional Air Quality Council partnered with program sponsors such as Ace Hardware and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to launch the Mow Down Pollution - exchange program as part of their efforts to mitigate ground-level ozone and enhance air quality. This initiative offers vouchers to support individuals and organizations who opt to recycle their gas-powered lawn equipment and replace it with rechargeable or corded electric-powered alternatives. Gas-powered lawn mowers and other lawn equipment emit greenhouse gases and contribute to ground-level ozone pollution in the Denver Metro/North Front Range area. By switching to an electric mower you can make a positive impact on our air quality and human health.

For more information about the Mow Down Pollution - exchange program, visit <https://www.mowdownpollution.org/>.

The City applied for a Mow Down Pollution grant in February 2024 and was awarded grant funding by the Regional Air Quality Council for activities related to the purchase of new zero-emission commercial lawn, and garden equipment. The specific approved funding breakout is detailed in the attached purchasing order.

This ordinance is submitted for Council's consideration to amend the 2024 budget, recognizing funds from the grant. This is a reimbursement-based grant and the City must submit all receipts to the Regional Air Quality Council within 120 days of the receipt of the grant award (letter dated February 27, 2024).

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Jeff Bowman, Deputy Director of Public Works

Staff Member Presenting: Jeff Bowman, Deputy Director of Public Works

Financial Impact:

Fleet Management Fund: \$98,229.92

Funding Source: Regional Air Quality Council Grant

Staff Recommendation: Approve Ordinance 2576

Suggested Motion: Motion to introduce by council as seated and approve Ordinance

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