



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: March 2, 2026

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Ord 2749

PRESENTER: Theresa Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Finance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing
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REQUEST

Approve an ordinance to amend the 2026 Budget by recognition of an Adams County Open Space Grant for Stampede Park Playground Improvements in the amount of \$175,000.

BACKGROUND

On November 29, 2022, the City of Commerce City (“City”) was awarded \$375,000 in Adams County Open Space Grant funding for Stampede Park Improvements (“First Grant”). This grant award has a required match of \$275,000 provided from the PRG Preservation Account within the Capital Expenditures Fund. This project covers the costs of replacing the irrigation system and playground and adding a basketball court and plumbed restroom. The playground was replaced, and the irrigation system, basketball court, and plumbed restroom projects will be completed in 2026.

Prior to the playground replacement, community outreach was conducted to choose new playground pieces. However, once they were installed, the residents were disappointed to learn that most pieces did not swing or have moving parts. Overall, they seemed much more suitable for younger children (ages 2-5).

In 2025, the community requested additional playground equipment for older children (ages 5-12). On August 29, 2025, the City applied for a Second Grant from the Adams County Open Space Grant Program for \$175,000, to expand the play pit area, add additional equipment and integrate shade into both play areas. The additional equipment would be selected through community outreach with specific attention to the movement of the pieces and their functions.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

On December 2, 2025, Adams County Open Space awarded the City \$175,000 with a required match of \$103,962 for Stampede Park Playground Improvements. The match for the Second Grant is also being provided by the PRG Preservation Account. It is anticipated that these improvements will be completed by the end of 2026.

Adams County has combined both grants for a total grant funding award of \$550,000 with a combined required match of \$378,962. Ordinance No. 2457, adopted by City Council at the February 6, 2023, council meeting, amended the Capital Expenditures Fund budget to appropriate the First Grant award amount of \$375,000. This subsequent budget ordinance appropriates the additional \$175,000 in grant funds in the 2026 Budget.

Reimbursements disbursed from Adams County shall not exceed 59.21% of total projects' costs incurred with cumulative reimbursements totaling no more than \$550,000 based on a total project cost of \$928,962.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	Adams County
Amount of Request/Contract	\$175,000
Amount Not To Exceed	\$N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$N/A
Budget Year	FY2026
Funding Source	Adams County Open Space
Additional Funds Needed	\$103,962(Match)
Funding Source (if funds needed)	PRG Preservation Account – 395-16-750-008

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
December 2, 2025	December 2, 2027
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
2 Years	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

Citation	Strategy 5.2 – Promote inclusivity through city programming and events.
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AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1. Approve Ordinance 2749 as submitted.
- Available Action #2. Opt not to approve and not move forward with accepting funding.
- Available Action #3. Provide alternative direction to City staff.
- Available Action #4. N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Action #1, approve as submitted.