



# City Council Communication

**AGENDA DATE:** September 15, 2025    **LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Ord 2704

**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 2025 Budget by recognition of the Adams County Open Space Grants to fund parks and recreation projects of \$805,749.

## BACKGROUND

On March 28, 2025, the City of Commerce City ("City") submitted the following three Adams County Open Space grant applications for a total request of \$805,749.

1. The first application was for the Pioneer Park Improvement Project. The City requested \$749,999 in grant funding with a match of \$760,000 being provided from \$60,000 in the Metropolitan Football Stadium District (MFSD) funds, and \$700,000 the PRG Preservation Account. The \$60,000 in MFSD funds are surplus funds from the Ninja Course project allocation and will be used to install an adventure course at Pioneer Park. The improvements include:
  - A. Creation of Staging Areas by Capra Field
    - Add netting/higher fencing, seating and area for equipment bags.
    - Creates a safer space for teams to meet prior to entering the dugout.
  - B. Playground Removal and Replacement
    - Existing small playgrounds by Capra Field are 25 years old.
    - Replace one with a hard surface area, hopscotch and foursquare, and one with a small nature inspired playground.
    - Replace overhead safety netting.

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

### C. Shelter Removal and Replacement, and Creation of a Picnic Area

- Two small shelters and two larger shelters are aging, and need to be removed.
- Area will be redesigned to create a more usable space for community events.
- Two additional, rentable shelters will be added.

### D. Playground Equipment and Installation

- Add two adventure domes (2-5 years, and 5-12 years)
- Add poured-in place rubber surface.

2. The second application was for the Second Creek Trail Connections Planning Project. This project would create a plan to connect the Metro Water Recovery maintenance trails into the Second Creek Open Space trail. The City requested \$50,000 in grant funding with a match of \$50,000 being provided from the Northern Trail Loops and Connections Account.
3. The third project was the Interpretative Signage at CALU Park and Second Creek Open Space Trail. The City requested \$5,750 with a match of \$5,750 being provided from the CALU Park Account.

The proposed project would install interpretative signage at CALU Park and the Second Creek Trail to educate residents and visitors on the history of the land, and native plants, grasses and wildlife. Tribal Historic Preservation Officers with the Tribal Governments for Cheyenne and Arapahoe will consult on signage content and the language used associated with the history and culture of the land. Park Rangers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be consulted on native plant and wildlife signage.

On August 12, 2025, the Adams County Board of County Commissioners awarded \$749,999 for the Pioneer Park Improvements Project, \$50,000 for the Second Creek Trail Connections Planning Project, and \$5,750 for Interpretative Signage at CALU Park and Second Creek Open Space.

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

Adams County agrees to disburse grant funds to the City to provide reimbursement for the payment of projects' costs upon successful completion of the projects, or on a quarterly basis. Itemized reimbursement requests are required for reimbursements. Should the projects take two full years to complete, the reimbursement request for the final periods of the projects must be received by August 12, 2027, to remain compliant with the Projects' Completion Dates. Reimbursements disbursed from Adams County shall not exceed 49% of projects' costs incurred during the previous period with cumulative reimbursements totaling no more than \$805,749 based on a total project cost of \$1,621,499.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	Adams County
Amount of Request/Contract	\$749,999
Amount Not To Exceed	\$N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$N/A
Budget Year	FY2025
Funding Source	Adams County Open Space
Additional Funds Needed	\$815,750(Match)
Funding Source (if funds needed)	PRG Preservation Account, Northern Trail Loops and Connections, CALU Park, MFSD Funds

### PROJECT TIMELINE

<b>Estimated Start Date</b>	<b>Estimated End Date</b>
August 12, 2025	August 12, 2027
<b>Years and Months of Contract</b>	<b>Number of Times Renewable</b>
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
Citation	Strategy 1.1 – Improve connectivity of multimodal sidewalks, trails and multi-use paths.		

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

	<p>Strategy 5.2 – Promote inclusivity through city programming and events.</p> <p>PRG Master Plan – Recommendation 3.4 – Include focus on Latino and Indigenous history in new programming offerings and design project.</p>
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### AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1. Approve Ordinance 2704 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.