

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: April 13, 2010	1 st Reading <u> X </u> 2 nd Reading <u> </u>	Legal Review:	Work Plan #	Agenda Location: Consent Calendar	Agenda Item: 8L
Subject: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE 2010 BUDGET AMENDING SECTION ONE OF ORDINANCE 3105, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 FOR ALL FUNDS EXCEPT THAT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS SHALL NOT LAPSE AT YEAR END BUT CONTINUE UNTIL THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED OR CANCELLED.					
Prepared by: Joyce Hunt		Approved by: Jack Ethredge		Ordinance previously introduced by: _____	
Reviewed by: Joyce Hunt		Presented by: Joyce Hunt Assistant City Manager			

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The 2010 Adopted Budget of \$190,589,532 is proposed to increase by \$1,941,553. The new amended budget will be \$192,531,085. This amendment is necessary and will accomplish the following:
 1. Appropriate \$1,719,053 in the Parks Fund to provide for the purchase of property for the Signal Ditch Park and Open Space in the north area of the City. The City is acquiring approximately 60.54 acres located just south of 152nd Avenue and east of Colorado Boulevard for \$3.85 million. The \$1,719,053 is the Parks Fund share of the purchase price.
 2. Appropriate \$222,500 in the Water Fund to accelerate the Water Conservation Program in furtherance of the *Thornton Cares Program*. The additional funds will be used to accelerate and/or expand various programs of the Water Conservation Program which will provide Thornton residents immediate savings during these hard economic times, and long-term savings as less water is used. The program provides savings to the City as the reduction in water needs means the City doesn't have to acquire as much water in the future. The various programs provide utility customers an incentive to replace various appliances and irrigation system components with newer, water-saving appliances and components. The specific programs are: a) establish a toilet voucher program (\$50,000); b) establish a Rain Sensor (wireless and manual) Rebate program (\$20,000); c) establish a weather-based irrigation controller rebate program (\$12,500); d) increase funding for the Residential Irrigation Inspection Program (\$10,000); e) increase the media/public outreach program efforts (\$100,000); and f) construct a xeriscape demonstration garden at Fire Station No. 5 (\$30,000).

BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- The source of funding the budget amendment for the purchase of park and open space property is the Parks Fund unappropriated fund balance. This will leave approximately \$1 million of unappropriated fund balance in the Parks Fund. The City has applied for a grant from the Adams County Parks and Open Space Fund to offset a portion of the total cost, but grant awards will not be announced until May 2010. [Note: This transaction did not affect the \$1.5 million budgeted in the 2010 Open Space Fund for the acquisition of open space.]
- The source of funding for the accelerated Water Conservation Program is a portion of the late-payment fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends approval of the ordinance in order to purchase this north area future park and open space as contemplated in both the Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the City's Comprehensive Plan and to fund the accelerated Water Conservation Programs included in the *Thornton Cares* program.

HISTORY: (includes previous City Council action)

- City Council approved the first amendment to the 2010 Budget, Ordinance #3125, on March 23, 2010.
- City Council approved Ordinance #3105 making appropriations for the 2010 Budget on August 25, 2009.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

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WHEREAS, the City Council is required to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a budget for fiscal year 2010 and desires to amend the budget to appropriate additional funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Section 1 of Ordinance 3105 is hereby amended as follows:

	2010 Budget	2010 Amended Budget	Change
General Fund	\$86,482,300	\$86,482,300	
Governmental Capital Fund	13,102,310	13,102,310	
Subtotal	\$99,584,610	\$99,584,610	
Internal Service Funds			
Information Technology Fund	\$4,891,594	\$4,891,594	
Reprographics Fund	763,088	763,088	
Risk Management Fund	3,155,646	3,155,646	
Subtotal	\$8,810,328	\$8,810,328	
Debt Service Fund			
Debt Service Fund	\$3,392,926	\$3,392,926	
Special Revenue Funds			
Adams County Open Space Fund	\$3,015,000	\$3,015,000	
Adams County Road & Bridge Tax Fund	3,037,370	3,037,370	
Conservation Trust Fund	872,400	872,400	
NOISE Fund	5,000	5,000	
Open Space Fund	2,414,890	2,414,890	
Parks Fund	1,410,442	3,129,495	\$1,719,053
Parks & Open Space Fund	7,332,950	7,332,950	
Subtotal	\$18,088,052	\$19,807,105	
Enterprise Funds			
Water Fund	\$44,739,541	\$44,962,041	\$222,500
Sewer Fund	11,124,342	11,124,342	
Environmental Services Fund	4,849,733	4,849,733	
Subtotal	\$60,713,616	\$60,936,116	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$190,589,532	\$192,531,085	\$1,941,553

2. That this ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED on first reading, ordered posted in full, and title ordered published by the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on _____, 2010.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on second and final reading on _____, 2010.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

Erik Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy A. Vincent, City Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Margaret Emerich, City Attorney

PUBLICATION:

Posted in six (6) public places after first and second readings.

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