PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM #19-2019

DATE: June 24, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager

FROM: Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture

Eric Ensey, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: CR-65 – Support for Adams County Open Space Grant Request for Civic Center

Phase I Implementation Outdoor Recreation Improvements

PURPOSE

Staff is seeking approval of the attached resolution supporting an Adams County Open Space grant application requesting grant funds in an amount up to \$1,300,000; not to exceed 70% of the total project costs for additional amenities and enhancements to the festival lawn and inclusion of the senior center patio and aquatics patio.

BACKGROUND

There are two opportunities each year to seek grant funding from Adams County Open Space (ACOS). Funding for these grants comes from the ACOS Tax, of which 68% is distributed through a competitive grant process. Adams County Resolution 99-1 and the ACOS Policies and Procedures manual outline eligible uses for these funds.

The funding is divided into two categories – active and passive. A request for a passive project may be for up to 70% of the total budget, a request for an active project may be for up to 60% of the project. Mini grants may be submitted in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; there are no funding request limits on the other grant types. In the past, the board has shown a preference to projects that don't exceed a 50% request, however, more recently the board has been more receptive of requests up to the maximum allowable amount. Based on the anticipated project cost, this proposal is intended to be submitted in the passive use category for an amount not to exceed 70% of the total project cost.

Funds are already identified in the amount of \$53 million for the hard and soft costs associated with the new recreation center, senior center and theatre, as well as the associated outdoor spaces and infrastructure. The existing funds allow for the design and construction of the new facility, as well as most of the associated infrastructure. However, the festival lawn, the senior patio and the aquatics patio have been significantly reduced or eliminated from the current design and construction estimate to stay within the identified budget. If grant funds are awarded, all three of these improvements will be re-incorporated into the design, as originally planned.

Approval of the resolution will serve as support for the application. A copy of the resolution will be included with the final application.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution in support of a grant application to Adams County Open Space for Civic Center Master Plan Phase I Implementation Outdoor Recreation Improvements.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

Adams County Open Space grant applications are due by July 22, 2019. The proposed resolution, along with the full grant proposal, needs to be submitted to Adams County by that date.

Grants will be reviewed by the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board in August 2019, and staff will participate in presentations and respond to questions from the Board in September. Funding decisions are generally made in October or November.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any comments or questions they may contact Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture at apeterson@northglenn.org or 303.450.8950.

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SPONSORED BY: MAYOR PRO TEM ESQUIBEL COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION RESOLUTION NO. Series of 2019 Series of 2019 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE FOR FUNDING FOR THE CIVIC CENTER PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION OUTDOOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$53,000,000 has been identified in the five-year Capital Improvement Program for the Civic Center Phase 1 Implementation Project. Additional improvements will include amenities and enhancements to the festival lawn and inclusion of the senior center patio and aquatics patio; and WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council believes that additional improvements to the Civic Center Phase 1 Implementation Project, which includes a new recreation center, senior center, and theatre, as well as outdoor spaces and infrastructure, will enhance the recreational amenities to users of all ages and abilities; and WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support of the submission of an Adams County Open Space Grant Application to obtain funding for the Civic Center Phase 1 Implementation Outdoor Recreation Improvements Project. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT: The City Council of the City of Northglenn is in full support of submitting a Section 1. grant application to Adams County Open Space to obtain funding for the Civic Center Phase 1 Implementation Outdoor Recreation Improvements Project. DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this ______day of _______, 2019. ANTONIO B. ESQUIBEL Mayor Pro Tem ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN

City Attorney

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC

City Clerk