

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance 1) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$195,000 with funds donated by Amazon; 2) amending the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$195,000 to transfer Amazon donation funds to the CIP Fund; and 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (CIP Plan No. P-R-11) by \$150,000 for improvements at Kelsey Creek Farm, Northtowne Park Playground and Bellevue Botanical Garden; ESI Implementation (CIP Plan No. CD-46) by \$35,000 for Citywide tree planting; and Neighborhood Enhancement Program (CIP Plan No. NEP-2) by \$10,000 for the installation of bat houses at the Lake Hills Greenbelt.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance increases the 2021-2022 General CIP Fund to increase the appropriation by \$195,000, a portion of the \$1,439,000 Amazon donation, to allow initiation of Parks & Community Services and Community Development capital projects.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6610

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At Council's May 17 meeting, staff provided a Management Brief (21-397) outlining Amazon's \$1,439,000 donation to the City. Amazon's donation funds are intended to support the Human Services fund with \$1,000,000, community-identified neighborhood enhancement projects with \$289,000, and park improvement projects with \$150,000. Staff is requesting an allocation of a portion of the Amazon donated funds (\$195,000) at this time to allow for initiation of neighborhood and park projects. The balance of the donation will be authorized in the City's regular budget process.

For park improvement projects, the Parks & Community Services Department is requesting \$150,000 to be added to the Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (CIP Plan No. P-R-11) for improvements at Kelsey Creek Farm to provide expanded educational opportunities, acquisition of new playground equipment at Northtowne Park and fabrication and installation of interpretative elements at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

For community-identified neighborhood enhancement projects, the Community Development Department is requesting \$35,000 for ESI Implementation (CIP Plan No. CD-46) for Citywide tree

planting project. Known as a “City in a Park,” Bellevue has a goal of a 40 percent tree canopy. To achieve this, the City seeks to plant 75,000 trees over the next 30 years throughout Bellevue. The funds will help reach the annual goal of planting 2,500 trees in 2021 in high priority locations on City property, parks and on faith-based school and other private properties. In addition, \$10,000 is requested for Neighborhood Enhancement Program (CIP Plan No. NEP-2) to fund the installation of a series of bat houses (2-5) along the Lake Hills Greenbelt trail system along with interpretive elements.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Neighborhoods & Environment

- N-10. Provide programs and support for residents to make a difference in local neighborhood improvements. This includes ways to direct neighborhood enhancement projects, neighborhood identity signage, gateways, park enhancements, neighborhood art, and maintenance of public right-of-ways.
- EN-13. Minimize the loss of tree canopy and natural areas due to transportation and infrastructure projects and mitigate for losses, where impacts are unavoidable.

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- PA-9. Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program.
- PA-15. Encourage the development of facilities for special purpose recreation.
- PA-34. Evaluate existing parks and facilities, and renovate, where appropriate, to maximize efficient maintenance and operating practices, improve safety and accessibility for all users, and to reduce, where feasible, the impacts on adjacent properties.

Fiscal Impact

This action will increase the 2021-2022 General CIP Fund appropriation by \$195,000, increase the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund appropriation by \$195,000 to transfer Amazon donation funds to the CIP Fund, and concurrently increase the 2021-2027 budget for Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (CIP Plan No. P-R-11) by \$150,000 for various park improvement projects; \$35,000 for ESI Implementation (CIP Plan No. CD-46) and \$10,000 for Neighborhood Enhancement Program (CIP Plan No. NEP-2) for community-identified neighborhood enhancement projects. These increases will be funded by donation received from Amazon in May 2021.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) amending the 2021-2022 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$195,000 with funds donated by Amazon; 2) amending the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$195,000 to transfer Amazon donation funds to the CIP Fund; and 3) amending the 2021-2027 CIP Plan to increase the budget for Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Plan (CIP Plan No. P-R-11) by \$150,000 for improvements at Kelsey Creek Farm, Northtowne Park Playground and Bellevue Botanical Garden; ESI Implementation (CIP Plan No. CD-46) by \$35,000 for Citywide tree planting;

and Neighborhood Enhancement Program (CIP Plan No. NEP-2) by \$10,000 for the installation of bat houses at the Lake Hills Greenbelt.

2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. CIP Project Description (CIP Plan No. CD-46)
 - B. CIP Project Description (CIP Plan No. NEP-2)
 - C. CIP Project Description (CIP Plan No. P-R-11)
- Proposed Ordinance No.6610

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Management Brief dated May 17 (\$1,439,000 Donation from Amazon Report)