

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

LeAnn Williams, Director, Recreation

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 017, 2024, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the Recreation Fund for the Purchase of Ponies and Sheds at Lee Martinez Farm.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$72,000 from Recreation Reserves to purchase ponies and replace sheds at the Lee Martinez Farm.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Farm at Lee Martinez Park is a community treasure. Over the past year the Farm has lost two ponies, with the last one in mid-January. The market to purchase additional ponies is challenging. The Farm is selective on which ponies it purchases due to the use of the ponies in children's programs. As the ponies continue to age, additional ponies are needed to ensure enough trained ponies are onsite to support the Farm programs. The sheds at the Farm have deteriorated much quicker than anticipated and need to be replaced. Without replacement, the sheds are likely to fail the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspection.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Recreation Reserves will have a starting balance for 2024 in the amount of \$2.7 million. The items at the Lee Martinez Farm align with intended use of this fund.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration