

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: Open Space Funds

SUMMARY: Determine how to use the balance of Open Space bond funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends using the balance of Open Space Bond funds for the 9000 South Pedestrian Tunnel project; Option No. 2 below.

MOTION RECOMMENDED:

Option 1

"I move to adopt Resolution No. 14-186 authorizing the Open Space Funds balance (approx.. \$382,768.81) remain and be spent as designated by City Council and return the Telecommunication Tax balance to the Capital Roads account.

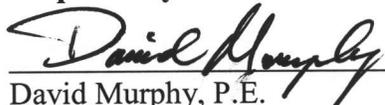
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Option 2

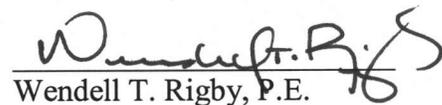
"I move to adopt Resolution No. 14-186 authorizing the Open Space Funds balance be used towards the 9000 South Pedestrian Tunnel expenses (zeroing out the Bond) and return the Telecommunication Tax balance to the Capital Roads account.

Roll Call vote required.

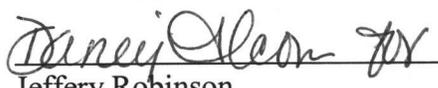
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Engineering Manager for CIP

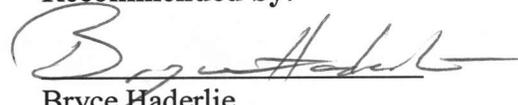
Reviewed by:


Wendell T. Rigby, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Reviewed as to Legal Sufficiency:


Jeffery Robinson
City Attorney

Recommended by:


Bryce Haderlie
Interim City Manager

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

In 2005 the West Jordan residents approved a bond for Open Space (Park, Trails, and Open Space) for \$4,000,000.00. The bond money was to be spent within two years of receipt.

Open Space Bond funds have been used to construct various parks:

- Oaks East Park
- Maple Hills Park
- Wildflower Park
- Bateman Pond Park
- Miracle Field
- Lucky Clover Trail Head
- Bridle Creek Park
- Plum Creek Pond Park
- Jordan River Trail
- Sycamores Park

In May 9, 2012 the City Council approved the balance of Open Space Funds be allocated to Jordan River Trail Projects. In February/March of 2014 two contracts were awarded one for the construction of a Pedestrian Tunnel on 9000 South and the other to complete a section of the Jordan River Trail near 9000 South.

Funding for the trail project included McAllister Funds (\$40,000), State Park Funds (\$110,000) and Open Space Bond funds (\$913,565.04). The cost of that project was \$680,796.23, leaving a balance of \$382,768.81 in Open Space Bond funds. The Bond balance could be used for additional projects or used against the Pedestrian Tunnel project expenses.

Funding for the Pedestrian Tunnel project was provided by a transfer of \$1,100,000.00 in telecommunication tax funds that had been designated for the 4000 West 7800 South to Old Bingham Highway road project. The City received \$1,100,000.00 from the State Legislature (S.B.164) for that road project, allowing for the telecommunication tax funds to be available for the Pedestrian Tunnel project. The tunnel project cost \$723,916.28 to complete. The City could use the \$1,100,000.00 telecom funds towards the tunnel expenses, leaving a balance of \$371,806.25 that could be returned to the Capital Roads account. The other option is to use the balance of the Open Space bond funds towards the tunnel, reducing the amount of the telecommunications tax needed for the project, allowing \$754,575.00 to be returned to the Capital Roads account (refer to attached Jordan River Trail and Pedestrian Tunnel Projects flow chart.

Attachments:

- Resolution
- Flow Chart

THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH

A Municipal Corporation

RESOLUTION NO. 14-186

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT OPTION 1
FOR JORDAN RIVER TRAIL PROJECTS**

Whereas, the City Council of the City of West Jordan has reviewed the options for the Open Space Bond funds; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to recommend staff implement Option 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH:

Section 1. Staff is hereby authorized and directed to implement Option 1, authorizing the Open Space Funds balance remain and be spent as designated by City Council and return the Telecommunication Tax balance to the Capital Roads account.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the City Council of West Jordan, Utah, this 24th day of September 2014.

Kim V. Rolfe
Mayor

ATTEST:

MELANIE S. BRIGGS
City Recorder

Voting by the City Council	"AYE"	"NAY"
Jeff Haaga	_____	_____
Judy Hansen	_____	_____
Chris McConnehey	_____	_____
Chad Nichols	_____	_____
Ben Southworth	_____	_____
Justin D. Stoker	_____	_____
Mayor Kim V. Rolfe	_____	_____

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-186

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT OPTION 2
FOR JORDAN RIVER TRAIL PROJECTS

Whereas, the City Council of the City of West Jordan has reviewed the options for the Open Space Bond funds; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to recommend staff implement Option 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH:

Section 1. Staff is hereby authorized and directed to implement Option 2, authorizing the Open Space Funds balance be used towards the 9000 South Pedestrian Tunnel expenses (zeroing out the bond) and return the Telecommunication Tax balance to the Capital Roads account.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by the City Council of West Jordan, Utah, this 24th day of September 2014.

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JORDAN RIVER TRAIL AND PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL PROJECTS

