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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	24127	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	5/9/2013	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Golf Surcharge Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to increase the transfer out by \$85,000; and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$85,000 from the Golf Surcharge Fund for turf replacement on course greens.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Golf Surcharge Fund Operating Budget.

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Kevin Gomillion, Division Manager – Golf and Tennis, PARD: 974-9351; Tina Van Wie, Corporate Budget Manager, Budget Office: 974-7921.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Approval of this \$85,000 Budget Amendment will allow the Department to proceed with turf replacement on course greens.

The City of Austin Golf Division completed a greens renovation at Jimmy Clay Golf Course in 2007. The greens were re-shaped and planted with Emerald Tifdwarf Bermuda grass. While the Emerald Tifdwarf was a relatively new strand of hybrid Bermuda grass, the strand of grass was known for strong roots and capable of faster green speeds. The greens showed great promise through the first year after construction.

Over the past five years, the Golf Division has worked to control root decline and high counts of nematodes (insects that feed on root zone) resulting in bare spots and poor putting quality. One of the most significant challenges to controlling bad nematodes is the lack of approved treatment. Nematodes normally do their most significant damage

during the spring and summer. The most devastating nematode, the Sting Nematode continues to have extremely high counts in several greens on the Jimmy Clay course. The Golf Division re-planted two of the worst greens last year with a different strand of Bermuda grass, commonly known as Tifdwarf Bermuda and has been more resilient against the Sting Nematodes.