

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	26356	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	8/22/2013	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Financial Services Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-002) to transfer \$640,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget; and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-002) to appropriate the \$640,000 transfer for the Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements project. Related to Item # 14.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$640,000 is available from the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Financial Services Department Capital Budget CIP Contingency Reserve.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Approval of this budget amendment will reallocate a total of \$640,000 in existing funding to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to adequately fund the Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements project. Per Council approved Financial Policies, the Financial Services Department maintains a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Contingency Reserve to supplement project budgets.

The Parks and Recreation Department recognized a need for improvements at Austin’s nationally renowned swimming pool. The 2006 Council resolution calling for consideration of water quality, salamander habitat improvements, and grounds, infrastructure and facilities improvements ultimately resulted in the 2009 Council adoption of the Barton Springs Pool Master Plan: Concepts for Preservation and Improvement (Master Plan).

In developing the Master Plan, several critical issues were identified as needing immediate attention as short-term projects. This project addresses many of these items including: treatment of critical trees; replacing overhead electrical wiring with underground wiring and adding electrical service to the poolside to facilitate pool cleaning; a new pump to facilitate more efficient pool cleaning; an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible path from the south entrance to poolside; relocation of an historical marker; new pool perimeter fencing; an updated south entrance ticket booth; additional bicycle parking; potential parking improvements; and other general grounds improvements.