

**CIP BUDGET
FISCAL NOTE**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

8/22/13

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Parks and Recreation Department, Financial Services

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.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Project Name:	CIP Contingency
Project Authorization:	2012-2013 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	CIP Interest
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8560-7407-0005

Current Budget	3,425,584
Unencumbered Balance	2,870,541
This Action	<u>(640,000)</u>
Estimated Available	2,230,541

Project Name:	Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements
Project Authorization:	2012-2013 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	CIP Interest
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8741-8607-NEW

Current Budget	0
Unencumbered Balance	0
This Action	<u>640,000</u>
Estimated Available	640,000

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL 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.