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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	70160	Agenda Number	12.
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Meeting Date:	5/4/2017	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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## Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20160914-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$993,841 from the Austin Convention Center Department Tourism and Promotion Fund Operating Budget..

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Austin Convention Center Department Tourism and Promotion Fund Operating Budget.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	During Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget discussions, Council took action to set up funding for historic restoration projects at city park facilities that attract tourists.
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## Additional Backup Information

City Council allocated Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funding to be directly spent by the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to support projects and initiatives that meet allowable uses as defined under Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code. HOT revenue is an important tool for the promotion of tourism and supports the growth of the tourism, convention and hotel industry. PARC is an important partner in this effort as public parks, museums, and cultural centers are among the top tourist attractions in the city.

PARC intends to strengthen our partnership with the Austin Convention Center, the Austin Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and the tourism and hospitality sector through the enhancement and promotion of historic parks, museums and cultural centers.

- Projects to be implemented with this funding include historic sites that are open to the public on a regular

basis and are either located in the immediate vicinity of convention center and are facilities frequented by tourists, or located elsewhere in the municipality or vicinity that are frequented by tourists and convention attendees. The funding will be allocated as follows:

- Oakwood Cemetery Chapel Restoration—the rehabilitation project is underway and expected completion is early 2018;
- Elisabet Ney Museum Restoration—design phase is underway and anticipated start of construction is Summer 2018;
- O. Henry Museum Phase I Restoration—rehabilitation of the porch roof was an emergency and is completed; construction on the Phase I Restoration will begin in Spring/Summer 2018; and
- Mayfield Park Restoration of exterior structures—projects will begin in Summer 2017.