

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Consent Agenda

Meeting of May 04, 2023

To: City Council Chair Brandi Gabbard and Members of City Council


Subject: Approving a resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept an Assistance Funding Purchase Order (“Order”) from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FFWCC”) Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase X Project at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at a maximum reimbursement amount of \$4,211.40; to execute all other documents necessary to effectuate the Order; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,211.40 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Parks and Recreation Department, Boyd Hill Nature Trail Division (190-2389), Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase X Project (19616); and providing an effective date.

Explanation: The FFWCC Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program has awarded the City an Assistance Funding Purchase Order (“Order”) in the amount of \$4,211.40 for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase X Project at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve (“Preserve”). The Preserve has a large population of gopher tortoises and burrows; however, vegetation is becoming too dense to sustain the foraging and burrowing needs of the tortoises. The proposed management activities will create forest openings to increase suitable habitat at the site for the tortoises. Work under this Order includes 25 acres of mechanical removal of saw palmetto, laurel oak, and cabbage palm. In Florida, the gopher tortoise is listed as a “threatened” species, and therefore, the tortoise and its burrow are protected under state law. Based on the above information, administration recommends adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept an Order from the FFWCC Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase X Project at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at a maximum reimbursement amount of \$4,211.40; and to execute all other documents necessary to effectuate the Order.

Cost/Funding/Assessment Information: Revenues of up to \$4,211.40 are to be received from the FFWCC and deposited into the General Fund (0001). Funding will be available after the approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,211.40 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Parks and Recreation Department, Boyd Hill Nature Trail Division (190-2389), Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase X Project (19616).

Attachment: Resolution

Approvals:

Administration: _____  _____ Budget: Lance Stanford

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO (I) ACCEPT AN ASSISTANCE FUNDING PURCHASE ORDER (“ORDER”) FROM THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION UNDER ITS GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN PHASE X PROJECT AT BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE AT A MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT OF \$4,211.40 AND (II) EXECUTE ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE ORDER; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,211.40 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL REVENUES, TO THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, BOYD HILL NATURE TRAIL DIVISION (190-2389), GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN PHASE X PROJECT (19616); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under its Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program has awarded the City an Assistance Funding Purchase Order (“Order”) in the amount of \$4,211.40 for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase X Project at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve (“Preserve”); and

WHEREAS, the Preserve has a large population of gopher tortoises and the vegetation is becoming too dense to sustain the foraging and burrowing needs of the tortoises; and

WHEREAS, the proposed management activities will create forest openings to increase suitable habitat at the Preserve for the tortoises; and

WHEREAS, the work under this Order includes 25 acres of mechanical removal of saw palmetto, laurel oak, and cabbage palm; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, the gopher tortoise is listed as a “threatened” species, therefore, the tortoise and its burrow are protected under state law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to (i) accept an Assistance Funding Purchase Order (“Order”) from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under its Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase X Project at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at a maximum reimbursement amount of \$4,211.40 and (ii) execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY23:

General Fund (0001)

Parks & Recreation Department, Boyd Hill Nature Trail Division (190-2389),

Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase X Project (19616)

\$4,211.40

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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DEPARTMENT:

BUDGET: