

DATE: August 19, 2021

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Blake McIntosh, Acting Director Civic Operations

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment – Parks Water Truck

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council APPROVES a budget amendment to Project #3295 – “Parks Water Truck” to show a total project cost of \$360,000 that includes the addition of \$60,000, funded through the Northern Capital and Planning Reserve Fund.

PURPOSE:

This report is to provide Council with information on the Parks Water Truck capital project and to request the addition of \$60,000 in funding through a project budget amendment.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Parks Water Truck project supports Council’s focus areas by maintaining fiscal sustainability and balance service levels with affordability of City services, facilities, and operations

BACKGROUND:

This project provides the Parks Division with one (1) new tandem axle dump truck with a slide in water system. Currently parks has utilized replaced assets from the Roads division that were previously replaced through the fleet replacement program. These assets are now at end of life and are becoming less reliable and more expensive to maintain and operate.

The new dump truck will be in operation for the entire year, as the configuration can be used for both winter and summer operations. With the slide in water tank the truck can be used in providing dust suppression during winter sand pick-up in the spring, and during the summer is used daily to water street trees, flower beds and planters. In winter months the water tank is removed and the truck is used for the hauling of snow from civic facilities and parking lots.

With the increased costs for procurement and material costs for the additional equipment to the Water Truck, administration is requesting the additional \$60,000 to support this capital project.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This capital project was approved in the 2020-2024 Financial Plan with a budget of \$300,000. Capital Project Budget Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 9217 requires that Council approves budget amendments that exceed the lesser of: 5% of the budget and funding for a Capital Project approved by Council; or \$100,000.

The Parks Water Truck budget of \$300,000 is funded through the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) Lease Proceeds. A budget amendment of \$60,000 is requested to complete the project for a total project budget of \$360,000. The recommended funding source for the additional \$60,000 is the Northern Capital and Planning Reserve Fund.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

A Council approved budget of \$300,000 was set to allow for the purchase of the Parks Water Truck. This budget was short as the material costs have increased to purchase this type of vehicle with the necessary equipment for Parks operations. City Administration is requesting an additional \$60,000 in order to complete this project.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Meeting Date: 2021/08/30