

AGENDA



Thursday, December 17, 2009

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 51**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$1,200,000 from a Master Agreement with the United States General Services Administration; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 200909014-003 to appropriate \$1,200,000 for improvements to Republic Square Park.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the United States General Services Administration.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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This action appropriates \$1,200,000 for future improvements to Republic Square Park consistent with the Republic Square master plan. There is a related agenda item for consideration by Council for this project.

The United States General Services Administration (GSA) has begun construction of a new federal courthouse across San Antonio Street from Republic Square Park. The courthouse project will include Great Streets streetscape improvements, utility relocations and upgrades within the City right-of-way, as well as various security standards that require vehicular traffic to be restricted within a certain distance of the courthouse. The restricted area in San Antonio Street will be converted to a pedestrian plaza. GSA needs San Antonio Street closed between 4th and 5th Streets so vehicular barriers, landscaping, and other improvements can be installed. Pursuant to a Master Agreement between the City and the GSA, the parties have agreed that GSA will pay \$1.2 million for the City's property interests in lieu of condemnation.