Thursday, June 24, 2010

Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 31

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$50,000 in grant funding from the National Recreation and Parks Association and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090915-002 to appropriate \$50,000 for the Summer Food Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding the amount of \$50,000 is available from the National Recreation and Parks Association. The grant period is June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. No City match is required. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

For More Information: Angela Means, 974-6712, Sharon Yarborough, 974-6723

Prior Council Action: September 15, 2009 approval of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget.

The Summer Food Program was created to provide free, nutritious lunches for youth who participate in our summer playground programs. Currently 17 sites serve free lunches 5 days a week during summer months.

The Summer Food Program is traditionally supported by a grant from the Texas Agriculture Department. This National Recreation and Parks Association grant, that is funded by the Walmart Foundation, will allow the expansion of our Summer Food Program and increase the number of youth served by at least 20%.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to the submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.