Thursday, August 19, 2010

Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20090914-003 to appropriate \$100,000 for the Citywide Invasive Species Management Plan.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Watershed Protection Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20090914-002.

Fiscal Note: Sara Hensley, Parks and Recreation Department Director, 974-6716; Victoria Li, Watershed Protection Department Director, 974-9195

Prior Council Action: April 8, 2010 - Council approved Invasive Species Management Plan resolution.

This action appropriates \$100,000 for the Citywide Invasive Species Management Plan.

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center will provide research and reporting services to establish the city's plan and approach to managing invasive plant species, which shall include, but is not limited to: review of existing plant control and management projects, creation of a three (3) year work plan with 10 year goals, identification of target species and control measures, a financial budget with phased implementation schedule, the development of response protocols and restoration standards, meeting coordination and stakeholder input management, and presentation to necessary Boards and Commissions, the Mayor and City Council.

The Watershed Protection Department (WPD) has agreed to provide the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) the funding necessary for this project. This amendment will authorize payment of \$100,000 for this project.