

ORDINANCE NO. 16-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-86 (2016 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND PARKS (TOPS) FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$855,421 TO FUND THREE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS RELATED TO GARDEN OF THE GODS PARK, DEERFIELD HILLS PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER, AND THE MANITOU INCLINE

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1997, the Trails Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Ordinance was approved by the citizens of Colorado Springs, establishing dedicated funding for trail, open space and park projects. In 2003, voters approved amending the TOPS Ordinance to extend the TOPS sales tax through 2025; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 1997, City Council amended the City Code (Ordinance No. 97-99) creating Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB). The PARAB subsequently formed a TOPS citizen working committee to advise them on specific and financial items. The TOPS Working Committee is responsible for setting priorities and making recommendations for the expenditure of TOPS funds; and

WHEREAS, each year the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department conducts a public process to assist in establishing priorities for the annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. On July 8, 2015, the TOPS Working Committee reviewed proposed projects and recommended TOPS Projects for inclusion in the 2016 Parks and Recreation CIP Budget. On July 9, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed and recommended the Parks CIP Budget for inclusion in the City's CIP Budget; and

WHEREAS, three additional CIP projects have subsequently been identified as priorities for consideration to be funded from the TOPS fund balance, requiring supplemental appropriation to the 2016 CIP Budget in the amount of \$855,421. These projects include Garden of the Gods Restroom Improvements, Deerfield Hills Park and Community Center Restroom Renovations, and Manitou Incline Phase 2.

1. Garden of the Gods Restroom Improvements: The existing restrooms within the Garden of the Gods do not meet the current needs and demands of two million visitors per year. Funding in the amount of \$470,000, from the TOPS Parks Category, is needed to pursue professional architectural services, refined cost estimates and phased construction contracts necessary for the restroom renovations and improvements.

2. Deerfield Hills Park and Community Center Restroom Renovations: The City is pursuing a major, \$2 million renovation and expansion of the Deerfield Hill Community Center. The first phase of this project (\$700,000) targets the highest priorities and needs for the Park and Center, and includes renovation of the restrooms to address ADA accessibility issues, site improvements (new sidewalks and pedestrian ramps), the addition of a new room at the front of the building for programs and preschool, as well as safety and security both internally and externally. Funding of \$570,000 for Phase I has been secured from several funding sources. Additional funding in the amount of \$130,000, from the TOPS Parks Category, is requested to complete Phase I. The proposed TOPS funding will be directed specifically towards the restroom renovations and exterior ADA improvements.

3. Manitou Incline Phase 2: In 2014, the Parks and Recreation Department made significant safety improvements to the Manitou Incline that were funded by a variety of grant sources and TOPS Trail Category funds, addressed the “middle third” of the overall trail corridor. To advance the repairs to the upper and lower thirds of the trail corridor (estimated to cost \$3 million), the City applied for two grants, a Community Development Block Grant-DR (CDBG-DR) and a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP). The City was awarded the \$1 million HMGP grant, but not the CDBG-DR grant. As a result, funding in the amount of \$255,421, from the TOPS Trails Category, is necessary to provide the required local match and additional funding to complete the second phase of the Manitou Incline improvements; and

WHEREAS, On December 2, 2015, the TOPS Working Committee unanimously recommended funding for the three CIP projects, and on December 10, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted 7 to 1 to recommend funding for the three CIP projects. Both of these meetings offered opportunities for public input regarding the proposed capital project funding recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 15-86 is hereby amended by increasing the Trails, Open Space and Parks Fund (TOPS) expenditure appropriation in the amount of \$855,421, which includes funding for three capital improvement

projects: \$470,000 for Garden of the Gods Park Restroom Improvements, \$130,000 for the Deerfield Hills Park and Community Center Restroom Renovations, and \$255,421 for the Manitou Incline Phase 2. The source of funds is the available fund balance in the TOPS Fund.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 3. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Finally passed: _____

City Council President

Mayor's Action:

- Approved: _____
- Disapproved: _____, based on the following objections:

Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

City Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk