

Trails, Open Space and Parks Program (TOPS) Ballot Question

City Council Work Session

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24 Years of Trails, Open Space and Parks Program (TOPS)



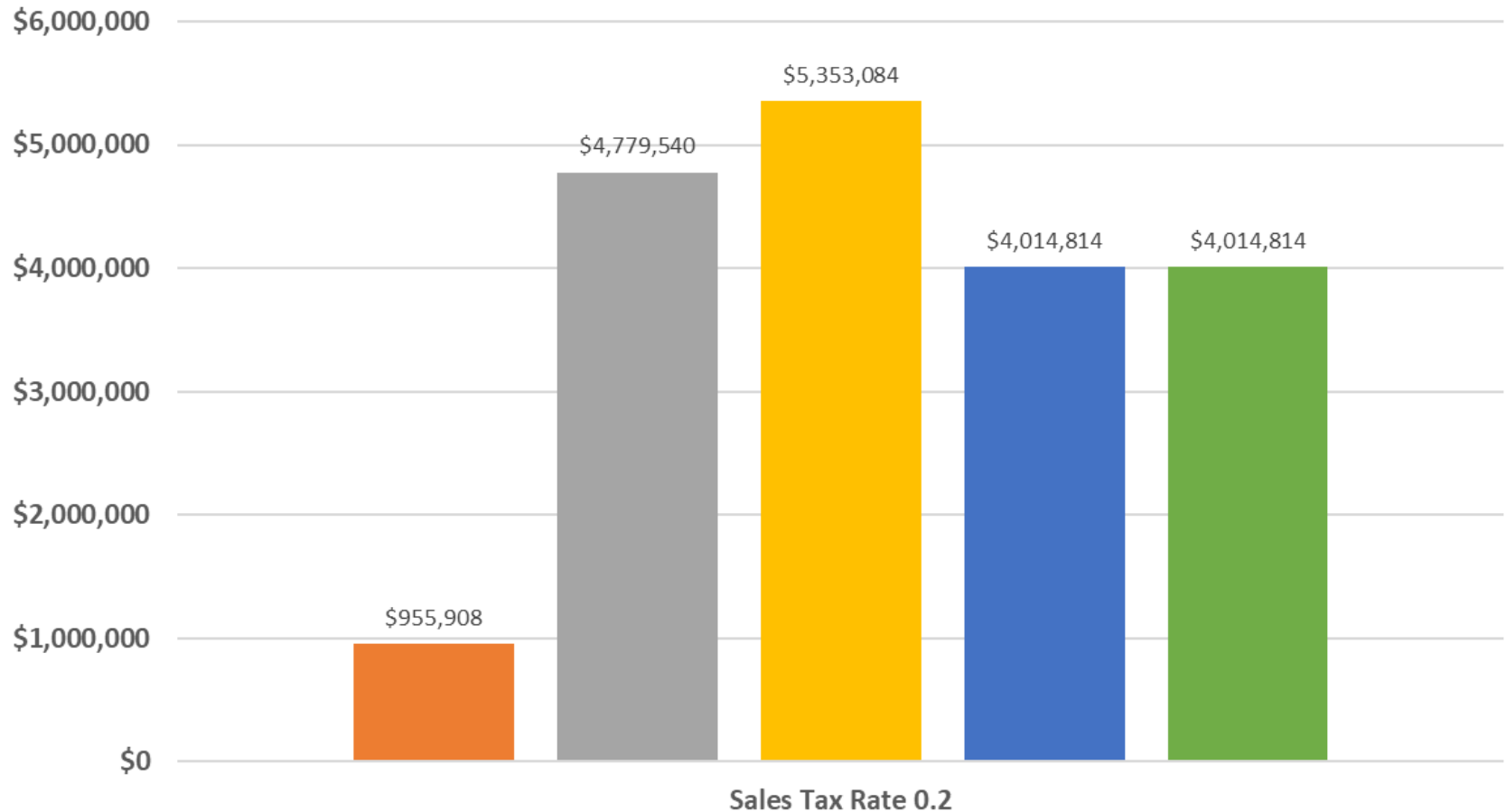
- **Important Accomplishments To Date:**
 - 7,169 acres of open space acquired
 - 66 parks built or improved
 - 50 miles of trail constructed
- **First Open Space Purchase:** Stratton Open Space
- **Most Recent Open Space Purchase:** Black Canyon Quarry Property and Pikeview Buffer Parcels
- **Total Open Space Acres Purchased in 2020:** 894 acres

TOPS Ballot Proposal



TOPS Ballot Proposal- 40/30/30

Administration 5% Maintenance/Operations 25% Parks 40% Trails 30% Open Spaces 30%



Potential Trail Projects



- Acquisition:

Continue to acquire property, trail easements and implement the Park System Master Planned trails such as: Black Squirrel, Chamberlain, Cottonwood Creek, Foothills, Pikes Peak Greenway, Homestead, La Foret, Palmer Mesa, Legacy Loop, Rock Island, Sand Creek, Sinton and Woodmen Road Trails

- Connection:

Corridors such as...Sand Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Rock Island, Legacy Loop, Shooks Run, Chamberlain, etc.

- Renovation:

Continue to renovate old asphalt trails to concrete such as Palmer Mesa Trail, Greenway, Homestead, Sandcreek, Sinton etc.



Palmer Mesa Trail-under construction

Potential Open Space Projects



- Acquisition:
Focus on the Park System Master Plan's Candidate Open Space areas, such as Corral Bluffs/Jimmy Camp Creek, Kettle Creek, Mountain Shadows (the City's western mountain backdrop)
- Master Planning:
Corral Bluffs/Jimmy Camp, Mountain Shadows Open Space including the Pikeview Buffer Open Space and Black Canyon Quarry, and the Blodgett Open Space, just to name a few.
- Development:
Continue to construct master planned elements in open spaces such as Austin Bluffs Open Space, Mountain Shadows Open Space, Ute Valley Park, etc.



Pikeview Buffer Open Space



Potential Park Projects



- Continue to implement Park System Master Plan
- Begin to build out on master planned properties such as Acacia Park, Antlers Park, Alamo Square, Garden of the Gods, Palmer Park, etc.
- Begin work on backlogged promised parks. Examples include Greyhawk Park, Coleman Park, Larry Ochs Sports Complex, Skyway Park, Skyview Park, and Bradley Ranch Park.
- Continue to improve existing park sites through renovations such as play spaces, walking trails, water conscious irrigation, shade, spray grounds, signs, restrooms and fencing throughout each quadrant of the city.



Nancy Lewis Park

Decision Timeline for Ballot Question- November 2, 2021



- June 21 Work Session and July 13 Regular City Council Meetings to discuss and vote on intent to participate*
- July 23 deadline to file statement of intent to participate with the County Clerk and Recorder.
- July 26 Work Session and August 10 Regular City Council discuss and vote to enter into an IGA with County Clerk and Recorder for coordinated election*
- **July 26 Work Session, August 10 Regular Session***
- August 24 deadline to file signed IGA with County Clerk and Recorder.
- September 3 deadline to file ballot language with County Clerk and Recorder
- September 17 deadline for people to file TABOR pro/con statements with City Clerk
- September 20 deadline to file TABOR ballot issue notice information with County Clerk and Recorder

*These are deadline dates for City Council action (Provided by the Office of the City Clerk)

Discussion

