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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 8Ordinance/Resolution# 12-108For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)For Meeting of January 3, 2012
(Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE WATERSMART: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 WITH A FIFTY-PERCENT (50%) COST SHARE REQUIREMENT (CASH OR IN-KIND) FOR A WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To apply for a grant.

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| COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL | | |
| <u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Elizabeth Vega | <u>Department/Section:</u> Finance/Grants | <u>Phone:</u> 575-541-2717 |
| <u>City Manager Signature:</u> |  | |

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

On November 9, 2011, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) released Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No. R12SF80049 titled WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2012. The U.S. President's FY 2012 budget request included \$18.5 million proposed for WaterSMART grants. The funding agency does require a recipient cost share of fifty percent (50%) or more of the project cost and an official resolution from the governing body recognizing that requirement. The resolution also requires the commitment of the applicant to work with BOR on any deadlines to ensure the success of a cooperative agreement if a grant is awarded. Applications for this FOA are due January 19, 2012.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be submitting a proposal under the water conservation category of the funding announcement requesting \$50,000.00 from BOR. The grant money will be utilized to establish warning tracks along the inside perimeter of the ball fields in the Hadley complex. Approximately 15 feet of sod will be removed and replaced with crusher fines. The level of funding will dictate how many fields will be addressed and the priority order of fields will be Paz, Harty, Maag, Provencio and Sodaldos. The grant application will also propose the installation of smart controllers to provide for efficient watering of the baseball fields. A pre- and post-audit will be done of the affected fields by a certified auditor to demonstrate how

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much the City will actually be saving in water costs. The \$50,000.00 cost share requirement will be met through in-kind contributions of equipment use and labor.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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| Is this action already budgeted? N/A | | | |
| | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | See fund summary below |
| | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | If No, then check one below: |
| | <i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Expense reallocated from: _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund. | |
| Does this action create any revenue? N/A | | | |
| | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of _____ for FY 2012. |
| | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no new revenue generated by this action. |

BUDGET NARRATIVE

The Parks and Recreation Department will be submitting a grant proposal in the amount of \$50,000.00 for turf removal and the installation of smart controllers at City baseball fields. The \$50,000.00 cost share will be met through in-kind contributions of equipment and labor.

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

| Fund Name(s) | Account Number(s) | Expenditure Proposed | Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY | Remaining Funds | Purpose for Remaining Fund |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will authorize the City of Las Cruces to apply for the BOR grant.
2. Vote "No"; this will prevent the City of Las Cruces from submitting a grant application.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could affect the timeline of grant submittal.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could prevent the City from submitting a grant before the deadline.

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REFERENCE INFORMATION:

N/A

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation offers WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2012 to assist applicants with water conservation, energy-water nexus, benefits to endangered species, and water market projects; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires an official resolution from the applicant's governing body to assure the granting agency that the applicant is aware of the fifty-percent cost-sharing obligation and that we will work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet deadlines to enter into a cooperative agreement if the City of Las Cruces is awarded funding; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used for turf removal and installation of smart controllers at City baseball fields; and

WHEREAS, the match requirement will be met through in-kind contributions of equipment and labor.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces is authorized to apply for a grant opportunity from the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$50,000.00.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____

Councillor Silva: _____

Councillor Smith: _____

Councillor Pedroza: _____

Councillor Small: _____

Councillor Sorg: _____

Councillor Thomas: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney