City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **January 25, 2016**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 4

From: William D. Stephens, City Manager

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 3-2016 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the Recreation Coordinator to apply for a grant for a shade canopy at Union Street Park from Cenpatico's Community Reinvestment Fund and to accept it if awarded

Discussion:

As a result of a community service project, playground staff purchased and installed playground equipment at Union Street Park, creating Benson's first neighborhood pocket park. Our Stakeholders stated during our Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Planning meetings that shade makes recreational facilities much more desirable to the potential user.

Cenpatico's Community Reinvestment Grant would provide the City with the needed funds to purchase a shade canopy for the playground equipment at Union Street Park, making the park more desirable and increasing usership at the park, which in turn has the potential to increase the overall health of our residents.

This fiscal year under Capital Outlay CIP PR 13-1, Staff earmarked $15,000.00 to hire a consultant to create a Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Master Plan for the City. Last fall the National Park Service (NPS) awarded Staff a Technical Assistance Grant. This grant has eliminated the need to hire a consultant – saving the City $15,000.00, because Staff is working with the NPS to complete the Master Plan.

In September of 2014, Staff requested an estimate for shade over the playground equipment; the total was $33,172.45. Based on that information, Staff estimates the shade for the playground will cost the City approximately $8,172.45, if awarded the full $25,000.00 in grant money. If awarded the grant from Cenpatico's Community Reinvestment, Staff plans to carryover CIP PR 13-1 funds to the 16/17 fiscal year and reallocate $8,172.45 of the $15,000.00 to contribute to the purchase of the shade canopy. The overall CIP increase will be approximately $1,345.00.

This grant is not a matching grant.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 3-2016

RESOLUTION 3-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE RECREATION COORDINATOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR A SHADE CANOPY AT UNION STREET PARK FROM CENPATICO'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT FUND AND TO ACCEPT IT IF AWARDED

WHEREAS, Cenpatico allocates funds from their profits each year to a grant program which is to be given back to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the City of Benson has an opportunity to apply for such an Community Reinvestment grant; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Coordinator for the City of Benson wants authority to apply for an Community Reinvestment grant in the amount of $25,000.00 to fund the purchase of a shade canopy for the playground equipment at Union Street Park; and

WHEREAS, the above discussed Community Reinvestment grant does not require a match by the applicant but, if the City of Benson is awarded the $25,000.00 Community Reinvestment grant in full, that would require the City to allocate $8,172.45 in CIP funds in order to pay the total cost of the shade canopy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that the Recreation Coordinator is hereby authorized to apply for the above discussed Community Reinvestment grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the above discussed grant is awarded, in whole or in part, then the Recreation Coordinator for the City of Benson is authorized to expend such funds consistent with the terms of the grant and the above discussed intended purpose, while complying with the City's procurement policies, and to execute all documents necessary to accept and expend the grant funds consistent herewith.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 25th day of January, 2016.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MESCH, CLARK & ROTHSCHILD
By GARY J. COHEN
City's Attorney