

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Consent Agenda

Meeting of October 17, 2013

To: The Honorable Karl Nurse, Chair, and Members of City Council

Subject: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept Assistance Funding ("Order") from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FFWCC") Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase II Project at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at a maximum reimbursement amount of \$15,000; and to execute all other documents necessary to effectuate the Order; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Parks & Recreation Boyd Hill Nature Trail (1902389) Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase II Project (TBD); and providing an effective date.

Explanation: The FFWCC Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program has awarded the City Assistance Funding ("Order") in the amount of \$15,000 for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase II Project on 96 acres at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve ("Preserve"). The Preserve has a large population of gopher tortoises and burrows; however, vegetation is becoming too dense to sustain the foraging and burrowing needs of the tortoises. The proposed management activities will create forest openings to increase suitable habitat at the site for the tortoises. Work under this Order includes a prescribed burn, mechanical and chemical treatment to reduce the vegetation at the site. In Florida, the gopher tortoise is listed as a "threatened" species, and therefore, the tortoise and its burrow are protected under state law.

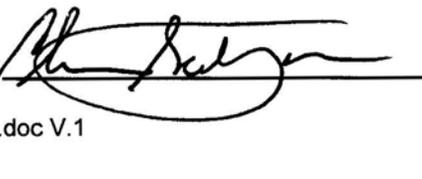
Recommendation: Administration recommends adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept Assistance Funding ("Order") from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FFWCC") Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase II Project at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at a maximum reimbursement amount of \$15,000; and to execute all other documents necessary to effectuate the Order; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Parks & Recreation Boyd Hill Nature Trail (1902389) Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase II Project (TBD); and providing an effective date.

Cost/Funding/Assessment Information: Revenues of up to \$15,000 are to be received from this Order. A supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001) resulting from these additional revenues, to the Parks & Recreation Boyd Hill Nature Trail (1902389) Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase II Project (TBD) will be necessary.

Attachment: Resolution

Approvals:

Administration:



Budget:



Resolution No. 2013-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FUNDING ("ORDER") FROM THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION ("FFWCC") GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN PHASE II PROJECT AT BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE AT A MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT OF \$15,000; AND TO EXECUTE ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE ORDER; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL REVENUES, TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOYD HILL NATURE TRAIL (1902389) GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN PHASE II PROJECT (TBD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FFWCC Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program has awarded the City Gopher Assistance Funding ("Order") in the amount of \$15,000 for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase II Project on 96 acres at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve ("Preserve"); and

WHEREAS, the Preserve has a large population of gopher tortoises and burrows; however, vegetation is becoming too dense to sustain the foraging and burrowing needs of the tortoises; and

WHEREAS, the proposed management activities will create forest openings to increase suitable habitat at the site for the tortoises; and

WHEREAS, the work under this Order includes a prescribed burn, mechanical and chemical treatment to reduce the vegetation at the site; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, the gopher tortoise is listed as a "threatened" species, therefore, the tortoise and its burrow are protected under state law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept Assistance Funding ("Order") from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FFWCC") Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase II Project at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, at a maximum reimbursement amount of \$15,000; and to execute all other documents necessary to effectuate the Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001) resulting from these additional revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY14:

