

**ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL**

**Consent Agenda**

**Meeting of January 18, 2018**

**To: The Honorable Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Chair, and Members of City Council**

**Subject:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept an Assistance Funding Purchase Order (“Order”) from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FFWCC”) Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase V 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 VI Project (TBD); and providing an effective date.

**Explanation:** The FFWCC Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program has awarded the City an Assistance Funding Purchase Order (“Order”) in the amount of \$15,000 for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase VI Project 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 of 40 acres of sand pine scrub, mechanical treatment of hardwoods and sabal palms, and selective herbicide treatment of non-native invasive plants to include saw palmetto and vines in units 1 & 2 (20 acres) to be done by a third party contractor. 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 accept an Assistance Funding Purchase Order (“Order”) from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FFWCC”) Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase VI 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 VI 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 VI Project (TBD) will be necessary.

**Attachment:** Resolution

**Approvals:**

Administration: \_\_\_\_\_ Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. 2018-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AN ASSISTANCE FUNDING PURCHASE ORDER ("ORDER") FROM THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR A GOPHER TORTOISE HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN PHASE VI 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 VI PROJECT (TBD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program has awarded the City an Assistance Funding Purchase Order ("Order") in the amount of \$15,000 for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase VI Project 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 Preserve for the tortoises; and

WHEREAS, the work under this Order includes a prescribed burn of 40 acres of sand pine scrub, mechanical treatment of hardwoods and sabal palms, and selective herbicide treatment of non-native invasive plants to include saw palmetto and vines in units 1 & 2 (20 acres) to be done by a third party

contractor; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, the gopher tortoise is listed as a "threatened" species, so 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 an Assistance Funding Purchase Order ("Order") from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Program for a Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan Phase VI 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 FY18:

<u>General Fund (0001)</u>	
Parks & Recreation Boyd Hill Nature Trail (1902389)	
Gopher Tortoise Habitat Management Plan	
Phase VI Project (TBD)	\$15,000

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Budget:

Administration:

Legal:

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