

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Consent Agenda

Meeting of September 19, 2019

TO: The Honorable Charlie Gerdes, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for SWFWMD to provide funding on a reimbursement basis in an amount up to \$550,000 for the design, permitting, and construction of freshwater wetlands and coastal uplands within Boyd Hill Nature Preserve and all other documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$550,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project (17438); rescinding an unencumbered appropriation in the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027) in the amount of \$350,000 from the Drainage Line Rehab/Replacement FY18 Project (16176); approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027), resulting from the rescission, to the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project (17438); and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: A Cooperative Funding Agreement (“Agreement”) has been prepared between the Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (“District”) and the City to share equal funding in the amount not to exceed \$900,000. The parties anticipate that the total cost of the project shall be \$900,000. A grant from the Tampa Bay Estuary Program was received by SWFWMD for the project in the amount of \$200,000 which shall be applied to equally reduce each parties’ funding share under this Agreement.

The Agreement provides for funding for up to \$550,000 for design, permitting, and construction of freshwater wetlands and coastal uplands within Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. The project’s primary objective is to improve the current stormwater ditches to enhance habitat, hydrology, and water quality entering Lake Maggiore.

Design is expected to be commence in late 2019 and construction to commence in late 2020.

The District requires a perpetual conservation easement over the project area as defined in Section 704.06, F.S. The City is subject to its Municipal Charter, Section, 1.02, requiring a majority vote in a City-wide referendum for any permeant disposition of property. The City will conduct a municipal referendum in the City-wide election occurring on November 5, 2019 to amend the Charter, generally, to allow for permanent disposition of property in certain circumstances without a referendum. Execution of the Agreement will allow for data collection and completion of a conceptual design until the referendum occurs.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for SWFWMD to provide funding on a reimbursement basis in an amount up to \$550,000 for the design, permitting, and construction of freshwater wetlands and coastal uplands within Boyd Hill Nature Preserve and all other documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$550,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project (17438); rescinding an unencumbered

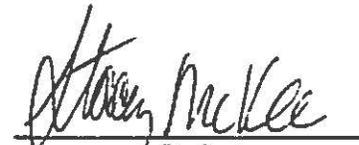
appropriation in the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027) in the amount of \$350,000 from the Drainage Line Rehab/Replacement FY18 Project (16176); approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027), resulting from the rescission, to the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project (17438).

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: Funds will be available after approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$550,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project (17438); Funding for the city's match, in the amount of \$350,000, will be available following a rescission of an unencumbered appropriation in the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027) in the amount of \$350,000 from the Drainage Line Rehab/Replacement FY18 Project (16176) and approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027), resulting from the rescission, to the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project (17438).

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
Agreement
Map

APPROVALS:


Administration


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RESOLUTION NO. 2019 -

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA AND THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SWFWMD) FOR SWFWMD TO PROVIDE FUNDING ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$550,000 FOR THE BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE PROJECT (W303) AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (4013), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL REVENUES, TO THE BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE PROJECT (17438); RESCINDING AN UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATION IN THE CITYWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (3027) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 FROM THE DRAINAGE LINE REHAB/REPLACEMENT FY18 PROJECT (16176); APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE CITYWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (3027), RESULTING FROM THE RESCISSION, TO THE BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE PROJECT (17438); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg, Florida ("City") applied for funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFWMD") under its cooperative funding program and has received up to \$550,000 in funding for the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to receive such funding, the City must execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement ("Agreement"), which sets forth the obligations of the City and SWFWMD; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for reimbursement by SWFWMD for Project costs in an amount up to \$550,000, which is a portion of the total project cost of \$900,000; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the design, permitting, and construction of freshwater wetlands and coastal uplands within the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, SWFWMD requires a conservation easement over the Project area; and

WHEREAS, a conservation easement over Charter-protected parklands such as Boyd Hill Nature Preserve is considered a permanent disposition of park property and would require a referendum pursuant to Charter Section 1.02; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of a referendum, the City has elected to call a different referendum question on November 5, 2019, to amend the Charter to allow for an exception to the referendum requirement for permanent dispositions of Charter park property when there is a conservation or preservation purpose, such as this Agreement (and others like it in the future); and

WHEREAS, in the interim, the City and SWFWMD desire to commence data-gathering activities for the Project prior to the November 5, 2019 Charter amendment referendum.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement between the City of St. Petersburg, Florida and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for SWFWMD to provide funding on a reimbursement basis in an amount up to \$550,000 for the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve and all other documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013), resulting from these additional revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY19:

<u>Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects Fund (4013)</u>	
Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project (17438)	\$550,000

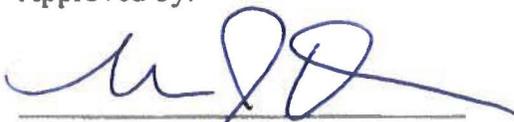
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an unencumbered appropriation in the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027) in the amount of \$350,000 from the Drainage Line Rehab/Replacement FY18 Project (16176) is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the unappropriated balance of the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027), resulting from the above rescission, the following supplemental appropriation for FY19:

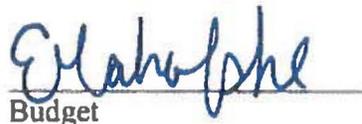
<u>Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (3027)</u>	
Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Project (17438)	\$350,000

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approved by:



Legal Department
By: (City Attorney or Designee)
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