

# CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



**MEETING DATE:** October 24, 2023

**ITEM NUMBER:** 9.K

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**TYPE OF ITEM:** Consent

**PRESENTED BY:** Teresa Molloy, Budget, Teresa.Molloy@longmontcolorado.gov

**SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:** Approve Five Capital Improvement Program Amendments

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** This action will amend five Capital Improvement (CIP) projects in the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

- Approve CIP projects as presented
- Modify then approve projects

**RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:** Approve CIP projects as presented

**FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Electric and Broadband Utility Enterprise Fund - \$810,000

Park Improvement Fund -\$6,139,000

**BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:**

*Council approval on the following CIP amendments is necessary due to the need for additional resources that are included in the appropriation ordinance that is on second reading.*

**ELE102 Electric System Rehabilitation and Improvements**

This project is being amended to add \$810,000 in the Electric and Broadband Utility Enterprise Fund. This project includes installing additional distribution loops, transformer change-outs, pole replacements, remediation of any National Electric Safety Code (NESC) issues, underground cable replacement, and transclosure removal and replacement. Proactive and reactive replacement of aging infrastructure is a key strategy to maintaining a reliable, resilient and sustainable utility. As routine inspections of electric assets are performed, results may reveal that a piece of equipment is beginning to show signs of deterioration that may lead to a future failure, and/or, when material failure rates of specific items begin trending in a direction that warrants action, a proactive replacement of the equipment or material is done. Electrical equipment failures occur due to a variety of reasons. Whether it be a mechanical failure of a transformer, a motor vehicle accident that damages equipment, forces of nature, a wildlife electrical contact, or other causes, this project funds the repair or replacement of damaged electrical equipment as failures occur. Staff is requesting additional funds from the Electric and Broadband Utility Enterprise Fund

Balance due to inflationary pressures that all City projects are experiencing for labor, equipment, materials, and contracted services, as well as accelerated project timelines.

*The following projects are the first three 8:5 park projects planned, as well as Nino Gallo (formerly Wertman) Neighborhood Park.*

**PRO049 Dry Creek Community Park:**

This project is being amended to add \$1,193,000 in the Park Improvement Fund. Phase 1a of the Dry Creek Community Park improvements is to transition to existing turf fields in the regional detention pond to synthetic turf, as they are not performing to the required level to support intensive recreational uses. The transition of the turf type would possibly necessitate the addition of athletic field lights. Phase 2 of Dry Creek Community Park would expand on the existing features in the park by adding 2 additional ballfields, a maintenance building, outdoor handball/racquetball, sand volleyball, a promenade crossing of Dry Creek a water plaza at Dry Creek, an additional playground, additional parking, relocation of the sledding hill, landscaping and irrigation. This would complete the park improvements shown on the approved Masterplan except for the area designated for the future recreation center and outdoor pool. Staff is requesting additional funds from the Park Improvement Fund Balance due to anticipated costs for project contingency, geotech/material testing, LPC electrical service fees and Arts in Public Places. These required project expenditures were not included in the previous project appropriations.

**PRO127 South Clover Basin Neighborhood Park:**

This project is being amended to add \$320,000 in the Park Improvement Fund. This project is associated with development of the neighborhood park serving southwestern Longmont - Clover Basin Neighborhood. The park is identified in the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. This park was also identified in 2013 to be funded by the Park Improvement Fund in the 2013-2023 timeframe. Staff is requesting additional funds from the Park Improvement Fund Balance due to anticipated costs for project contingency, geotech/material testing, LPC electrical service fees, prairie dog mitigation and Arts in Public Places. These required project expenditures were not included in the previous project appropriations.

**PRO139 Wertman (Nino Gallo) Neighborhood Park:**

This project was formerly known as Wertman Neighborhood Park, but it has since been renamed to Nino Gallo Neighborhood Park. This project is being amended to add \$4,126,000 in the Park Improvement Fund. This 8.7-acre neighborhood park land was donated to the City in 1996 by the Wertman family. The park will serve the Quail Neighborhood and south-central Longmont. Construction may include picnic areas, playground, restrooms, dog exercise area, small skate park area, shelters, pathways, sports courts, multi-use fields and landscaping, etc. Nino Gallo Neighborhood Park was to be constructed in 2020, but the project was paused mid-way through design. Staff is requesting additional funds from the

Park Improvement Fund Balance due to inflation and adjustment of the project due to existing conditions.

**PRO140 Fox Meadows Neighborhood Park:**

This project is being amended to add \$500,000 in the Park Improvement Fund. The land for the 9-acre neighborhood park was donated to the City in 2003 as part of the Fox Meadows Annexation. The park is identified in the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan.

Additionally, the park was identified to be funded utilizing the 2013-2023 Park Improvement Fee that was updated in 2013. Construction of the Fox Meadows Park may include picnic areas, playground, restrooms, dog exercise areas, small skate park areas, shelters, pathways, sports courts, multi-use fields and landscaping, etc. Staff is requesting additional funds from the Park Improvement Fund Balance due to anticipated costs for project contingency, geotech/material testing, LPC electrical service fees and Arts in Public Places. These required project expenditures were not included in the previous project appropriations.

**ATTACHMENTS:** CIP Project Pages