



Legislation Text

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CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM WILLIAM H. MATTOON REVOCABLE TRUST FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ALAMEDA STREET AND CARTER AVENUE AND BUDGET TRANSFER.

BACKGROUND: The approximately 2.57-acre vacant parcel on the northeast corner of Alameda Street and Carter Avenue has been owned by Mr. William Mattoon for 50 years. The 100-year floodplain runs northeast to southwest across the property, and includes a portion of Bishop Creek. Over the years, this property has become a popular site for homeless encampments. Because of the proximity to Bishop Creek, encampments in this location can result in added pollution in the Creek.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Mattoon has agreed to transfer this property to the City at no cost, so the City can clean up the property and protect the floodplain. The City has identified everyone presently housed in the encampment. The City will continue to assess the needs of those individuals and offer housing to each person. Once the residents of the encampment have relocated, the City will engage a contractor to clean out the property. Dr. Carrie Evenson, Stormwater Program Manager, has identified a number of opportunities to implement strategies that positively affect stormwater runoff, all while providing recreational opportunities in a park setting. These strategies will be further discussed by Council at a later date.

A transfer of capital project allocations in the amount of \$300,000 is requested to fund this project. This will be used to cover expenses for extending the City's temporary shelter through the end of June, allowing sufficient time for staff to find more permanent housing for encampment residents. It is estimated that a design for the park can be completed for \$6,000, and clean-up will cost just under \$50,000. The remaining funds will be used to implement the park design.

Funds in the amount of \$150,000 are available for transfer from Classen Boulevard Signals - Construction (Project TR0057; Account 50590076-46101) and funds amounting to \$150,000 are available for transfer from the I-35 Corridor Study, Phase 2 - Design (Project TR0122; Account 50596688-46201). A new project, Mattoon Property Cleanup (Project BG0257; Account 50793365-46101) has been created to receive the \$300,000 transfer and pay the associated costs mentioned above.

RECOMMENDATION 1: Staff recommends acceptance of the deed.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Staff recommends transfer of funds as mentioned above.