



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: May 19, 2025

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Ord 2680

SUBMITTED BY: Theresa Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Finance

☒ Ordinance	☐ Resolution	☐ Presentation
☐ Admin Business	☐ Public Hearing	☐ Other

REQUEST

Approve a budget ordinance to amend the 2025 budget of the City of Commerce City by re-appropriating the remaining Metropolitan Football Stadium District funding balance.

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Football Stadium District (MFSD) Act and Article 33 of the Lease and Management Agreement between the MFSD and PDB Sports LTD, Bronco's ownership, entitles the MFSD to a one time "Sharing Amount" of \$41,037,951 in connection with the sale of the franchise. The City's portion of the one-time "Sharing Amount" is \$613,461.97 and was received from the MFSD in October 2022. Provisions in the Act and the subsequent Lease and Management Agreement require the funds be used for "youth activity programs."

In September 2023, city staff provided a summary of how funds were being distributed to benefit Youth Activities Programs in Commerce City to the MFSD. All funds must be fully expended by the end of 2026.

In July 2023, City Council approved Ordinance 2511, which amended the 2023 Budget to appropriate \$595,461.97 worth of this revenue to be used for the youth activities summarized below, with the remaining \$18,000 to be used in future years for youth conference activities in partnership with the City's Youth Commission.

- Two capital improvement projects (an outdoor ninja course and an interactive light wall)
- Parks, Recreation & Golf managed efforts (horse trekking and services learning programs and First Tee/Junior Golf equipment)

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

- Funding allocations to recognized youth sports associations
- Funding allocations to the two school districts that serve Commerce City students for athletic, music, and theater programs
- Youth Programming Grants for organizations providing music, art, and stem programming for youth in Commerce City
- Youth conference activities (for three years – originally planned for 2023, 2024, and 2025, however, delayed to 2024, 2025, and 2026)

Funding Chronology:

September 2023 – Ordinance 2511 approved to amend the 2023 Budget to appropriate \$595,461.97 as detailed above

- \$571,063.72 was spent in 2023 on youth activities or transferred to the Capital Expenditures Fund for planned use on two capital projects (an outdoor ninja course and an interactive light wall).

August 2024 – Ordinance 2605 to amend the 2024 budget to re-appropriate \$24,398.28 for further expenditure

- \$16,968.09 was spent in 2024 on youth activities.

May 2025 – Ordinance 2680 proposed to amend the 2025 budget to re-appropriate \$16,430.19 for continued use on youth activities.

Outside of this, an additional \$9,000 is available for appropriation in 2026 for youth conference activities. This \$9,000 will be included in the 2026 proposed budget.

Please see attached Metro Football Stadium District (MFSD) Funding – Proposed & Actual Uses of Funding Summary for more information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	N/A
Amount of Request/Contract	N/A
Amount Not To Exceed	N/A
Amount Budgeted	N/A
Budget Year	FY2025
Funding Source	The City's portion of the one-time MFSD sharing amount.
Additional Funds Needed	N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
July 10, 2023	December 31, 2026
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
N/A	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

☒ Council Goal	☐ Strategic Plan	☐ Work Plan	☐ Legal
Citation	City Unity and Wellness – Promote City unity and support or diverse community by encouraging community connectivity, fostering civic pride, and improving resident health and wellness.		

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ASSIGNED

Board or Commission	N/A
Recommendation	N/A
Date of Recommendation	N/A

PUBLIC OUTREACH

N/A

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

• Available Action #1. Approve Ordinance 2680 as submitted. • Available Action #2: Opt not to approve and not spend available MFSD funds. • Available Action #3: Provide alternative direction to city staff and seek MFSD Board approval for change in direction. • Available Action #4: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Action #1, approve as submitted.
