



PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 12/5/17
SUBJECT: Annexation Request from Thornton – parcel at 104 th Ave. & S. Platte River
FROM: Nathan Mosley, Director of Parks and Open Space
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Parks and Open Space
HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON : 9/26/17
AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the County sign a Petition for Annexation to allow Thornton to annex this 3-acre parcel.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Thornton is preparing to annex city-owned property that is adjacent to the S. Platte River and 104th Avenue. COT has requested that the County allow for annexation of a 3-acre parcel owned by Adams County that is directly adjacent to the city-owned land that is being annexed. The county-owned parcel has been owned by the County since the 1970's and contains a segment of the S. Platte River Trail. The Parks Department would continue to maintain the trail in this location.

Reasons why Thornton has requested the annexation include:

1. The property is identified in the City's future growth area. Like all of the land along the South Platte River corridor, the property has been identified as an environmentally sensitive area in the City's Comprehensive Plan. In short, environmentally sensitive areas are generally areas that should not be developed due to existing floodplains, wetlands, etc. The Comprehensive Plan also recommends that portions of these areas be reserved for parks, trails, or dedicated open space. Zoning this property Parks & Open Space (POS) will further solidify the use of this property as a trail/open space. (Current zoning of the parcel is A-1.)
2. Including the ADCO parcel in the annexation will provide jurisdictional consistency which avoids confusion in the event of an emergency on the trail. Currently, the trail appears to straddle the jurisdictional boundary which could cause confusion for emergency responders.

The staffs of the Parks & Open Space and the Community & Economic Development Departments both feel that these are valid reasons for allowing the annexation of the 3-acre county parcel, and do not see any negatives with allowing the annexation. Staff is recommending annexation of the 3-acre parcel.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

City of Thornton, Parks & Open Space, Community & Economic Development

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Annexation Petition

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please check if there is no fiscal impact ☒. If there is fiscal impact, please fully complete the section below.

Fund:**Cost Center:**

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Revenue:			
Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget:			
Total Revenues:			

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:			
Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure:			
Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Total Expenditures:			

New FTEs requested: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Future Amendment Needed: ☐ YES ☐ NO