

Introduced By: Mayor, Daniels
Date: May 10, 2017
Public Hearing: May 24, 2017
Action:
Vote:

CITY OF SOLDOTNA
ORDINANCE 2017-015

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY
\$3,000,000 IN THE GENERAL FUND AND THE SOLDOTNA REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE SOLDOTNA REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX
INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the central Kenai Peninsula region has investigated the potential of building an indoor recreational facility since the early 2000's; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Soldotna Regional Sports Complex (SRSC) Facility Condition Assessment & Master Plan (Plan) identified an indoor turf facility as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Plan developed a draft concept for an indoor recreational facility project (Project); and

WHEREAS, in October 2013, a work session was held by the Soldotna City Council in which the then sitting members stated their concurrence to investing \$3,000,000 into the Project for the purposes of providing a local match when soliciting capital project monies from the State of Alaska Legislative capital project municipal grant funding program; and

WHEREAS, due to the State's fiscal issues, the legislative capital grant program has been unable to fund such a Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2015, the City Council appropriated \$500,000 for the design phase of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in August 2015, a Soldotna Regional Sports Complex Expansion Advisory Team (Advisory Team) was formed to investigate the scope of an indoor recreational facility to include interviewing potential user groups and their needs, compile a pro forma on the financial operation of a facility, review types and sizes of facilities and amenities, et al.; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Team has completed its preliminary work and is ready to solicit grants and donations for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Team has asked the City Council to invest \$3,000,000 into the project to be used as a local match for purposes of grant and other donor applications; and

WHEREAS, City Council is willing to appropriate the funds provided it receives quarterly updates from the Advisory Team delineating satisfactory progress with grant and donor funding and further providing that matter will be reviewed on or before two years from the date of this appropriation to determine the further appropriateness and feasibility of the project; and

WHEREAS, at the end of two years from the date of this ordinance the appropriation shall lapse unless a resolution of findings is made to warrant the further continuation of the appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA:

Section 1. That estimated revenues and appropriations be increased as follows:

General Fund

Increase Estimated Revenues:	
Appropriation of Fund Balance	\$ 3,000,000
Increase Appropriations:	
Transfer to Capital Project Fund	\$ 3,000,000

Soldotna Regional Sports Complex Capital Projects Fund

Increase Estimated Revenues:	
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 3,000,000
Increase Appropriations:	
Recreational Facility Construction	\$ 3,000,000

Section 2. This appropriation is conditioned on the Soldotna Regional Sports Complex Expansion Advisory Team providing the City Council with an update on its grant and donor solicitation progress at least quarterly in June, September, December and March of each and every year the monies remain appropriated or until the Project construction is awarded.

Section 3. On or before May 2019, the Council shall review the appropriateness and feasibility of the Project to determine if the appropriation shall remain, and if so finding, pass a resolution to that effect, which resolution shall be in effect for an additional two years.

Section 4. If Council does not find that the continued Project appropriation is warranted, the appropriation shall lapse.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2017.

Pete Sprague, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle M. Saner, MMC, City Clerk

Yes:
No:
Absent:

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Pete Sprague and Council Member Daniels
DATE: May 10, 2017
SUBJECT: Ordinance 2017-015 – Increasing Estimated Revenues and Appropriations by \$3,000,000 in the General Fund and the Soldotna Regional Sports Complex Capital Projects Fund for the Soldotna Regional Sports Complex Indoor Recreational Facility Project

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The central peninsula community has long considered the need for an indoor recreational facility. Most recently, the Soldotna Regional Sports Complex Facility Condition Assessment & Master Plan, completed in 2013, identified an indoor turf facility as a priority. Subsequently, an advisory team formed and received informal concurrence at a 2013 council work session to pursue a project utilizing \$3,000,000 from the City. While State legislative capital funds are generally no longer available the advisory team believes they can solicit grants and donations necessary to fund a successful project. The attached ordinance enables the advisory team to demonstrate financial commitment by the City, and also requires quarterly council updates and re-authorization after two years.

Your consideration is appreciated.