



MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Michael J. Brunk, City Arborist
William R. Gray, Public Works Director
DATE: October 9, 2006
RE: Budget Amendment Ordinance
Illinois Forestry Council Grant

Introduction

A budget amendment is requested for the receipt of \$4,500 from an Illinois Forestry Development Council grant. This money will be used to offset the printing costs of a new educational publication entitled, "Under the Canopy, A Guide to Selecting, Planting and Caring for Trees in Illinois".

This publication is a natural out-growth from a previous brochure, "The Tree Growing Guide for Central Illinois". The original Tree Growing Guide was created with the input from the forestry divisions of Champaign, Decatur, Bloomington, and Urbana as well as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). It was an informational guide to assist homeowners with tree selection and care specific to this region. With the help of state funded grants, this project blossomed into four different regional guides for Illinois. After a decade of use, over 50,000 copies have been distributed to the public through communities, professional arborists and organizations like the Illinois Arborist Association, the Morton Arboretum, the Care of Trees, Inc. and the Autumn Tree Care Experts.

However, after ten years of use, revisions are necessary to keep the information up-to-date, fresh and attractive. Since IDNR money is exhausted, the City Arborist initiated a fund drive to create a new full color publication that combines all the regional Tree Growing Guides into one statewide piece. This new guide incorporates more color illustrations and less text of the latest tree care information and includes a beautiful 24" x 36" color poster highlighting a select group of trees for Illinois communities. These improvements should make the brochure even more popular with the public and thereby improve the dissemination of beneficial information on selecting, planting and caring for urban trees.

This publication will bear the City of Urbana's logo as well as the logos of the predominant contributors for distribution across the entire state. In Urbana, the color guides will be dispersed with the coop tree planting packets and will also be made available at Urbana Free Library, Lincoln Square Village Farmer's Market, Champaign County Extension Office, Anita Purves Nature Center, Public Works Department and City Building. The guide is expected to be available in spring 2007.

Fiscal Impact

No City of Urbana tax dollars, other than staff time, have been used for this project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that an Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance (Under the Canopy Guide) be approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-10-125

AN ORDINANCE
REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE
(Forestry Council Grant)

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Ordinance of and for the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, (the "Annual Budget Ordinance") has been duly adopted according to sections 8-2-9.1 et seq. of the Illinois Municipal Code (the "Municipal Code") and Division 2, entitled "Budget", of Article VI, entitled "Finances and Purchases", of Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois (the "City Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the said City of Urbana finds it necessary to revise said Annual Budget Ordinance by deleting, adding to, changing or creating sub-classes within object classes and object classes themselves; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to effectuate the purpose of such revision; and

WHEREAS, such revision is not one that may be made by the Budget Director under the authority so delegated to the Budget Director pursuant to section 8-2-9.6 of the Municipal Code and section 2-133 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Annual Budget be and the same is hereby revised to provide as follows:

FUND:	Capital Improvement	
INCREASE EXPENSE:	Arbor Brochures	\$ 4,500
INCREASE REVENUE:	Forestry Council Grant	\$ 4,500

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval and shall not be published.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the corporate authorities then holding office, the "ayes" and "nays" being called at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
_____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
_____.

Laurel L. Prussing, Mayor