

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Weed Cutting Budget Adjustment

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend that a budget adjustment be completed to increase the Public Services - Weed Abatement Division's - Operating Service Account No. 101-7571-841.80-05 from \$0 to \$60,000. The increase in expenditures will be offset by an increase in the use of available and undesignated Fund Balance Account No. 101-0000-608.00-00 by the same amount.

**Justification:**

At the direction of the City Manager, the Public Services' Director has sought out requests for weed cutting proposals to assist the Weed Abatement crew in completing one pass through the City and approximately 75% of a second pass through. The contract will last until September 30<sup>th</sup>, with the existing crew completing the remaining 25% by the end of the weed-cutting season, which is approximately October 21<sup>st</sup>.

The work will be assigned by the Public Services Department to the contractors just as it would to the city crew. This will also give city administration the chance to evaluate the weed cutting process for efficiencies given the increasing number of lots and declining revenues.

This is an emergency measure to abate the City's weed cutting problem. A permanent recommendation for fiscal year 2010 will involve further and more in depth discussion.

**Council Action:**

Council \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.