SUMMARY

Each Councilmember has been allocated $250,000 in Councilmember Priority Funds as one of the amendments to the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Mid-Cycle Budget. I would like to allocate $10,000 of District 7 Priority funds to Chabot Space and Science Center for immediate use as operating funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

The $250,000 is in the Mid-Cycle Budget that was approved at the June 8, 2006 City Council Special Session. Releasing these funds will have no negative impact on this Budget.

BACKGROUND

During discussions of the 2006-2007 Mid-Cycle Budget, Councilmembers requested funds for projects and/or institutions they felt particularly worthy of support. To accommodate these requests, the Council allocated $2 million dollars, or $250,000 to each Council District plus the At Large seat. The allocation of these funds would be at the discretion of each individual Councilmember, but subject to overall Council approval. At the June 28 Rules Committee a process was suggested for those Councilmembers who required allocations during the summer recess, and this process was further refined by the City Attorney on July 3, 2006.

DISCUSSION

Although each Councilmember was allocated $250,000 in Priority Project Funds as an amendment to the 2006-07 Mid-Cycle Budget, no actual process for Council approval of individual Councilmember allocations was detailed at the time of passage. The need for such a process became clear when certain Councilmembers expressed the need for a speedy allocation of their funds. In addition, since Council will be in recess after the July 18, 2006 Council Meeting, each request for rapid allocation of Priority Project funds
during the Summer Recess has to be put in place ten working days prior to the July 18 meeting in order to conform to the Brown and Sunshine regulations. Further, since there would be no Rules Committee on July 6, 2006, these requests would have to be approved by the President of City Council and City Administrator, not Rules Committee, for placement on the Agenda for the July 18, 2006 City Council meeting. This situation was addressed by the Rules Committee of June 28, and the City Attorney further refined the process by further opining that each Councilmember had to submit a Resolution and Agenda Report to the City Clerk by Thursday, July 6, 2006 explaining their approved requests for placement on the July 18 City Council Meeting Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Council approval is requested for allocation of $10,000 to Chabot Space and Science Center from Council Priority Project Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry E. Reid
Councilmember, District 7
OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _______________ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARRY E. REID

Immediate Allocation of Councilmember Larry Reid’s Priority Project Funds to the Chabot Space and Science Center

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2006 the City Council did amend the 2005-2007 Policy Budget for the City of Oakland to include $250,000 apiece for each councilmember to use as priority funds for projects at each councilmember’s discretion but subject to City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Larry Reid has identified Chabot Space and Science Center as a recipient for a portion of these funds; and

WHEREAS, Chabot Space and Science Center requires these funds for operation during the summer of 2006 and prior to the initial Fall, 2006 City Council Meeting; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That $10,000 of Councilmember Larry Reid’s priority project funds be apportioned to the Chabot Space and Science Center at the earliest possible time.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, ____________________________ 20________

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, KERNIGHAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: ______________________
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California