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## Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor Noon and Members of City Council

THROUGH: Elisha Thomas, Interim City Manager  
Andrew Firestine, AICP, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Steven Greer, Community Development Director

DATE OF MEETING: November 21, 2016

DATE OF SUBMITTAL: November 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2016-R-77, A Resolution Approving a Combined  
Coyote Management Plan 2016

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### 1. **Executive Summary:**

Staff is presenting Resolution No. 2016-R-77 to combine the Coyote management policies as adopted in Resolution No. 2009-R-11 and a plan developed by a multijurisdictional stakeholder committee in 2009.

### 2. **Discussion:**

Per direction from City Council, staff has merged the Centennial Coyote Management Plan adopted by City Council Resolution No. 2009-R-11 with the plan developed by the multi-jurisdictional stakeholder committee in 2009. The purpose is to provide an update on Coyote management, education and recent discussions with our regional partners. As you know Coyote incidents have increased this year and many of our citizens have contacted Staff and Council Members with their concerns. This update is in response to these concerns and was done in addition to the following actions:

1. Community Development in cooperation with Animal Control, Communications and our GIS Division have developed an online reporting system on the City's website. This portal provides an opportunity to report Coyote encounters electronically as an alternative to calling the City or Police. Respondents can choose from a drop down menu the incident that applies and input basic contact data in case Animal Control needs to follow-up. Staff can then compile this data for internal purposes to identify trends, Coyote concentrations and the specific type of encounters.
2. Staff met with Andy Jennings (Director, South Suburban Parks and Recreation District) and Justin Olson (District Wildlife Manager, Colorado Parks and Wildlife) to discuss the situation and determine the next appropriate steps. Out of that conversation the following action items were agreed upon:
  - a. Install additional Colorado Parks and Wildlife Coyote education signs on City trails in coordination with SSPRD.

- b. Colorado Parks and Wildlife employees will volunteer to speak and answer questions at HOA meetings, community meetings or any other organized event.
- c. Colorado Parks and Wildlife trained volunteers will aggressively harass Coyotes within specific subdivisions consistent with the plan guidelines and based on the data collected by the City described above.
- d. Continue to coordinate with SSPRD and City Staff to monitor the situation and support our needs.

**3. Recommendation:**

Staff recommends City Council approve Resolution 2016-R-77 approving a combined Coyote Management Plan 2016.

**4. Alternatives:**

City Council may choose to approve or deny the resolution request.

**5. Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**6. Next Steps:**

If City Council approves Resolution 2016-R-77, Staff will implement the plan as appropriate.

**7. Previous Actions:**

In 2009, Council approved Resolution 2009-R-11 to create a written Coyote Management Plan to ensure that varied interests within the City were evaluated and considered when seeking to address conflicts with Coyotes.

**8. Suggested Motion:**

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL:** I MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-77, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMBINED COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016

**MOTION FOR DENIAL:** I MOVE TO DENY RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-77, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMBINED COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016.

**9. Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Resolution 2016-R77

Attachment 2: Exhibit A - Coyote Management Plan 2016