

ORDINANCE NO. 086, 2017  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE GENERAL  
FUND FOR TRANSFER TO VARIOUS CITY FUNDS  
FOR TREE AND BRANCH CLEANUP EXPENSES

WHEREAS, heavy wet snow fell across Fort Collins on May 18 and 19, 2017 damaging trees and breaking branches throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the extensive tree damage throughout the City impacted rights-of-way, residential areas, City trees, City parks, cemeteries, golf courses and downtown Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, City staff and crews of various departments quickly responded to the tree damage by clearing the roads of debris and addressed critical safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City offered two locations for citizens to drop off branches for a period of two weeks after the storm; and

WHEREAS, all tree and branch debris collected by the City or dropped off at one of the drop off locations, will be mulched and will be available in a "Free Mulch Giveaway" by mid-July; and

WHEREAS, the above tree and branch cleanup efforts are expected to result in unanticipated costs in the amount of \$251,715, of which \$143,563 cannot be covered within the existing 2017 budget; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance appropriates \$143,563 from General Fund prior year reserves for transfer to the following funds for tree and branch cleanup costs:

Storm Drainage Fund	\$	2,556
Transportation Services Fund		21,543
General Fund		<u>119,464</u>
Total	\$	143,563

; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that expending funds from the Storm Drainage Fund relates to and benefits the utility rate payers by assisting in efforts to clear tree branches and debris from City streets; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council to appropriate by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose, for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists; or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the appropriations as described herein are available and previously unappropriated in the General Fund and the City Manager recommends transferring the appropriated amount to cover the costs of the tree and branch cleanup.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

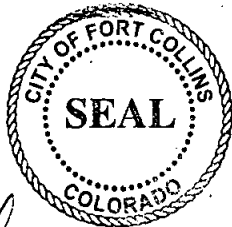
Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from prior year reserves in the General Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$119,464) for tree and branch cleanup costs in the Parks and Forestry departments.

Section 3. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from prior year reserves in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$24,099) for transfer to the following funds:

Storm Drainage Fund	\$	2,556
Transportation Services Fund		<u>21,543</u>
Total	\$	24,099

and appropriated therein for tree and branch cleanup costs in each fund.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 5th day of July, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 18th day of July, A.D. 2017.



  
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 18th day of July, A.D. 2017.



ATTEST:

W Winkelmann

City Clerk

Greg Hall  
Mayor Pro Tem