

ORDINANCE NO. 158, 2017  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE NATURAL AREAS FUND  
AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE  
NATURAL AREAS FUND INTO THE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FOR THE  
NATURAL AREAS MAINTENANCE FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT, AND  
TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CULTURAL SERVICES AND  
FACILITIES FUND FOR THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, A Natural Areas Department Campus Site Master Plan has been developed for the Natural Areas Department that identifies facilities that will ensure the ability of the City to manage its natural areas portfolio for several decades into the future; and

WHEREAS, the existing shop and equipment yard were built in 2002, and since that time the Natural Area acreage has increased from 5,000 acres to 36,000 acres including an increase in field staff from 10 to 40 employees; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to add an estimated 500 acres of natural area every year for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Areas department has identified a need to increase the size of the Maintenance Facility to include vehicle and equipment storage, employee facility remodeling, expansion of the equipment yard, solar panel installation, roof fall protection and a fueling station (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project is expected to be \$2,870,000; and

WHEREAS, \$1,450,000 was appropriated for the Project in the Budgeting For Outcomes ("BFO") Offer; however of those funds, \$200,000 in appropriations lapsed and went to Natural Areas fund balance and will be reappropriated in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, \$1,620,000 will be appropriated for the Project in this Ordinance from prior year reserves from the Natural Areas Fund, of which \$1,420,000 is the additional cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the cost to maintain and operate the new shop facilities will be modest and is estimated at less than \$25,000 annually; 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, City staff have determined that the appropriations as described herein are available and previously unappropriated in the Natural Areas Fund; 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, this project involves construction estimated to cost more than \$250,000, as such, Section 23-304 of the City Code requires one percent of these qualified appropriations to be transferred to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund for a contribution to the Art in Public Places (APP) program.

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

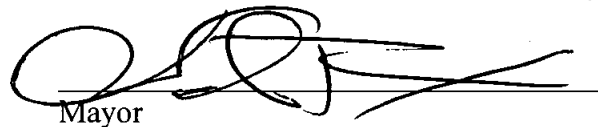
Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from reserves in the Natural Areas Fund for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund the sum of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,620,000) for the Project and appropriated therein.


Section 3. That the unexpended appropriated amount of TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$12,636) in the Capital Projects Fund - Natural Areas Maintenance Facility Expansion Project is authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund and appropriated therein for Art in Public Places projects.

Section 4. That the unexpended appropriated amount of THREE THOUSAND SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,564) in the Capital Projects Fund - Natural Areas Maintenance Facility Expansion Project is authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund and appropriated therein for the Art in Public Places Program Maintenance and Operations.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 21st day of November, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 5th day of December, A.D. 2017.

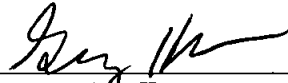
  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 5th day of December, A.D. 2017.

  
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Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

