

ORDINANCE NO. 019, 2018
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE NATURAL AREAS
FUND FROM A 2017 UNANTICIPATED DONATION FOR FISH LADDER DESIGN

WHEREAS, Noosa Yoghurt, LLC, is donating \$50,000 to the Natural Areas Department to be applied towards improving environmental health of the Poudre River; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to catalyze better aquatic habitat connectivity in the river reach near the Noosa dairy, which sits adjacent to the river just below the canyon mouth and extends downstream to the vicinity of the Watson Lake Fish Hatchery ("Watson Lake") in Bellvue; and

WHEREAS, these funds will allow Natural Areas to work with a team of collaborators and engineers to manage the design process of a fish passageway, which is also known as a "fish ladder" on the low head diversion dam on the Poudre River in the vicinity of Watson Lake to allow fish to swim upstream to complete their life cycles; and

WHEREAS, once the design process for the fish passage is complete, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife will assume project management for securing funds and installation of the selected design; 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, the Financial Officer has determined that the appropriations as described herein are available and previously unappropriated in the Natural Areas Fund; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of enhancing natural resources by preserving wildlife and habitats in the Poudre River.

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 from reserves in the Natural Areas Fund the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) for expenditure in the Natural Areas Fund for the fish ladder design.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 6th day of February, A.D. 2018, and to be presented for final passage on the 20th day of February, A.D. 2018.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 20th day of February, A.D. 2018.


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