

DATE: November 6, 2012
STAFF: Craig Foreman

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 108, 2012, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue from Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the Conservation Trust Fund for the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on October 16, 2012, appropriates a \$200,000 trail grant received from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the completion of the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of First Reading Agenda Item Summary - October 16, 2012
(w/o attachments)

DATE: October 2, 2012
STAFF: Craig Foreman

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

Items Relating to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Grant for the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road Project.

- A. Resolution 2012-094 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road
- B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 108, 2012, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue from Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the Conservation Trust Fund for the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance appropriates a \$200,000 trail grant received from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the completion of the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road. The project involves a new trail from Lemay Avenue, east along the north side of Trilby Road, to a planned underpass of Trilby, just west of the location where Fossil Creek goes under the road. The trail will then proceed south to connect with the Fossil Creek Trail, which was constructed north of Carpenter Road in 2012. A spur trail will travel east along the north side of Trilby Road to connect to the Power Trail. The total length of new trail will be about one mile. Resolution 2012-094 authorizes the City Manager to enter into the grant agreement.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

This section of the Fossil Creek Trail was included in the City's Parks and Recreation Policy Plan in 1996 and 2008. The trail segment on Fossil Creek Wetlands Natural Area is shown on the Fossil Creek Natural Areas Management Plan that was completed in 2005.

Obtaining the Colorado Parks and Wildlife funds will make construction of the trail underpass possible in 2013. Without this grant, the project would have been phased in over a few years as City funding allows. The layout of the trail has been discussed with affected City staff and area residents. The trail placement on Fossil Creek Wetlands Natural Area has been coordinated with the Natural Resource staff. Construction of the project is scheduled for 20113.

Pursuant to the grant agreement, the City has until September 2014 to complete the project.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACTS

The City has been awarded a grant of \$200,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the development of the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road. The total cost for this trail section is estimated at \$890,000. The City's share of the cost (\$690,000) is available in the Conservation Trust Fund and the Natural Area trail program. The awarding of this grant will provide funding and will allow City funds to be used for other needed trail projects.

Funding for the annual operation and maintenance cost of the one mile of new trail is estimated at \$8,000 and is included in the 2013-2014 Parks trail maintenance offer.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The new trail on the Fossil Creek Wetlands Natural Area will be located on the west edge of the natural area near the residential units away from Stanton Creek and its more sensitive environment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Board has been informed of the project over the past year through staff updates. The Land Conservation and Stewardship Board was informed of the project over the past year through staff updates. The Boards were supportive of this project.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The trail project was discussed with the community during the 2008 Parks and Recreation Policy Plan update and is listed on the City's trail development web page.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location map

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ORDINANCE NO. 108, 2012
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE FROM
COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE IN THE CONSERVATION
TRUST FUND FOR THE FOSSIL CREEK TRAIL AT EAST TRILBY ROAD

WHEREAS, the City is expanding and furthering the connectivity of the City's master trail system for use by the public in recreation and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$200,000 (the "Grant") from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the completion of the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road; and

WHEREAS, the project involves the construction of a new, one-mile trail running east from Lemay Avenue along the north side of Trilby Road to a planned underpass of Trilby just west of the location where Fossil Creek goes under Trilby Road; and

WHEREAS, the new trail will connect with the Fossil Creek Trail and the Power Trail; and

WHEREAS, the trail placement on Fossil Creek Wetlands Natural Area has been coordinated with the Natural Resources staff and has been discussed with affected area residents; and

WHEREAS, the total project will cost is estimated to be \$890,000 and is funded from the following sources: Colorado Parks and Wildfire grant (\$200,000), the Conservation Trust Fund (\$340,000) and the Natural Areas fund (\$350,000); and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriations, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, does not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, City staff have determined that the appropriation of the grant as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Conservation Trust Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during any fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated grant revenue in the Conservation Trust Fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) for expenditure in the Conservation Trust Fund for the completion of the Fossil Creek Trail at East Trilby Road.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 16th day of October, A.D. 2012, and to be presented for final passage on the 6th day of November, A.D. 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 6th day of November, A.D. 2012.

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ATTEST:

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