

ORDINANCE NO. 093, 2018  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE LIGHT AND  
POWER FUND, THE WATER FUNDS, THE WASTEWATER FUND  
AND THE STORM DRAINAGE FUND FOR THE UTILITIES  
CUSTOMER INFORMATION BILLING SYSTEM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the purpose of this item is to appropriate \$6,297,001 to purchase a Customer Information System with an Operational Support System for electric, water, wastewater, stormwater and broadband billing services to replace the current 18-year old billing system (“Customer Information Billing System Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Customer Information Billing System Project will allow the efficient collection of revenues for all utility and broadband services, serving as the accounting ledger for the revenue of these utilities, which currently generate over \$200 million in total annual revenue through an average of 80,000 monthly utility bills and service requests for residential and commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, the initial cost of the Customer Information Billing System Project being appropriated in this Ordinance is being shared by the funds of the City’s existing utilities (Electric, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater) and by the City’s future broadband system to be operated within the Electric Utility; and

WHEREAS, these shares have been determined based on the current customer counts of the existing utilities and an estimate of the expected number of broadband customers at build-out, and to this has been applied an allocation factor based on the complexity of the billing, with billings for the Electric Utility being the most complex and the billings for the Stormwater Utility and future broadband customers being the least complex; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon the City Manager’s recommendation, 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 City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that these appropriations are available and previously unappropriated from the Light and Power Fund, the Water Fund, the Wastewater Fund and the Storm Drainage Fund, as applicable, and will not cause the total amount appropriated in Light and Power Fund, the Water Fund, the Wastewater Fund and the Storm Drainage Fund, as applicable, to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in these funds during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, these project funds are ineligible for a contribution to art in public places as provided in Article XII of City Code Chapter 23 because this is not an appropriation for a “construction project” as defined in Article XII; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits the health, safety and welfare of the public and the ratepayers of Fort Collins and serves the utility purposes of improving water and electric service reliability and controlling cost of service increases.

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 prior year reserves in the Light and Power Fund the sum of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$2,503,666) for the Utilities Customer Information Billing System Project.

Section 3. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Water Fund the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (\$1,590,296) for the Utilities Customer Information Billing System Project.

Section 4. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Wastewater Fund the sum of ONE MILLION NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$1,098,441) for the Utilities Customer Information Billing System Project.

Section 5. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Storm Drainage Fund the sum of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,104,598) for the Utilities Customer Information Billing System Project.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 10th day of July A.D. 2018, and to be presented for final passage on the 17th day of July, A.D. 2018.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 17th day of July, A.D. 2018.

  
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Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk