

ORDINANCE NO. 064, 2019
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES FOR NATURAL AREAS
PROGRAMMING NOT INCLUDED IN THE 2019 ADOPTED CITY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City is committed to preserving natural areas and providing educational, interpretive and appropriate recreational opportunities to the public; and

WHEREAS, Natural Areas programming implements open land conservation priorities identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan by purchasing land or conservation easement interests in key natural areas, community separators, or other open lands; providing stewardship for lands purchased; and developing trails and interpretive features for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Areas Department is funded primarily through the collection of City Open Space - Yes sales and use tax revenue, as well as revenues from the Larimer County Help Preserve Open Space sales and use tax, investment earnings, and other miscellaneous revenues deposited in the Natural Areas Fund; 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 11 of the City Charter states that all appropriations unexpended or unencumbered at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse to the applicable general or special revenue fund, except appropriations for capital projects and federal or state grants, which do not lapse until completion of the capital project or expiration of the respective grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has determined that the appropriations as described herein are available and previously unappropriated in the Natural Areas Fund for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation from prior year reserves in the Natural Areas Fund of a total of \$10,215,000, comprised of \$9,635,000 in unspent and unencumbered appropriations from 2018 and \$580,000 in unanticipated revenue, to be used for acquisition, construction, enhancement and maintenance of trail systems, wildlife habitat and other natural areas to benefit the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of helping to conserve and protect the natural areas in and around Fort Collins for the benefit of all of its citizens.

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 Natural Areas Fund the sum of TEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,215,000) to be used for acquisition, construction, enhancement and maintenance of trail systems, wildlife habitat and other natural areas to benefit the citizens of the City.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 7th day of May, A.D. 2019, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of May, A.D. 2019.

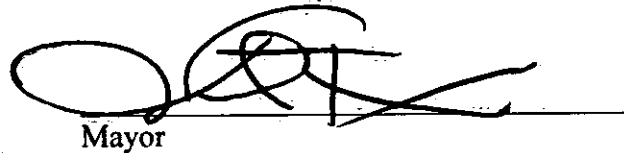

Mayor

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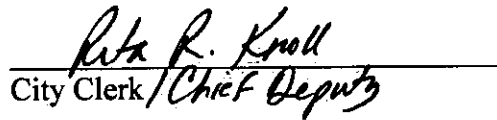

City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 21st day of May, A.D. 2019.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk / Chief Deputy

