

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

## FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

**ITEM NUMBER:** 28

**DATE:** August 19, 2003

**STAFF:** Craig Foreman

### SUBJECT:

Resolution 2003-091 Authorizing a Grant Agreement With the Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for the Development by Fort Collins Soccer Club of a Second Phase of the Soccer Complex Northeast of Fort Collins.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the adoption of the Resolution.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City of Fort Collins will be obligated to use the \$150,000 in grant funds in accordance with the grant; however, the City will contract with the Fort Collins Soccer Club to carry out the grant project and obtain and use the required matching funds in the amount of \$532,603.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Only local governments may apply for and receive Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") Local Government grants, which are for local government parks, outdoor recreation and environmental education facility projects. Local governments may also sponsor grants for others (such as school districts, recreational groups, etc.) who have projects that support the mission of the local government. The City, as the grant applicant/recipient, must enter into a grant agreement with GOCO, but has negotiated an agreement with the Fort Collins Soccer Club that will require the Soccer Club to provide required matching funds and comply with the grant requirements, and will give the City oversight power in order to ensure that the grant requirements are being met.

The development of the first phase of a soccer complex northeast of Fort Collins on County Road 54, just west of Interstate 25, was achieved by the Fort Collins Soccer Club in 1999. The rapid growth of Fort Collins and the increased interest in soccer continues to create a high demand for a dedicated soccer facility. The new facility helps curtail overcrowding and overuse of City and Poudre School District fields. The new soccer facility increases the opportunities for youth to enjoy soccer and will minimize conflicts with other groups competing for the same space in parks and schools. The City Parks and Recreation staff is very supportive of the effort by the Fort Collins Soccer Club to develop its complex. The soccer complex at build-out will have 13 full-size soccer fields, a 5,000-seat stadium field, headquarters building, picnic areas, restrooms, and landscaped and

irrigated turf. The complex will also include space for other types of recreation events such as balloon festivals, model airplane clubs, and scouting events.

The second phase of the soccer club complex, funded in part with this GOGO grant, will add about 33 acres of irrigated turf for soccer fields at the complex site. The Soccer Club is retaining professional soil and seeding experts for the site design to ensure the irrigation system, soil preparation and seed mixes result in a site that minimizes water usage.

By adopting this Resolution, Council will authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with GOCO for the \$150,000 grant for the soccer complex, upon completion of an agreement between the City and Fort Collins Soccer Club regarding the requirements for the grant project, including the provision of matching funds in the amount of \$532,603.

**RESOLUTION 2003-091  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD  
OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT  
BY FORT COLLINS SOCCER CLUB OF A SECOND PHASE  
OF THE SOCCER COMPLEX NORTHEAST OF FORT COLLINS**

WHEREAS, the Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund (the "GOCO Board") is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, created by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution, adopted at the November 1992 General Election, which article designates a portion of the net proceeds of the Colorado Lottery to the Board and directs the Board to invest those proceeds in the State's parks, wildlife, open space and recreational resources; and

WHEREAS, only local governments are eligible for local government grants from the GOCO Board which are intended for, among other things, local government parks, outdoor recreation and environmental education facility projects; and

WHEREAS, in March 2003, the City submitted a grant application to the GOCO Board for a local government grant to be used for the development of the second phase of the Fort Collins Soccer Complex, the total cost of which will be \$532,603, to be funded by contributions from various private organizations, including Colorado Youth Corp., Unites States Soccer Association, Colorado State Youth Soccer Association, the Everitt Companies, Dellenbach Chevrolet, and Fort Collins Soccer Club, in addition to GOCO grant funds; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2003, the Board awarded to the City a grant in the amount of \$150,000, to be used by the City and its primary partner, the Fort Collins Soccer Club, together with private matching funds for development of the second phase of the soccer complex on County Road 54, just west of Interstate 25 northeast of Fort Collins (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to enter into intergovernmental agreements to provide any function, service or facility, such as a grant agreement, as provided in Article II, Section 16 of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins and Section 29-1-203, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the administration of the Grant, the Board requires that the City enter into a supplementary agreement requiring that the Grant and the Soccer Complex project be carried out in accordance with the purposes and administrative requirements of the GOCO Board, and other related requirements; and

WHEREAS, City staff has negotiated such an agreement with the Fort Collins Soccer Club through which the Fort Collins Soccer Club shall be legally obligated to use the Grant to carry out the intended purposes of the Grant and to provide the matching funds that are required for the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the GOCO Board obligating the City to use the \$175,000 in Grant proceeds for the development of a soccer complex on County Road 54, just west of Interstate 25 northeast of Fort Collins, in substantially the form of agreement as is on file in the office of the City Clerk, contingent upon the execution of an agreement with the Fort Collins Soccer Club requiring the use of the Grant and provision of matching funds consistent with the grant agreement, together with such other terms and conditions, or subsequent modifications, as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the City and effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

Passed and adopted at regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 19th day of August, A.D. 2003.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk