

**DATE:** July 19, 2011  
**STAFF:** Craig Foreman

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT**

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 078, 2011, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant and Other Revenue in the Conservation Trust Fund for the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 5, 2011, appropriates an \$85,000 awarded by Great Outdoors Colorado has awarded for the completion of the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course. The project involves the development of an 18-hole disc golf course at Hughes Stadium in conjunction with Colorado State University. The course is primarily located in the stormwater detention basin directly west of Overland Trail Road. The course will include new trees and shrubs, a new access road off County Road No. 42C, and the course tee areas and baskets.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Copy of First Reading Agenda Item Summary - July 5, 2011  
(w/o attachments)

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**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT**

Items Relating to the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course.

- A. Resolution 2011-053 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado for Funds for a Disc Golf Course at Hughes Stadium.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 078, 2011 Appropriating Unanticipated Grant and Other Revenue in the Conservation Trust Fund for the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Great Outdoors Colorado has awarded the City an \$85,000 grant for the completion of the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course. The project involves the development of an 18-hole disc golf course at Hughes Stadium in conjunction with Colorado State University. The course is primarily located in the stormwater detention basin directly west of Overland Trail Road. The course will include new trees and shrubs, a new access road off County Road No. 42C, and the course tee areas and baskets.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

On February 15, 2011, Council adopted Resolution 2011-012, supporting the City's grant application for the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course project.

The need for another disc golf course in Fort Collins was well documented during the Parks and Recreation Policy Plan update which was adopted by Council in 2009. The popularity of disc golf has grown over the years and the course at Edora Park is overused, causing safety concerns for other park users and resource damage to trees and turf.

Colorado State University has been working with the City to develop a course at Hughes Stadium. The University is committed to the course being developed in and around the stormwater detention pond near Overland Trail Road (see Attachment 1). The course design has been integrated into an improvement project CSU is constructing in 2011 on the grounds around the stadium. This partnership allows for efficiencies and cost savings related to the design effort and for construction costs on such items as the irrigation water delivery system, earthwork and landscaping. The construction of the disc golf course is planned for fall 2011.

The new disc golf course at Hughes Stadium will allow some disc golf holes to be removed from Edora Park, thus helping reduce conflicts and safety concerns with other park users.

**FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

The project continues the strong and effective partnerships with Colorado State University.

Construction of the disc golf course is estimated to cost \$135,000. The funding source is the Conservation Trust Fund. The Great Outdoors Colorado grant amount is for \$85,000. The grant funding is a repay available at the time of the completion of the project. Consequently, the grant reduces the Conservation Trust cost for the project to \$48,700, and \$1,300 in-kind donations from the Fort Collins Disc Golf Club and Bill Wright.

Operation and maintenance funding for the project will be about \$2,500 per year. This O&M cost is available starting with the 2011 Parks Maintenance budget. It is hopeful that the disc golf community can help with routine maintenance of the site through the City's Adopt-A-Park program and thus reduce O&M costs.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

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Trees at the course will be watered by drip irrigation to reduce water usage and waste. Fairways will not be irrigated and will be identified using gravel paths rather than irrigated turf saving additional water usage. Use at the new course will reduce the over-use of the Edora Park course and help eliminate turf and tree damages at the park.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution and the Ordinance on First Reading.

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**BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

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At its January 26, 2011 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board voted unanimously to recommend Council approve the acceptance of the grant.

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**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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During the recent Parks and Recreation Policy Plan public process, the need for more disc golf courses to serve the community was identified as a priority. The new course is supported by the Fort Collins Disc Golf Club, CSU Administration and the CSU Disc Golf Club.

The new course is being designed with the assistance of Bill Wright who is active in the disc golf community and has designed numerous courses.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Location map
2. Parks and Recreation Board minutes, January 26, 2011

ORDINANCE NO. 078, 2011  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT AND OTHER REVENUE IN THE  
CONSERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE HUGHES STADIUM DISC GOLF COURSE

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$85,000 (the "Grant") from Great Outdoors Colorado ("GOCO") for the completion of the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the project involves the development of an 18-hole disc golf course at Hughes Stadium in conjunction with Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, this partnership with Colorado State University allows for efficiencies and cost savings related to the design effort and for construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the course will include new trees and shrubs, a new access road from County Road No. 42C, and the course tee areas and baskets; and

WHEREAS, the total project will cost \$135,000 and is funded from the following sources: Great Outdoors Colorado grant (\$85,000), in-kind donations (\$1,300), and Conservation Trust Fund Reserves (\$48,700); 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, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter authorizes 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.

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the grant and other revenue 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 as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated revenue in the Conservation Trust Fund the sum of EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$85,000) in grant revenue and ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,300) consisting of in-kind donations, for expenditure in the Conservation Trust Fund for the completion of the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Conservation Trust Fund the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$48,700) for expenditure in the Conservation Trust Fund for the completion of the Hughes Stadium Disc Golf Course.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 5th day of July, A.D. 2011, and to be presented for final passage on the 19th day of July, A.D. 2011.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 19th day of July, A.D. 2011.

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ATTEST:

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