

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

April 15, 2014

City Council

STAFF

Susie Gordon, Senior Environmental Planner

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 050, 2014 Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for Waste Reduction and Diversion Projects to be Approved Through the Waste Innovation Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 1, 2014, shifts \$18,794 accumulated during 2013 in the Waste Innovation Fund account into the City's General Fund account for approved projects to develop new organizational processes to enable departments to divert more waste material from landfill disposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, April 1, 2014 (w/o attachments) (PDF)
2. Ordinance No. 050, 2014 (PDF)

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First Reading of Ordinance No. 050, 2014, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for Waste Reduction and Diversion Projects to be Approved Through the Waste Innovation Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The City Manager created a fund in 2010 to pay for projects that improve the City's organizational ability to divert waste generated by municipal activities from being disposed in the Larimer County landfill. Discarded material and trash that City crews self-haul to the landfill is charged only 28 cents/cubic yard by Larimer County Solid Waste Department, which is passed through in payment to the state for landfill regulatory management and monitoring programs.

The balance of the regular "tipping fee" at the landfill, \$5.27 per cubic yard, is placed in the City's Waste Innovation Program (WIP) fund. WIP revenues are received from 15 City departments that self-haul various types of waste to the landfill in truckloads.

An interdepartmental group of employees participates in awarding funds when requests are received from departments. Members of this group also act as "waste reduction champions" throughout the organization and communicate with crews about how to apply these Best Management Practices in City operations

During 2013, projects were approved that allowed Water Operations staff in the Utilities to successfully screen wet dirt excavated from water main repair projects, and for the Streets Department to purchase a power screen for refining aggregates at the Crushing Facility (Hoffman Mill Road). Both projects quickly demonstrated field crews' ability to reach higher new levels of waste diversion for the City and for the community at large. Investments made in the new equipment have also allowed the City to save money, by utilizing road base material made at the Crushing Facility for paving projects and producing good quality fill dirt for engineering purposes.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACT

The appropriation will make \$18,794 available for emerging City organization waste reduction projects. Staff proposals that have been submitted to the Waste Innovation Program will be competitively reviewed and awarded during 2014, thereafter enabling new cost-savings measures to be practiced by field crews throughout the organization.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

WIP funds are intended to help City departments reduce their trash sent to the landfill, thereby reducing methane emissions, extending the lifespan of the Larimer County Landfill, and recovering reusable commodities. Putting recycled materials to use instead of producing new paving products helps the City prevent emissions of greenhouse gases that would have been generated to produce virgin-content concrete and asphalt.

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ORDINANCE NO. 050, 2014
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND
FOR WASTE REDUCTION AND DIVERSION PROJECTS TO BE APPROVED
THROUGH THE WASTE INNOVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City created the Waste Innovation Program (the “WIP”) to offer grants that allow City departments to initiate new waste diversion and recycling projects with special attention to departments that have larger quantities of waste that is self-hauled to the Larimer County Landfill; and

WHEREAS, WIP Funds are held in a General Fund Reserve account until awarded; and

WHEREAS, employees on an interdepartmental team administer the WIP funds and act as liaisons for incorporating waste reduction and promoting recycling strategies when requests are received from participating City departments; and

WHEREAS, multiple waste reduction and diversion projects have been submitted to the WIP team for review for funding in 2014; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from prior year reserves in the General Fund the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS (\$18,794) for waste reduction and diversion projects to be approved and administered through the Waste Innovation Program.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 1st day of April, A.D. 2014, and to be presented for final passage on the 15th day of April, A.D. 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 15th day of April, A.D. 2014.

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