

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

July 21, 2015

City Council

STAFF

Jon Haukaas, Water Engr Field Operations Mgr
Phil Ladd, Utilities Customer Accounts Supervisor

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 074, 2015, Authorizing the Transfer of Previously Appropriated Funds in the Storm Drainage Fund From Individual Stormwater Basin Capital Projects into the Stormwater Basin Improvement Capital Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 7, 2015, transfers and consolidates previously appropriated funds from the nine individual stormwater basin capital projects and the Drainage System Replacement Project into the citywide Stormwater Basin Improvement Capital Project. All appropriations will continue to be used for stormwater basin management improvement projects, while improving transparency and flexibility to fund and construct the highest priority stormwater improvements that are required citywide.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, July 7, 2015 (w/o attachments) (PDF)
2. Staff memo, July 10, 2015 (PDF)
3. Ordinance No. 074, 2015 (PDF)

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 074, 2015, Authorizing the Transfer of Previously Appropriated Funds in the Storm Drainage Fund From Individual Stormwater Basin Capital Projects into the Stormwater Basin Improvement Capital Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to transfer and consolidate previously appropriated funds from the nine individual stormwater basin capital projects and the Drainage System Replacement Project into the citywide Stormwater Basin Improvement Capital Project. All appropriations will continue to be used for stormwater basin management improvement projects, while improving transparency and flexibility to fund and construct the highest priority stormwater improvements that are required citywide.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Prior to 1998, monthly stormwater capital improvement fees were collected individually by each separate drainage basin and could only be used for the basin in which the fees were collected. Ordinance No. 168, 1998 changed the collection and use of monthly stormwater fees from the individual basins to a consolidated uniform and citywide basis. Since 2006 (Ordinance No. 136, 2005) stormwater plant investment fees have also been collected on a citywide basis. With the change in funding, prioritization of stormwater capital improvements is done on a citywide basis for the safety and well-being of all citizens.

Each basin's capital improvement project retains some unspent funding previously appropriated to that specific basin. Basin specific projects continued to be funded with these remaining appropriations. Since the adoption of the 2013-2014 Budget new appropriations are made to the citywide Stormwater Basin Improvements Project and not to individual basins.

At this time, there are appropriations remaining in each basin project at a level that is either (A) insufficient to pay for any particular project or (B) the monies remain in basins that do not have immediate capital project needs. The consolidation of all these appropriations into the citywide Stormwater Basin Improvement Project will allow staff to fund larger capital projects benefiting the City as a whole, as well as the specific basin for which the funds were created.

The individual Stormwater Fund Basin accounts to be consolidated are shown in the following table:

Old Town Basin Improvements	\$11,184
Dry Creek Basin Improvements	\$1,043,059

W. Vine Basin Improvements	\$763,585
Foothills Basin Improvements	\$4,778
Canal Importation Basin Improvements	\$602,946
Cooper Slough Boxelder Basin Improvements	\$353,956
Fossil Creek Basin Improvements	\$224,548
Cache La Poudre Drainageway Basin Improvements	\$167,780
Drainage System Replacements	\$174,020
Total Transfer to Stormwater Basin Improvements Capital Project	\$3,345,855

If the Ordinance is adopted, these project account balances will be moved under the citywide Stormwater Basin Improvement Capital Project account and all open projects within the specific basins will also be under the citywide project for accounting purposes.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The Ordinance does not appropriate any new funding. The Ordinance provides for the consolidation of existing appropriations to improve transparency and flexibility of using the existing stormwater basin improvement appropriations to fund the highest priority projects. This Ordinance is also consistent with the objectives stated by City Council in Ordinance No. 168, 1998, for uniform and citywide operation, maintenance, and improvements to the stormwater system.

Stormwater funds will continue to be spent in alignment with the Stormwater Enterprise requirements and approved Stormwater Master Plans.

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Funding of Stormwater Master Plan projects has been discussed with the Water Board many times over the past several years. At its June 18, 2015 meeting, the Board recommended consolidation of the remaining stormwater basin budgets as presented by staff on a vote of 7-1. (**Attachment 2**)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 168, 1998 (PDF)
2. Water Board minutes (draft), June 18, 2015 (PDF)



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 10, 2015
TO: Mayor Troxell and Councilmembers
FROM: Jon Haukaas, Operations Manager – Water Engineering & Field Services 
THROUGH: Darin Atteberry, City Manager 
 Kevin R. Gertig, Utilities Executive Director 
RE: July 7, 2015 City Council Meeting Consent Calendar Follow up - Item # 9
 Ordinance No. 074, 2015 - Authorizing the transfer of previously appropriated
 funds in the Storm Drainage Fund from individual Stormwater Basin Capital
 Projects into the Stormwater Basin Improvement Capital Project.

During Consent Calendar follow up of the July 7, 2015 meeting, Councilmember Cuniff requested information for Second Reading of this item to “ensure the purpose is compatible as we move it between funds”.

All moneys transferred will remain within the Stormwater Enterprise Fund and cannot be used for purposes other than those directly related to the benefit of the Stormwater Enterprise rate payers.

The fees were collected and placed in these individual Basin Projects for the purposes of constructing storm drainage improvements in various areas around the City. The specific projects were identified and prioritized in the Basin Master Plans for each of these drainage basins. Over time, each of these Basin Master Plans has been updated. Since 1998 the prioritization of projects has been done on a city-wide basis to provide the maximum efficiency and effectiveness in delivering project benefits.

This Ordinance consolidates previously unspent money from each of the various Basin Project accounts into a single city-wide Stormwater Basin Improvement Project account. The moneys will continue to be used only for constructing storm drainage improvements to the benefit of the citizens of Fort Collins. This ensures that the uses of these funds remain compatible with their original purpose.

ORDINANCE NO. 074, 2015
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE
STORM DRAINAGE FUND FROM INDIVIDUAL STORMWATER BASIN CAPITAL
PROJECTS INTO THE STORMWATER BASIN IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT

WHEREAS, this Ordinance provides for the consolidation of existing appropriations to improve transparency and flexibility of using the existing stormwater basin improvement appropriations to fund the highest priority projects, consistent with the objectives stated by City Council in Ordinance No. 168, 1998, for uniform and city-wide operation, maintenance, and improvements to the Stormwater system; and

WHEREAS, at this time, there are appropriations remaining in each basin project either (A) at a level that is insufficient to pay for any particular project or (B) not needed because the basin project does not have immediate capital project needs; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of all these appropriations into the citywide Stormwater Basin Improvement Project will allow staff to fund larger capital projects benefiting the City as a whole, as well as the specific basin for which the funds were created; and

WHEREAS, the specifics of this re-appropriation were reviewed at the June 18, 2015, Water Board meeting and the Board recommended consolidation of the remaining stormwater basin budgets as presented by staff; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance does not appropriate any new funding; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund (project) to another fund (project), provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the following funds are hereby authorized for transfer and appropriated for expenditure for the purposes stated below.

Appropriation FROM these projects in the Storm Drainage Fund:

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