

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

April 18, 2017

City Council

### STAFF

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Susie Gordon, Environmental Program Manager

### SUBJECT

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First Reading of Ordinance No. 054, 2017, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for Waste Reduction and Diversion Projects Approved as Part of the Waste Innovation Program.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this item is to shift \$150,000 accumulated during 2016 in the Waste Innovation Fund account into the City's General Fund account for approved projects to develop new organizational processes that enable departments to divert more waste material from landfill disposal.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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The City Manager created a fund in 2010 to pay for new 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 35 cents per 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 (\$6.05 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 reviewing proposals that are received from departments. Members of this group are also "waste reduction champions" throughout the organization and communicate with crews about how to best apply Best Management Practices in City operations.

During 2017, four applications have been received (requesting nearly \$60,000 in funding) for waste reduction/recycling projects, ranging from the purchase of soils screening/recovery equipment to sanitizing systems that kill bed-bugs, which may be present in mattresses and couches that are "dumped" on City rights-of-way, thereby enabling some of these articles of furniture to be put back into use. During the remainder of the year, additional projects that are proposed will also be eligible for funding from the Waste Innovation Program.

### CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

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The appropriation will make \$150,000 available for emerging City organization waste reduction projects. The 2017 expenditures include \$59,250 to fund four projects that were submitted in Q1 for approval. Staff proposals that are submitted to the Waste Innovation Program during Q2-4 will continue to be competitively reviewed and awarded, thereafter enabling new cost-savings measures to be put into practice by field crews throughout the organization.

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WIP funds are intended to help City departments reduce their trash sent to the landfill, thereby reducing costs and methane emissions, extending the lifespan of the Larimer County landfill, and recovering reusable products and commodities.

ORDINANCE NO. 054, 2017  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND  
FOR WASTE REDUCTION AND DIVERSION PROJECTS APPROVED  
AS PART OF THE WASTE INNOVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City created the Waste Innovation Program (the “WIP”) fund where revenues collected for the program are held in a reserve account in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds are used to administer 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, an interdepartmental group of employees reviews proposals for incorporating waste reduction, promoting recycling strategies, and awarding funds when requests are received from participating City departments; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 to date four applications have been received (requesting \$59,250 in funding) for waste reduction/recycling projects, ranging from the purchase of soils screening/recovery equipment to sanitizing systems that kill bed-bugs, which may be present in mattresses and couches that are “dumped” on City rights-of-way, thereby enabling some of these articles of furniture to be put back into use; and

WHEREAS, staff proposals that are submitted to the Waste Innovation Program during the remainder of 2017 will continue to be competitively reviewed and additional projects that are approved will be eligible for funding from the Waste Innovation Program; 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, City staff have determined that the appropriations as described herein are available and previously unappropriated in the General Fund.

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 for expenditure from prior year reserves in the General Fund the sum ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) for waste reduction and diversion projects to be approved as part of the Waste Innovation Program.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 18th day of April, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 2nd day of May, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 2nd day of May, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

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City Clerk