

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

July 18, 2017

City Council

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## STAFF

John Stokes, Natural Resources Director

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## SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 091, 2017, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue Relating to a Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant for Acquisition and Remediation of Property Adjoining the Downtown Whitewater Park Area.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate a \$232,509 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant. The total budget approved by FEMA is \$265,725 which includes \$33,216 that has been previously appropriated by the City. The funds will pay for the acquisition and remediation of a property adjoining the downtown whitewater park area.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

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## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Staff has spent the last three years acquiring various property interests on the south side of Vine Street just to the east of College Avenue. The acquisitions are linked to Whitewater park as well as to the Poudre River conservation and protection projects. After the 2013 flood, FEMA monies were directed to Colorado. The City applied for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant to help cover the costs of acquiring properties along Vine. Use of FEMA funds requires that the property be managed to benefit the floodway and floodplain in this area. The property will be incorporated into the whitewater park and will be accessible to the public. Infrastructure on the property will be removed and the site will be remediated and vegetated.

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## CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The City's match portion is \$33,216 and was previously appropriated in 2015 in offer 21.1.

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## BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

This item has not been reviewed by a board since it is part of an already approved project and helps achieve the overall fundraising goal of the project.

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## PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Poudre River Downtown Master Plan and the whitewater park component underwent extensive public engagement and outreach in 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 091, 2017  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE RELATING TO  
A FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRANT  
FOR ACQUISITION AND REMEDIATION OF PROPERTY  
ADJOINING THE DOWNTOWN WHITEWATER PARK AREA

WHEREAS, staff has spent the last three years acquiring various property interests on the south side of Vine Street just to the east of College Avenue and the acquisitions are linked to the Downtown Whitewater Park project as well as to the Poudre River conservation and protection projects; and

WHEREAS, after the 2013 flood, Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) monies were directed to Colorado and, the City applied for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant to help cover the costs of acquiring properties along Vine; and

WHEREAS, Natural Areas has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$232,509 (the “Grant”) by FEMA to acquire and remediate a property adjoining the Downtown Whitewater Park area; and

WHEREAS, the City’s match portion towards the Grant is \$33,216 and was previously appropriated in 2015 in offer 21.1 into a capital project fund; and

WHEREAS, use of the Grant funds requires that the property be managed to benefit the floodway and floodplain in this area; and

WHEREAS, the property will be incorporated into the Whitewater Park and will be accessible to the public and infrastructure on the property will be removed and the site will be remediated and vegetated; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter permits 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, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the Grant from FEMA to support Natural Areas will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Capital Projects 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 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 from unanticipated grant revenue in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$232,509) to be used by Natural Areas for acquisition and remediation of a property adjoining the Downtown Whitewater Park area for the benefit of the Poudre River Floodway and Floodplain.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 18th day of July, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 15th day of August, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 15th day of August, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

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City Clerk