

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

August 8, 2017

City Council

STAFF

Wanda Winkelmann, City Clerk

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 103, 2017, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for the Conduct of a Special Election on November 7, 2017, that was not included in the 2017 Adopted City Budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$150,000 from prior year reserves for the conduct of the November 7, 2017, Special Election. This is an estimated amount based on prior participation in coordinated elections. Final costs will be determined by the number of eligible Fort Collins voters, and the number of entities participating/sharing in the cost of the election.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On July 18, 2017, Council passed on First Reading Ordinance No. 096, 2017, calling a Special Municipal Election on November 7, 2017, to be held in conjunction with the Larimer County Coordinated Election to preserve the opportunity for Council to place initiated or referred issues on the November ballot. City staff will present to the City Council for consideration at this same meeting, proposed Charter amendments that would authorize the City to add communication services as a component of the Electric Utilities services and adding related provisions. City staff will also present a Charter amendment concerning the Municipal Court. Council may also place additional measures on the ballot, if desired.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance appropriates \$150,000 from prior year reserves in the General Fund. Participation in the November election was not budgeted.

ORDINANCE NO. 103, 2017
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND
FOR THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017,
THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE 2017 ADOPTED CITY BUDGET

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2017, the City Council passed on First Reading Ordinance No. 096, 2017, calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held in conjunction with the November 7, 2017, Larimer County Coordinated Election; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the City Council will adopt Ordinance No. 096, 2017, on Second Reading on August 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this special election is to preserve the opportunity for Council to place initiated or referred issues on the November ballot; and

WHEREAS, while the actual cost of this special election will not be known until after it is held, City staff estimates the cost to be \$150,000; 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 has determined that the appropriations as described herein are available and previously unappropriated in the General Fund; and

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 reserves in the General Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) for the participation in the coordinated election to be held on November 7, 2017.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 8th day of August, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 15th day of August, A.D. 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk