

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

November 7, 2017

City Council

## STAFF

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Cassie Archuleta, Senior Environmental Planner  
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## SUBJECT

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Second Reading of Ordinance No. 133, 2017, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund for Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Procurement.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on October 17, 2017, appropriates unanticipated grant revenue in the amount of \$15,000 in the General Fund for the purchase of electric lawn and garden equipment for the Parks Department. The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) granted these funds to assist municipalities in purchasing new low-emission commercial lawn and garden equipment. The grant directly supports efforts to lead by example in reducing air quality impacts from municipal lawn and garden equipment fleet.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

## ATTACHMENTS

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1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, October 17, 2017 (PDF)
2. Ordinance No. 133, 2017 (PDF)

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## SUBJECT

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First Reading of Ordinance No. 133, 2017, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund for Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Procurement.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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Small gasoline engines, such as those used for lawn and garden equipment, contribute to the City's carbon inventory, and contribute to emissions that cause ozone formation. The City actively works to promote and incentivize the use of electric lawn and garden equipment in the community, and the City is working to lead by example in reducing emissions from municipal operations such as Parks maintenance. The Parks Department proposes to use these grant funds to augment existing efforts to replace gas powered municipal lawn and garden equipment with electric alternatives.

## CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

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City resources would increase by \$15,000.

## BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

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Ozone is a priority pollutant for the Air Quality Advisory Board, and fossil fuel powered lawn and garden equipment contributes to ozone causing pollution and to the municipal carbon inventory. No formal recommendation was sought for appropriation of the grant funds to purchase additional electric lawn and garden equipment.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

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To help the private sector and other municipalities transition to electric lawn and garden equipment, a regional municipality event coordinated with the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) will take place October 17, 2017, in Brighton featuring the City of Fort Collins. Additionally, the City will issue a press release regarding the City's

efforts to transition to electric lawn and garden equipment and publish equipment performance evaluations to help the private sector better evaluate the benefits and considerations of electric equipment.

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ORDINANCE NO. 133, 2017  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE GENERAL  
FUND FOR ELECTRIC LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a grant from the Regional Air Quality Council (“RAQC”) in the amount of \$15,000 to purchase electric lawn and garden equipment for the Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, the RAQC granted these funds to assist municipalities in purchasing new low-emission commercial lawn and garden equipment; and

WHEREAS, the grant directly supports efforts to lead by example in reducing air quality impacts from municipal lawn and garden equipment fleet; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires no matching funds; 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, do 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 RAQC grant funds as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during the 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 General Fund the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) for expenditure in the General Fund for the purchase of electric lawn and garden equipment for use by the Parks Department.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 17th day of October, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 7th day of November, A.D. 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 7th day of November, A.D. 2017.

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