

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

July 17, 2018

City Council

STAFF

Craig Dubin, Transfort Communications and Admin Mgr
Dean Klingner, Transfort and Parking Interim General Manager
Chris Van Hall, Legal

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 096, 2018, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the Parking Fund for the Replacement of a Parking Enforcement Patrol Vehicle and License Plate Recognition System.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$80,000 from Parking Services Reserves to replace a parking enforcement patrol vehicle and its license plate recognition system.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Parking Services has a fleet of three electric patrol vehicles and one Go4 gasoline engine three-wheel patrol vehicle. In 2013, Parking Services piloted a 2013 Nissan Leaf with the objective of reducing emissions and fuel use. Given the high-idle requirements for parking enforcement, the pilot was accepted and over the next two years, Parking Services purchased two more, later model Nissan Leaf sedans. The Go4 has become unreliable due to increased maintenance issues and operates poorly in inclement weather.

With the increase in enforcement due to the expanded RP3 program and projections to expand hours of service, Parking Services submitted an offer for the 2019/2020 BFO cycle for two more electric vehicles. However, there remains an urgent need to replace the Go4 as maintenance issues on this vehicle have become frequent; which creates work stoppages for several hours. Parking enforcement is performed by a staff of seven parking enforcement officers using three electric sedans and the single Go4.

Fleet Services has recommended replacement of the vehicle. Furthermore, the existing asset uses gasoline and would be replaced with an electric vehicle to further reduce the City's carbon footprint.

Staff is proposing to replace the license plate recognition system because it is past its useful life and is no longer supported.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total cost for these items is \$80,000. This includes:

- \$35,000 2018 Nissan Leaf including aftermarket safety lighting and markings
- \$45,000 License Plate Recognition System and associated hardware and software

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These funds are available in the Parking Fund Reserves. Excess parking revenues are added to the Parking Fund and it is anticipated that these reserves are intended for long-term replacement and maintenance costs. Staff anticipates that ongoing costs will be slightly lower by replacing this vehicle based on reduced maintenance and operating costs.

ORDINANCE NO. 096, 2018
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE PARKING
FUND FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A PARKING ENFORCEMENT
PATROL VEHICLE AND LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Parking Services has a fleet of three electric patrol vehicles and one Go4 gasoline engine three-wheel patrol vehicle (the “Go4”); and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Parking Services piloted a 2013 Nissan Leaf with the objective of reducing emissions and fuel use; and

WHEREAS, over the next two years, Parking Services purchased two more, later model Nissan leaf sedans and the Go4 has now become unreliable due to increased maintenance issues and operates poorly in inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, there remains an urgent need to replace the Go4 as maintenance issues on this vehicle have become frequent, which creates work stoppage for several hours and current Parking enforcement is performed by a staff of seven parking enforcement officers using three electric sedans and the single Go4; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Go4 be replaced with an electric vehicle to further reduce the City’s carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the current license plate recognition system also be replaced because it is past its useful life and is no longer supported by the vendor; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of providing fuel efficient vehicles for City staff to enforce the City’s parking regulations within the City; 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, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the Parking Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Parking Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during any fiscal year; 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 prior year reserves in the Parking Fund the sum of EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000) for expenditure in the Parking Fund for a new parking enforcement patrol vehicle and license plate recognition system.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 17th day of July, A.D. 2018, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of August, A.D. 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 21st day of August, A.D. 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk