

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

April 21, 2020

City Council

STAFF

Greg Oakes, Landscape Architect
Ingrid Decker, Legal

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 046, 2020, Appropriating Unanticipated Philanthropic Revenue from Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado in the General Fund and Transferring it to the Capital Projects Fund for the Veterans Plaza Improvement Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is coming to Council because the appropriation of the funds is the sole source of funding for improvements to Veteran's Plaza. The improvements are to be completed prior to Memorial Day, May 25, 2020, as Veteran's Plaza of Northern Colorado hosts a memorial event at this location annually.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2020, appropriates \$10,752 of philanthropic revenue in the General Fund for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund to be used for improvements at the Veterans Plaza in Spring Canyon Community Park. The charitable gift, facilitated by City Give, was made by Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado. The charitable funding will underwrite the costs of improvements to construct a new sidewalk from the parking area to Veterans Plaza and provide other site improvements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. First Reading Agenda Item Summary, April 7, 2020 (w/o attachments) (PDF)
2. Ordinance No. 046, 2020 (PDF)

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April 7, 2020

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 046, 2020, Appropriating Unanticipated Philanthropic Revenue from Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado in the General Fund and Transferring it to the Capital Projects Fund for the Veterans Plaza Improvement Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$10,752 in philanthropic revenue in the General Fund for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund to be used for improvements at the Veterans Plaza in Spring Canyon Community Park. The charitable gift, facilitated by City Give, was made by Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado. The charitable funding will underwrite the costs of improvements to construct a new sidewalk from the parking area to Veterans Plaza and provide other site improvements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado is a community partnership between many local organizations, including the City of Fort Collins, Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, and the nonprofit Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado Board and volunteers who manage the site, host local programming, advocate, and fundraise on behalf of the Plaza.

Located at 2626 West Horsetooth Road in the scenic Spring Canyon Community Park in southwest Fort Collins, Veterans Plaza provides a place to remember the sacrifice willingly made by veterans, whether in times of war or times of peace.

Officially opened in November 2011, Veterans Plaza provides an educational destination for children and adults to learn about the military heroes who are part of our nation's history, recognizes those who continue to serve and who will serve in the future.

The City of Fort Collins is grateful to partner with such a passionate group of volunteers who tirelessly support U.S. veterans who have served, are serving, and will serve this great nation.

Entry improvements to Veterans Plaza include an additional concrete walk, landscape planting enhancements and two concrete tent pads that will be utilized during the many special events that take place at the Plaza.

The City Manager recommends the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and 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 the

General Fund during this fiscal year. He is also recommending the transfer described herein and has determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance will appropriate \$10,752 of unanticipated philanthropic revenue which meets the projected budget for the proposed capital improvements for this project. The project scope and budget were developed by Park Planning and Development in collaboration with Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado.

The revenue is being appropriated in the General Fund for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund for the Veterans Plaza project. The funds have been received and accepted per City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

No public outreach is anticipated regarding these improvements to Veterans Plaza.

COPY

ORDINANCE NO. 046, 2020
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED PHILANTHROPIC REVENUE FROM
VETERANS PLAZA OF NORTHERN COLORADO IN THE GENERAL
FUND AND TRANSFERRING IT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE VETERANS PLAZA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, in 2011 the City opened to the public Veterans Plaza at Spring Canyon Park, a place to honor our veterans and educate the public about our military heroes; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado, a community partnership between many local organizations, has raised and donated to the City \$10,752 to fund capital improvements to Veterans Plaza, including an additional concrete walk, landscaping improvements, and concrete tent pads for use during special events at the Plaza (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance appropriates this unanticipated revenue in the General Fund and transfers it to the Capital Projects Fund to cover the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of funding capital improvements to Veterans Plaza; 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, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that these appropriations are available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and 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 these funds during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project account to another fund or capital project account, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the transfer described herein and determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

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 philanthropic revenue in the General Fund the sum of TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$10,752) for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund and appropriated therein for the Veterans Plaza Improvement Project.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 7th day of April, A.D. 2020, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 21st day of April, A.D. 2020.

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