

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 17

DATE: April 19, 2005

STAFF: Carol Tunner

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 039, 2005, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the Capital Projects Fund - Nix Barn Restoration Capital Project and Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations Between Funds for the Purpose of Restoring the Exterior of the Nix Barn at the Nix Farm Natural Area, 1745 Hoffman Mill Road.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City has been awarded a grant from the Colorado Historical Society's State Historical Fund in the amount of \$97,500 for the exterior restoration of the Nix Barn at the Nix Farm. A local match of \$52,500 is required and will be provided using existing appropriations in the Natural Areas Fund. In addition, the Natural Areas Fund will contribute \$1,500 to incorporate art into the project. This Ordinance appropriates the grant proceeds in the Capital Projects Fund - Nix Barn Restoration Capital Project and authorizes the transfer of existing appropriations, totaling \$54,000, from the Natural Areas Fund to the Capital Project Fund - Nix Barn Restoration Capital Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item requests the appropriation of unanticipated grant revenue in the amount of \$97,500, and authorizes the transfer of \$54,000 from the Natural Areas Fund to be used for stabilization and restoration of the Nix Barn at the Nix Farm, 1745 Hoffman Mill Road.

The Colorado Historical Society awarded the City of Fort Collins a State Historical Fund grant to cover structural analysis and building stabilization, window inventory and restoration, chimney, doors, and siding restoration, replace the rusted leaking roof, and paint the historic barn at the Nix Farm. State Historical Fund grants are available to public entities as applicants for the purpose of historic preservation of their public buildings. The grant is designed to help applicants use historic-type materials and craftsmanship that may cost more than modern ones.

This grant requires a cash match of \$52,500. The City Code requires public projects to incorporate art and \$1,500 is being allocated for that purpose. The grant cash match and funding to be used to incorporate art into the project will come from the Natural Areas Fund. The grant

also requires that the City allow State Historical Fund staff to record a 20-year covenant on the property assuring its preservation.

The City's role is: (1) apply for the grant; (2) contract with the state to receive and administer the grant funds; (3) provide the cash match; (4) contract for the restoration; (5) distribute the grant and cash match funds. The Advance Planning Department will manage the grant.

ORDINANCE NO. 039, 2005
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - NIX BARN RESTORATION CAPITAL PROJECT
AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN FUNDS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTORING THE EXTERIOR OF THE NIX BARN AT THE NIX
FARM NATURAL AREA, 1745 HOFFMAN MILL ROAD

WHEREAS, in 1996, the City of Fort Collins purchased a 27.5 acre parcel of land containing two residences, a ramp barn, and an equipment/animal shed from Tom and Patsy Nix (the "Nix Farm Natural Area"), using proceeds from the City's dedicated 0.25 cent sales and use tax to finance the acquisition and development of open space, trails and natural areas, as approved by the voters at a municipal election on November 3, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Nix farm with its buildings, structures and sites have historical significance to the City of Fort Collins, for their association with and representation of the agricultural development of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2001, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 94, 2001, designating the buildings, structures, and farm site know as the Nix Farm Natural Area, located at 1745 Hoffman Mill Road in Fort Collins, as an historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$97,500 from the Colorado State Historical Society's State Historical Fund for the purpose of restoring the exterior of the Nix barn on the site of the Nix Farm Natural Area (the "Project"), which grant will require the City of Fort Collins to allow the State Historical Fund staff to record a 20-year covenant on the property for its preservation; and

WHEREAS, local matching funds needed to cover the cost of the project improvements, totaling \$52,500, have been identified and are available in the form of existing appropriations in the Natural Areas Fund 2005 Budget; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Natural Areas Fund will contribute \$1,500 to be used to incorporate art into the Project, in conjunction with the City's Art in Public Places Program, bringing the total Project cost to \$151,500; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins (the "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, Article V, Section 10, of the Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 23-305 of the City Code, a City-selected artist shall participate in the design of projects for the purpose of incorporating works of art into all aspects of the project, both functional and aesthetic, to the fullest extent possible within the project budget, and be paid from the project budget; and

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the appropriation of funds from the Colorado State Historical Society's State Historical Fund as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund - Nix Barn Restoration capital project to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received during any fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Council to appropriate the sum of \$97,500, in the form of grant proceeds from the Colorado Historical Society's State Historical Fund, in the Capital Projects Fund - Nix Barn Restoration Capital Project, and authorize the transfer of \$54,000 from the Natural Areas Fund to the Capital Projects Fund - Nix Barn Restoration Capital Project to restore the exterior of the Nix Barn at the Nix Farm Natural Area, and to incorporate art, totaling \$1,500, into said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated revenue in the Capital Projects Fund - Nix Barn Restoration Capital Project the sum of NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$97,500) to be used to restore the exterior of the Nix Barn at the Nix Farm Natural Area.

Section 2. That the unexpended appropriated amount of FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$54,000) is hereby authorized for transfer from the Natural Areas Fund to the Capital Projects Fund - Nix Barn Restoration Project, and appropriated therein, to be used to restore the exterior of the Nix Barn at the Nix Farm Natural Area, and for incorporating art, totaling \$1,500, into said project.

Section 3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such documents of conveyance of the covenant as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary or appropriate and not inconsistent with this Ordinance.

Introduced and considered favorably on first reading and ordered published this 19th day of April, A.D. 2005, and to be presented for final passage on the 3rd day of May, A.D. 2005.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 3rd day of May, A.D. 2005.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk