

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 9

DATE: August 15, 2006

STAFF: John Lang

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 107, 2006, Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations Between the Building Community Choices - Taft Hill Road Improvements, Drake Road to Derby Court Project and the Building Community Choices - Prospect Road Improvements, Poudre River to Summitview Drive Project to Be Used for the Riverbend Ponds Berm Stabilization Work.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 18, 2006, transfers \$779,890 of excess funds from the previously constructed Taft Hill – Drake to Derby project, to the Prospect Road - Poudre River to Summitview Project to address a greater than anticipated drainage need.

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ITEM NUMBER: 19

DATE: July 18, 2006

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SUBJECT

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First Reading of Ordinance No. 107, 2006, Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations Between the Building Community Choices - Taft Hill Road Improvements, Drake Road to Derby Court Project and the Building Community Choices - Prospect Road Improvements, Poudre River to Summitview Drive Project to Be Used for the Riverbend Ponds Berm Stabilization Work.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Current appropriated funding for the East Prospect Road Project (the "Project") is \$5,847,385. The estimated total Project cost is \$6,907,948. This total amount includes the Riverbend Pond berm stabilization work as well as \$280,673 in trail work to be paid by the Natural Areas program. This request is for the remaining \$779,890 which is available from the previously constructed Taft Hill - Drake to Derby Project (the "Taft Hill Project"). The current balance in the Taft Hill Project is \$978,225. The remaining \$198,335 balance is anticipated to be sufficient to finalize the Taft Hill Project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This request is to transfer \$779,890 of excess funds from the previously constructed Taft Hill - Drake to Derby project, to the Prospect Road - Poudre River to Summitview Project to address a greater than anticipated drainage need.

BACKGROUND

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The Project is part of the voter-approved "Building Community Choices Program" ("BCC") funding package. The main goal of the Project is to improve safety for all modes of transportation along East Prospect Road from the Poudre River to Summit View Drive. The Project elements identified by the approved ballot language include widening East Prospect Road to provide two travel lanes, on-street bicycle lanes, turn lanes, installing a sidewalk, raising the roadway section to protect it from major floods, and constructing an additional bridge east of the Poudre River to pass 100 year flood flows.

Staff is presently constructing an interim two lane roadway that meets the BCC criteria while purchasing right-of-way for the future four lane roadway. The current roadway construction schedule calls for roadway construction to be completed by October 31, 2006 and completion of all remaining items in early 2007. The Riverbend Ponds Berm Stabilization work is currently scheduled to be bid this summer with construction completed prior to the spring 2007 runoff season.

PROJECT DETAILS

1. East Prospect Road Widening Description:

Roadway design includes the following from the BCC ballot language:

- Bicycle lanes
- Two travel lanes
- A left turn lane
- A sidewalk
- Raised roadway to protect East Prospect Road from the 100 year flood
- An additional bridge to protect East Prospect Road from the 100 year flood

The need to strengthen the upstream berms within the Riverbend Ponds Natural Area to keep the Poudre River within its existing banks was not anticipated in the original 1997 cost estimate. This work is critical since East Prospect's new bridge is sized to pass the 100-year flood under current conditions with the Poudre River remaining within its current channel. If the new bridge needed to be sized for the full Poudre River flow, it would need to be sized four times larger than originally planned. This condition was only revealed well into the design process.

2. Cost

Appropriated funding for the project is \$5,847,000. The total project cost estimate is \$6,907,948 including some trail work for Natural Areas valued at \$280,673 and one-third of the estimated construction costs for the Riverbend Ponds Stabilization work. Thus, a deficit of \$779,890 exists for the Project.

The remaining two-thirds of the estimated construction costs for the Riverbend Ponds Stabilization work is being funded one-third by the Stormwater Department and one-third by the Natural Areas program.

3. Schedule

Construction is underway for the main roadway portion of this project. Staff anticipates advertising for construction bids for the Riverbend Ponds Stabilization work in the summer of 2006 with construction completed prior to spring runoff in 2007.

ORDINANCE NO. 107, 2006
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN THE BUILDING
COMMUNITY CHOICES - TAFT HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, DRAKE ROAD TO
DERBY COURT PROJECT AND THE BUILDING COMMUNITY CHOICES -
PROSPECT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, POUDBRE RIVER TO SUMMITVIEW DRIVE
PROJECT TO BE USED FOR THE RIVERBEND PONDS BERM STABILIZATION WORK

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1997, the voters of the City approved Ordinance No. 031, 1997, authorizing the imposition of a quarter cent sales and use tax for the purpose of generating revenues to construct certain capital projects described in the Building Community Choices ("BCC") capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS, included in the projects approved for funding by the voters were the Prospect Road Improvements, Poudre River to Summitview Drive project ("Prospect Road Project") and the Taft Hill Road Improvements, Drake Road to Derby Court project ("Taft Hill Road Project"); and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the Prospect Road Project included widening the roadway to provide two travel lanes, on-street bicycle lanes, turn lanes, installing a sidewalk, raising the roadway section to protect it from major floods, and constructing an additional bridge east of the Poudre River to pass 100 year flood flows; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the Taft Hill Road Project included widening Taft Hill Road from Drake Road south to Derby Court to a full arterial street and adding curb, gutter and sidewalks to provide safer effective facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the improvements associated with the Prospect Road Project is \$5,847,385; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Taft Hill Road Project is \$6,085,262; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified savings in the Taft Hill Road Project, totaling \$979,890; and

WHEREAS, the cost to strengthen the upstream berms that keep the Poudre River within its existing banks was not anticipated in the original cost estimate for the Prospect Road Project; and

WHEREAS, \$779,890 is being added to the Prospect Road Project for its share of the cost to strengthen the upstream berms within the Riverbend Ponds Natural Area; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Areas Program has agreed to spend, from existing appropriations, a total of \$280,673 for trail work included in the Prospect Road Project, freeing up a like amount within the Prospect Road Project budget to be used to offset the cost to strengthen the upstream berms; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the additional appropriation needed, totaling \$779,890, be funded using savings in the Taft Hill Road Project; and

WHEREAS, the current construction of roadway improvements to the Prospect Road project are underway and scheduled for completion at the end of October 2006; and

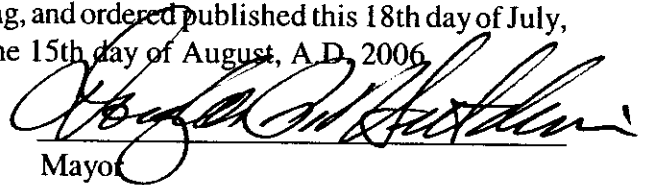
WHEREAS, the Riverbend Ponds berm stabilization work is scheduled to be bid during the Summer 2006 with construction completed prior to the spring 2007 runoff season; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins 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 proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project account in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance; and

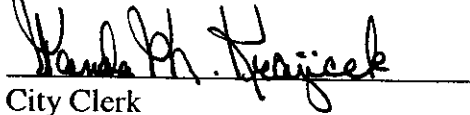
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Council to authorize the transfer of \$779,890 from the Building Community Choices - Taft Hill Road Improvements, Drake Road to Derby Court project to the Building Community Choices - Prospect Road Improvements, Poudre River to Summitview Drive project to be used to stabilize the upstream berms within the Riverbend Ponds Natural Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$779,890) is hereby authorized for transfer from the Building Community Choices - Taft Hill Road Improvements, Drake Road to Derby Court project to the Building Community Choices - Prospect Road Improvements, Poudre River to Summitview Drive project to be used to stabilize the upstream berms within the Riverbend Ponds Natural Area.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 18th day of July, A.D. 2006, and to be presented for final passage on the 15th day of August, A.D. 2006.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 15th day of August, A.D. 2006.

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