

RESOLUTION 2026-099
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING EXPENDITURES TO COMMISSION AN ARTIST TO CREATE A MURAL
FOR THE POUDRE RIVER WHITEWATER PARK PURSUANT TO THE ART IN
PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM AND APPROVING THE MURAL

A. At its June 8, 2026, meeting, the City's Arts and Culture Board voted to recommend that City Council approve commissioning local artist Ren Burke to create a mural on the approximately 200-foot floodwall adjacent to the Cache la Poudre River on the east side of College Avenue (the "Mural"). The wall is part of the preserved Coy Headgate and Diversion Structure, an important interpretive feature illustrating Fort Collins' early irrigation and agricultural history. The Mural features wildlife native to the river corridor and incorporates wave-pattern elements. Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, includes a sketch of and details about the Mural.

B. The overall budget for the Mural includes the artist fee, surface preparation, paint supplies, painting labor, anti-graffiti sealant, sealant application labor, artist contingency, maintenance, and City staff oversight, totaling \$31,545. Of the total amount, \$6,545 is appropriated and available for expenditure in the Art in Public Places Reserves Account. Ordinance No. 081, 2026, contains an appropriation for the remaining \$25,000 for the Mural.

C. City Code Section 23-308 requires that the Board's recommendation concerning the use of funds for the Mural be presented for City Council review and approval as the cost of the Mural exceeds \$30,000.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that, subject to the enactment of Ordinance No. 081, 2026, the City Council hereby approves 1) the Mural described attached hereto as Exhibit A for inclusion in the Poudre River Whitewater Park, the conceptual design for which was reviewed and approved by the Arts and Culture Board on June 8, 2026; 2) the use of previously appropriated funds in an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$6,545) from the Art in Public Places Reserve Account in the Arts and Culture Fund for the Mural; and 3) the use of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) appropriated through Ordinance No. 081, 2026, for the Mural.

Passed and adopted on July 21, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: July 21, 2026
Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt

Exhibit: Exhibit A – Art in Public Places Mural Description and Sketch