

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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## STAFF

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## SUBJECT

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 062, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves from the Conservation Trust Fund and Authorizing Transfers for Planning Efforts to Create a Conceptual Framework Plan for the Foothills Multi-Use Site, Formerly Known as the “Hughes Stadium Site.”**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of \$250,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund (“CTF”) Reserves to Park Planning & Development for planning efforts to create a Conceptual Framework Plan (the “Plan”) for the Foothills Multi-Use Site (the “Site”), which will build upon the community’s priorities for the Site as identified in the November 2025 ballot initiative. This plan will inform future design and construction of the Site’s uses and features. The scope of work will include preparation of an existing conditions report, a comprehensive programming list, and a near-term management plan, with a final deliverable of a Plan that will guide future development of the Site.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

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## BACKGROUND

Following the Civic Assembly process and recommendations, Council adopted Ordinance No. 141, 2025, on second reading, referring the ordinance to the November 2025 ballot. Ballot Question 2H, which expressed support for the Civic Assembly recommendations and adopting a conceptual framework for the use and management of the Hughes Stadium Site, was successfully passed by voters. Since November 2025, City staff began work to outline a public engagement plan and develop a phased approach to developing what was called the Hughes Stadium Site but staff now refers to as the Foothills Multi-Use Site (the “Site”).

Staff recommends appropriating prior year reserves from the Conservation Trust Fund. These funds, along with contributions from the Capital Tax Bike Park project and from Natural Areas, will be utilized to create a Plan that will guide future work to design and construct site uses and amenities.

**Conceptual Framework Plan:** builds upon the community’s priorities for the Site as identified in the November 2025 ballot initiative and develops a conceptual plan that informs future planning, design, and construction of the Site’s uses and features. Deliverables include the following:

- **Existing conditions report:** will identify and analyze site characteristics and features that will influence site design and layout decisions about where to locate various site uses.

- **Comprehensive programming list:** includes assessment of site needs and program requirements for planned uses.
- **Near term management plan:** will identify municipal code enforcement needs, Ranger and Hope team engagement, assessment of existing structures / Site elements, vegetation management as well as user access and safety.
- **Conceptual framework plan:** will identify general areas for each site use, access and circulation considerations, and other key attributes that will inform further planning and design.

The Site will be planned and developed collaboratively between Parks and Natural Areas with support from the City Manager’s Office. Park Planning and Development will lead planning efforts and will engage other City departments, as well as external community groups, that represent key project partners.

### **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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This Ordinance will appropriate \$250,000 for Park Planning and Development from the CTF reserves for this project. Any unused funds will be returned to the parent account for CTF revenue. The City Manager has determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs distributes the CTF quarterly, on a per capita basis, to over 470 eligible local governments: counties, cities, towns, and Title 32 special districts that provide park and recreation services in their service plans. Funding can be used for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites or for capital improvements or maintenance for recreational purposes on any public site. Supplemental funding for this project has been appropriated and will augment the requested CTF reserves, which include \$30,000 from the Bike Park Capital Tax and \$100,000 from Natural Areas.

### **BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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None.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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2024 Future of Hughes Civic Assembly Process and November 2025 Ballot 2H Initiative.

### **ATTACHMENTS / LINKS**

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1. External Project Charter
2. Ballot 2H Language
3. Ordinance No. 062, 2026