

ORDINANCE NO. 151, 2023
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND AND
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FUND FOR SNOW REMOVAL

WHEREAS, the City established a snow removal budget of \$1,900,000 for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 snow removal budget already has been exceeded by \$600,000; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of snowstorms in November through December of 2023, snow removal costs for 2023 are projected to exceed the 2023 budget by \$1,980,000, for a total of \$3,860,000; and

WHEREAS, the actual costs of snow removal by the City have exceeded annual budget allocations on a yearly basis for more than ten years; and

WHEREAS, three primary factors in the increase of snow removal costs are increased operational costs, extremely cold temperatures, and large storms; and

WHEREAS, increased operational costs for snow removal include increases in personnel costs, material costs, contractor sidewalk snow removal costs, and the increase in the number of lane miles; and

WHEREAS, the presence of extremely cold temperatures requires the use of greater amounts of de-icing material and more labor hours to remove ice to keep roads safe; and

WHEREAS, large storms drive up costs due to plowing residential roads, removal of downtown snow via truck, and increased costs for sidewalk snow removal; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to appropriate \$1,980,000 from General Fund prior year reserves, and \$93,000 from Harmony Road Fund prior year reserves to cover costs already incurred and any additional costs necessary for snow removal and associated costs for the remainder of 2023, to avoid the diversion of funds from other budgeted purposes to cover these costs; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of providing community-wide snow removal; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, 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 and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and the Harmony Road Reserves in the Transportation Services Fund will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund and the Harmony Road Reserves in the Transportation Services Fund, as applicable, to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during any fiscal year.

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 prior year reserves in the General Fund the sum of ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,980,000) to be expended in the General Fund for Snow Removal.

Section 3. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Harmony Road Reserves in the Transportation Services Fund the sum of NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$93,000) to be expended in the Transportation Services Fund for Snow Removal.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading and ordered published this 21st day of November, 2023, and to be presented for final passage on the 5th day of December, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 5th day of December, 2023.

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