

ORDINANCE NO. 108, 2023  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF POLICE RADIOS

WHEREAS, Police Services utilizes the public safety emergency radio system on a continuous basis to communicate and receive updates from the 911 Center, convey information to other responders, and/or direct incoming resources for an incident; and

WHEREAS, Police Services rely heavily on radio communication as their primary means for transmitting critical information to and between emergency responders and these devices allow field responders to receive and communicate not only life-saving information, but the information required to maintain the safety of the community, their partners, and their own personal safety; and

WHEREAS, the ability to transmit information regarding an in-progress call or evolving situation is critical for responding personnel and having a supported and updated radio is critical to ensuring officer safety; and

WHEREAS, the current radio devices include handheld radios, mobile/vehicle radios, and dispatch radios and the handheld radios need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, Police Services utilizes Motorola radios, and the manufacturer has phased out the old model and will no longer support the old model starting in December of 2023 and although these radios will still function, replacement parts will no longer be produced; and

WHEREAS, although Police Services has done well in extending the life of all radio equipment, with industry standards suggesting replacing handheld radios every 5-7 years. The remaining old Police Services handheld radios were purchased in 2013 and are 10 years old, beyond the suggested use standards; and

WHEREAS, out of the total 242 handheld radios, 130 radios were replaced with the newer model in 2022, leaving 112 still needing to be replaced in 2023, the cost to replace the remaining 112 radios is \$620,000; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of updating police radio equipment which is essential for the safety and function of Police Services; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon the recommendation of the City Manager, to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated; 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 will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this 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 SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$620,000) to be expended in the General Fund for the purchase of Police radios.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 15th day of August, 2023, and to be presented for final passage on the 5th day of September, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chief Deputy City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 5th day of September, 2023.

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