

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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## STAFF

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## SUBJECT

**First Reading of Ordinance No. 159, 2024, Making a Supplemental Appropriation and Authorizing Transfer of Appropriation for the Southeast Community Center Land Acquisition in Compliance with Approved Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Collins, Poudre School District and Poudre Libraries.**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to consider an appropriation of \$3,180,000 to execute the potential land acquisition as defined in the approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Poudre School District and Poudre Libraries related to the construction of a new Southeast Community Center.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

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## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

An appropriation of \$3,180,000 needs to be approved to have the funds available to execute the potential land acquisition for the construction of the new Southeast Community Center (SECC). The City of Fort Collins (City) has an approved Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Poudre School District (PSD) and Poudre Libraries regarding the construction of the SECC, the land for which is currently owned by the PSD. In that IGA it states that the City and PSD will close on the Land by November 30, 2024. If PSD's ballot question on this November's ballot is approved by the voters, the land will be conveyed at no cost to the City. If the ballot measure is not approved, the City has agreed to put the agreed upon purchase price of the land into an escrow account. If this occurs, PSD has until January 31, 2025, to find an alternative funding source. As the election results will not be known until after this Council meeting on November 4, 2024, and the IGA requires funds be available November 30, 2024, staff is seeking this appropriation now to ensure that it can close on the land by November 30, 2024, if the measure is not approved.

If the PSD ballot measure is approved, the \$3,180,000 appropriation would remain with the City as part of the PSD capital contribution to the SECC project. The funds would be included in the 2025 Budgeting for Outcomes offer 46.10 (\$15,201,000) that is recommended within the City Manager's recommended budget.

If the PSD ballot measure is not approved, the \$3,180,000 appropriation would be placed in escrow per the IGA and utilized to purchase the land from PSD. Offer 46.10 would be reduced to \$12,021,000.

## **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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If adopted, this Ordinance will appropriate \$3,180,000 in the Capital Projects Fund to be used for the potential land acquisition in compliance with the approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Poudre School District (PSD) and Poudre Libraries related to the construction of a new Southeast Community Center (SECC). PSD has brought a funding measure to voters on the November 5, 2024, ballot, based on the results of the election there are two outcomes:

- If the PSD ballot measure is approved, the \$3,180,000 appropriation would remain with the City of Fort Collins as part of the PSD capital contribution to the SECC project. The funds would be included in the \$15,201,000 2025 Budgeting for Outcomes offer 46.10 that is recommended within the City Manager's recommended budget.
- If the PSD ballot measure is not approved, the \$3,180,000 appropriation would be placed in escrow per the IGA and utilized to purchase the land from PSD. The 2025 Budgeting for Outcomes offer 46.10 that is a part of the City Managers recommended budget would be reduced by \$3,180,000.

Staff and Council should know by second reading, November 19, 2024, if the ballot measure has passed or not.

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

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None.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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None.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Ordinance for Consideration