ORDINANCE NO. 091, 2013
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE NATURAL AREAS FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE NATURAL AREAS OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT AND TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CULTURAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES FUND FOR THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the current Natural Areas Office Building is a two-story historic farm house located at the Nix Farm that was remodeled in 2002 to house the Natural Areas Department staff which was less than 20 permanent employees; and

WHEREAS, with the growth of the Natural Areas Department, the 2013 budget appropriated $440,000 to construct an additional office building at Nix Farm for the Natural Areas staff by adding to and remodeling the existing two-story historic farm house; and

WHEREAS, after further review of office needs and analysis of the existing farm house, it has been determined that a much larger office space is needed and the existing farm house cannot be reconstructed to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, a new Natural Areas office building that will allow for future growth is currently being designed for construction adjacent to an existing office building and operations shop at the Nix Farm; and

WHEREAS, based on the preliminary design, the total cost of a 4,200 square foot office building is currently estimated to be $1,860,000; and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of $1,420,000 are needed to build the office structure and these funds are available from prior year reserves in the Natural Areas Fund; and

WHEREAS, $14,200, which represents one percent of the additional appropriation for the new office building, must be transferred to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund for the Natural Areas cost center contribution to the Art in Public Places (APP) program, with $11,076 reserved for the APP artwork project and $3,124 reserved for the maintenance of the artwork and operations of the APP program; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council to appropriate 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, Article V, Section 10, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund (project) to another fund (project), provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, the additional appropriation of $1,420,000 herein, would be applied to the same purpose as the original $440,000 in the 2013 budget appropriation; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends appropriating from prior year reserves in the Natural Areas Fund $1,420,000 to be used for the design and construction of a new Natural Areas office building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from prior year reserves in the Natural Areas Fund the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,420,000) for transfer to the Capital Projects Fund - Natural Areas Office Building Project and appropriated therein for expenditure on the Project.

Section 2. That the unexpended appropriated amount of ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS ($11,076) in the Capital Projects Fund - Natural Areas Office Building Project is authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund - Art in Public Places Project and appropriated therein for the Art Project.

Section 3. That the unexpended appropriated amount of THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS ($3,124) in the Capital Projects Fund - Natural Areas Office Building Project is authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund and appropriated therein for the Art in Public Places Program Maintenance and Operations.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 2nd day of July, A.D. 2013, and to be presented for final passage on the 16th day of July, A.D. 2013.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 16th day of July, A.D. 2013.

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