

January 9, 2024

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO**

**Council-Manager Form of Government**

**Special Council Organizational Meeting – 6:00 PM**

**Prior to the meeting being called to order, City Manager Kelly DiMartino read the City of Fort Collins Land Acknowledgement.**

**A) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeni Arndt called the special organizational meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 300 Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado, with hybrid participation available via the City's Zoom platform.

**B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jeni Arndt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**C) ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Jeni Arndt  
Mayor Pro Tem Emily Francis  
Councilmember Susan Gutowsky  
Councilmember Julie Pignataro  
Councilmember Tricia Canonico  
Councilmember Kelly Ohlson

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Shirley Peel

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager Kelly DiMartino  
City Attorney Carrie Daggett  
City Clerk Anissa Hollingshead

**D) CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**1. Oaths of Office.**

*The purpose of this item is the administration of the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers for Districts 2, 4 and 6.*

City Clerk Anissa Hollingshead administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Mayor and City Councilmembers:

- Mayor Jeni Arndt,
- District 6 Councilmember Emily Francis,
- District 2 Councilmember Julie Pignataro, and
- District 4 Councilmember Melanie Potyondy.

Following taking the Oath of Office, District 4 Councilmember Melanie Potyondy was seated at the dais to begin her service on the City Council.

## 2. Council Consideration of Motion to Elect a Mayor Pro Tem.

*The purpose of this item is to consider a motion to elect a Mayor Pro Tem.*

Mayor Arndt introduced the item and reviewed the responsibilities of the Mayor Pro Tem, as well as the recommended process for electing the Mayor Pro Tem, to include:

- a. Accept input from the public.
- b. Individual Councilmembers may announce their interest in the position.
- c. I will request a motion to elect a candidate.
- d. If motion is seconded, Council will move forward with discussion and a vote.
- e. Process continues until a candidate gets four votes.

There being no objections to the proposed process, Mayor Arndt asked if any members of the public would like to speak on this item. There was no public comment.

Mayor Arndt asked if any Councilmembers were interested in the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

District 6 Councilmember Emily Francis indicated her interest in serving again in the position.

No other members of Council indicated interest in serving in the position, so Mayor Arndt asked for a motion to elect a candidate.

***Councilmember Canonico moved, seconded by Councilmember Pignataro, to elect Councilmember Francis to the office of Mayor Pro Tem.***

Councilmember Pignataro offered thanks to Councilmember Francis for her service as Mayor Pro Tem over the prior two years and noted her ability to both listen and work together with others.

Mayor Arndt shared in serving together over the past two years, Councilmember Francis has been a stalwart partner as Mayor Pro Tem, serving with alacrity and capability.

Councilmember Canonico stated Councilmember Francis has done an incredible job of representing the entire Council to City leadership, including consistently bringing ideas from other Councilmembers forward, and she looks forward to having her continue in that role.

***The motion carried 7-0.***


## G) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk

  
Mayor