



City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Emily Francis, Mayor
Julie Pignataro, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem
Chris Conway, District 1
Josh Fudge, District 3
Melanie Potyondy, District 4
Amy Hoeven, District 5
Anne Nelsen, District 6

City Council Chambers
300 Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins
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Carrie Daggett
City Attorney

Kelly DiMartino
City Manager

Delynn Coldiron
City Clerk

The action agenda provides a brief overview of actions taken by Council shortly after a Council meeting. Council minutes are the official record of the meeting and are prepared to be approved by Council generally at its next meeting. Following approval, minutes are posted at this link: [Council Minutes](#).

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- PP 1. **Declaring April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day.**
- PP 2. **Declaring April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week.**
- PP 3. **Declaring April 19-25, 2026 as National Volunteer Week.**
- PP 4. **Declaring May 1-9, 2026 as Art Week Fort Collins.**
- PP 5. **Declaring April 2026 as National Poetry Month.**

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM

B) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

6-1. Absent: Nelsen.

E) CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA REVIEW

F) COMMUNITY REPORTS

1. Community Report: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Highlight.

The purpose of this item is to highlight the City's participation in the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) Wastewater Surveillance Program.

- G) PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPICS OR ITEMS OR COMMUNITY EVENTS
- H) PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP
- I) COUNCILMEMBER REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting.**

The purpose of this item is to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Approved.

3. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 025, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Unanticipated Revenue Received through City Give.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, requests an appropriation of \$116,399.98 in philanthropic revenue received through City Give. These miscellaneous gifts to various City departments support a variety of programs and services and are aligned with both the City's strategic priorities and the respective donors' designation.

In 2019, City Give, a formalized enterprise-wide initiative was launched to create a transparent, non-partisan governance structure for the acceptance and appropriations of charitable gifts.

Adopted on Second Reading.

4. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 026, 2026, Authorizing a Mid-Year Budget Appropriation for the Runway 15-33 Widening Project at Northern Colorado Regional Airport.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, authorizes a supplemental budget appropriation of \$1,690,867.84 to complete funding for the Runway 15-33 Widening Project at Northern Colorado Regional Airport. The Project has already been approved by both Cities, and the majority of the \$19,761,259.45 total cost has been secured and appropriated. This final appropriation, supported by a recently awarded \$1,678,254 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant and \$12,613.84 in Airport reserve funds, will allow construction to begin in June 2026.

Widening Runway 15-33 from 100 feet to 150 feet is a critical infrastructure improvement identified in the Airport's 2020 Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The project is necessary to improve safety and bring the runway into compliance with FAA design standards for the Airport's current and forecasted fleet mix, including aircraft such as the Airbus A319/A320 and Boeing 737, which are commonly used in commercial airline service.

Adopted on Second Reading.

5. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 027, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Making a Supplemental Appropriation in Support of the Michigan Ditch Forest Health and Pre-Fire Mitigation Project.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, supports Fort Collins Utilities (Utilities) in protecting the City's Michigan Ditch – a trans-basin diversion located primarily within the Colorado State Forest State (CSFS) Park near Cameron Pass that is deemed a critical water supply infrastructure. The Michigan Ditch Forest Health and Pre-Fire Mitigation Project serves to implement identified forest fuels treatment on CSFS land to protect Michigan Ditch. Based on the large number of acres to be treated and the costly treatment measures, work is being completed in phases. Phase 1 work commenced in summer 2025, with Utilities and CSFS collectively funding Phase 1 costs. Phase 2 work is proposed to commence in late spring/early summer of 2026, with a cost estimated at \$1,316,682.

Pursuant to Resolution 2025-053, the City Manager accepted \$1,000,000 in grant funds through the Colorado Department of Natural Resources' Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) for Phase 2 of the Michigan Ditch Forest Health and Pre-Fire Mitigation Project. Utilities has a \$316,682 match obligation under the COSWAP grant. Based on timing of Phase 2 to commence late spring/early summer of 2026, and Utilities' obligation to all terms and conditions of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) among City and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources provided in the Resolution to commence when Utilities submits the first request for reimbursement, Utilities requests Council:

- Appropriate the \$1,000,000 in revenue from the COSWAP grant; and
- Appropriate \$116,682 from the Water Fund reserves for Phase 2 of the Michigan Ditch Forest Health and Pre-Fire Mitigation Project.

The \$200,000 needed to fulfill Utilities match obligation under the COSWAP grant for Phase 2 work has already been appropriated in the Water Fund in the budget for the Michigan Ditch Forest Health and Pre-Fire Mitigation Project.

Adopted on Second Reading.

6. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 028, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Revenue from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program in Police Services.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates \$17,098 of unanticipated revenue for Police Services under the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program for the period ending September 30, 2026.

Adopted on Second Reading.

7. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 029, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves to Broadband Capital Projects and Related Art in Public Places.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates funds received in 2025 as unanticipated revenue to non-lapsing Broadband capital projects.

In August 2025, Connexion received \$2,917,016 in proceeds related to the Open International utility billing software judgment which were assigned as revenue in the Other Non-Operating account. When netted with the balance of Connexion's revenue, Connexion revenue exceeded budgeted revenue by \$2,216,181.

Therefore, this appropriation is for the total excess fund revenue budget of \$2,216,181 to Broadband capital projects to support anticipated growth in 2026 and beyond.

Withdrawn for Individual Discussion.

8. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 030, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Revenue from the Colorado Energy Office and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Energy Code Adoption and Enforcement Grant.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates \$125,000 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Energy Office, utilizing matching funds in the amount of \$25,000 from existing 2026 appropriations into this new grant project for the Energy Code Adoption and Enforcement Grant. The cost share of \$25,000 will be from the Energy Services budget in the Light and Power Fund as cash and in-kind staff time.

Adopted on Second Reading.

9. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 031, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation and Authorizing an Appropriation Transfer for the Gardens on Spring Creek Internship Program.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates \$5,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, passed through the Colorado Department of Agriculture Agricultural Workforce Development Program, to the Gardens on Spring Creek to fund a 2026 Horticulture Internship; and authorizes the transfer of \$4,545 in matching funds from existing appropriations.

Adopted on Second Reading.

10. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 032, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation from the Colorado Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office for the Fort Collins Police Services' Click It or Ticket Traffic Safety Program.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates \$22,000 from the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Highway Safety Office (HSO) for the Click It or Ticket traffic safety program for Police Services. This federal award is passed through the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration to CDOT.

Adopted on Second Reading.

11. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 033, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the Natural Areas Fund for the Purpose of Land Conservation, Visitor Amenities, Restoration and Other Related Natural Areas Stewardship Activities not included in the 2026 Adopted City Budget.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates \$6,224,294 in prior year reserves in the Natural Areas Fund. These appropriations are for land conservation, visitor amenities and restoration of wildlife habitat, as well as other Natural Areas Department stewardship activities to benefit the residents of Fort Collins.

Adopted on Second Reading.

12. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 034, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in General Fund for Cultural Development and Programming Activities, Tourism Programming, and Convention and Visitor Program Services.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates \$28,502, of which \$19,952 is proposed for Convention and Visitors Bureau, \$7,125 is proposed for Cultural Development and Programming Activities (Fort Fund), and \$1,425 is proposed for Tourism Programming (Fort Fund) all from unanticipated 2025 Lodging Tax revenue collections.

Lodging taxes are annually collected by the City of Fort Collins for Cultural Development and Tourism programming activities. Anticipated revenue is projected through each Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) cycle and then adjusted annually as needed based on final actual collections. For 2025, total Lodging tax revenues collected came in \$28,502 above projected collections.

Adopted on Second Reading.

13. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 035, 2026, Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Nature-Based Solutions Plan and Stormwater Park Concept Plan Project.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates funds from the General Fund and the Utilities Stormwater Fund to be used for staff time as the City’s 2026 required cost share for the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Plan and Stormwater Park Concept Plan Project (the Project). The Project is funded by the FEMA BRIC grant awarded to Fort Collins in 2024.

Adopted on Second Reading.

14. Items Related to the Reorganization of the Administration of the Municipal Court.

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 036, 2026, Amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, Section 2-493 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Reorganize the Administration of the Municipal Court.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 037, 2026, Amending Section 1702 of the Traffic Code of the City of Fort Collins to Reorganize the Administration of the Municipal Court.

These Ordinances, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, amend sections of the Municipal City and Traffic Codes to move business operations of the Municipal Court under the City Manager’s Office while preserving the independence of the Municipal Court Judge to include exclusive authority over legal rulings, sentencing decisions, and courtroom procedures.

Both Ordinances Adopted on Second Reading.

15. Items Relating to Water Service Lines and Wastewater Service Lines.

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 038, 2026, Amending Section 26-94 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Regarding Water Service Lines.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 039, 2026, Amending Section 26-256 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Regarding Wastewater Service Lines.

These Ordinances, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, update City Code to provide additional flexibility for shared water and wastewater services. These changes support development and housing affordability by reducing construction costs and aligning Utilities

requirements with current Land Use Code standards, while maintaining reliable water and wastewater service and protecting existing infrastructure.

Both Ordinances Adopted on Second Reading.

16. Items Relating to Wastewater Lift Station City Code Changes and Amendments to the Wastewater Design Criteria Manual.

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 040, 2026, Amending Sections 26-206, 26-260, and 26-287 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Regarding Wastewater Lift Stations.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 041, 2026, Adopting the Fort Collins Utilities Water and Wastewater Design Criteria Manual.

These Ordinances, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, adopt wastewater lift station requirements into City Code and readopt the Fort Collins Utilities Water and Wastewater Design Criteria Manual, including new wastewater lift station design criteria. The proposed updates establish design standards for developer-constructed wastewater lift stations that will be transferred to City ownership and maintenance, ensuring facilities accepted by the City are high quality, efficient, and maintainable. This will enable development in areas currently limited to septic systems and expand the number of customers served by the municipal system. The updated Design Criteria Manual also includes minor revisions and clarifications to existing standards to align with current City codes, industry terminology, and good engineering practices.

Adopted on Second Reading.

17. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 042, 2026, Amending the Land Use Code of the City of Fort Collins to Adopt Transit Oriented Community Standards.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, seeks Council approval of proposed Land Use Code changes supporting the City's compliance efforts with State House Bill 24-1313, Housing in Transit Oriented Communities. The proposed Code changes are intended to:

Define and designate specific geographic areas of the community as 'Transit Centers.' Transit Centers are principally commercial and higher density residential zone districts located along existing or planned high-frequency transit.

Change the review and appeal process for multi-unit dwelling developments five acres in size or less located in Transit Centers to basic development review (staff-level review without a public hearing) to align with State legislative requirements.

Make minor consistency edits in sections of the Land Use Code being updated as part of Transit Center designations.

Staff held a January 27, 2026, work session with Council and is implementing direction received to implement a phased approach to Transit Center designations. The proposed Code changes support the first phase of Transit Center designations within the Transit Oriented Development Overlay Zone, and staff anticipate bringing forward additional Transit Center designations in other commercial corridors later in 2026 following additional engagement.

Adopted on Second Reading.

18. First Reading of Ordinance No. 043, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Federal Transit Administration and Colorado Department of Transportation Grants to be Used Towards the Purchase of Six Compressed Natural Gas Buses.

The purpose of this item is to appropriate discretionary grant revenue that Transfort has been awarded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Transfort applied for and was awarded \$4,838,610 by FTA, and \$882,945 by CDOT in competitive grant funding to complete the purchase of six (6) compressed natural gas (CNG) buses to replace vehicles that have exceeded their useful life. This appropriation is contingent upon execution of the associated grant agreements and includes a sunset date of December 31, 2026, if such agreements are not finalized.

Adopted on First Reading.

19. First Reading of Ordinance No. 044, 2026, Amending Section 26-289(5)(a) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Revise the Charges for Disposal at the Fort Collins Regional Sanitary Waste Transit Station for Septic Tanks, Vaults, Privies, and Portable Toilets.

The purpose of this item is to increase septage receiving fees to fund operations and the construction of a new septage receiving station at the Drake Water Reclamation Facility (DWRF). The existing station requires upgrades to ensure permit compliance, resolve safety challenges, and manage significantly increased usage. The increase would be a phased-in approach for fee increases to full cost recovery, beginning with an increase in July 2026, with subsequent increases January 1, 2027, and January 1, 2028.

Adopted on First Reading.

20. Resolution 2026-058 Approving FoCo Creates Grant Disbursements.

The purpose of this item is to approve FoCo Creates (previously Fort Fund) grants from the Cultural Development and Programming Account and the Tourism Programming Account for the selected community events in the Program Support Grant – March Deadline category, based upon the recommendations of the FoCo Creates Community Grant Panel and staff.

Adopted.

21. Resolution 2026-059 Making Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The purpose of this item is to fill existing vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The initial proposed appointment of Julie Stackhouse and Trevor Sheeley to the Planning and Zoning Commission for terms beginning on April 7, 2026, and ending on March 31, 2030 was scheduled for the April 7, 2026 Council Meeting. The resolution to make these appointments was inadvertently omitted from the published agenda. This item will ratify the appointment of the two individuals to the Commission.

Pursuant to Council policy, the recommended appointees have completed or will complete the required acknowledgement and acceptance of the Code of Conduct and the applicable laws and policies that govern service on City of Fort Collins boards and commissions.

Adopted.

22. Resolution 2026-060 Approving an Option Agreement for the Potential Sale of City-Owned Real Property Located at 314 North Howes Street in Support of Affordable Housing Development.

The purpose of this item is to authorize an Option Agreement granting Housing Catalyst the right to purchase City-owned real property. On October 21, 2025, Councilmembers held an executive session to discuss City owned real estate assets. Following that discussion, staff identified a site for potential partnership with Housing Catalyst to produce a plan for redevelopment of 314 North Howes Street (the "Property"), focusing on affordable housing. The Property is currently owned by the City and supports EcoThrift, which is a private tenant, and has been evaluated for possible disposition to Housing Catalyst. The current tenant's lease expires on September 30, 2026. City staff has negotiated an Option Agreement with the intention to convey 314 North Howes to Housing Catalyst at nominal consideration in support of affordable housing. The proposed resolution would approve an Option Agreement to allow staff to continue negotiations toward a final Purchase and Sale Agreement. The rationale for this proposal is outlined below. The original Resolution is also attached to this AIS.

Adopted.

23. Resolution 2026-061 Appointing Rick Berendsen and Miguel Jimenez to the Fort Collins Tourism Improvement Board of Directors.

The purpose of this item is to consider the appointment of Rick Berendsen and Miguel Jimenez to the Fort Collins Tourism Improvement District (District) Board of Directors. Rick Berendsen will serve a three-year term to fill a vacancy created by the expiration of another member's term. Miguel Jimenez will serve the remainder of a three-year term ending on April 2, 2027, due to early resignation.

Adopted.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

J) ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Adopted 6-0.

K) CONSENT CALENDAR FOLLOW-UP

L) STAFF REPORTS – None.

M) COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

N) CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

7. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 029, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves to Broadband Capital Projects and Related Art in Public Places.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, appropriates funds received in 2025 as unanticipated revenue to non-lapsing Broadband capital projects.

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Therefore, this appropriation is for the total excess fund revenue budget of \$2,216,181 to Broadband capital projects to support anticipated growth in 2026 and beyond.

Indefinitely Postponed.

O) CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PLANNED FOR DISCUSSION

24. First Reading of Ordinance No. 045, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Colorado Department of Local Affairs Grant Revenue to Develop a New Fort Collins Housing Action Plan.

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$33,750 from the Housing Planning Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to fund the development of a new Housing Action Plan. The Housing Action Plan will address housing needs in the city of Fort Collins.

Adopted on First Reading.

25. Resolution 2026-062 Supporting the Accessory Dwelling Unit Grant Application.

The purpose of this item is to authorize staff to submit a grant proposal for the Accessory Dwelling Unit Grant (ADUG) program offered by the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Staff seeks grant support from DOLA to support the creation of a pre-approved ADU design program and fee waiver support to incentivize the construction of these pre-approved ADU designs.

Adopted.

26. First Reading of Ordinance No. 046, 2026, Authorizing the Leasing of City Property and Approving a Site Lease, a Lease Agreement, and Other Documents for the Financing of the Southeast Community Center and Other Capital Improvement Projects.

The purpose of this item is to consider an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPs) to finance the construction of the Southeast Community Center (SECC), a key community investment serving a growing area of the city.

Adopted on First Reading.

27. Items Relating to the Design, Construction and Joint Use and Operation of the Southeast Community Center.

A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 047, 2026, Approving a Lease Agreement with the Poudre River Public Library District for use of a Portion of the Southeast Community Center.

B. Resolution 2026-063 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Poudre River Public Library District for the Design and Construction of the Southeast Community Center.

C. Resolution 2026-064 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Joint Use Agreement with Poudre River Public Library District Regarding the Southeast Community Center Common Amenities.

D. Resolution 2026-065 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Facility Use Agreement with Poudre School District R-1 Regarding Use of City Pool Facilities.

E. Resolution 2026-066 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Poudre School District R-1 Regarding the Southeast Community Center and School District Property.

The purpose of this item is to obtain Council approval of multiple agreements associated with the Southeast Community Center project with both Poudre River Public Library District and Poudre School District.

Ordinance No. 047 Adopted on First Reading.

Resolution 2026-063 Adopted.

Resolution 2026-064 Adopted.

Resolution 2026-065 Adopted.

Resolution 2026-066 Adopted.

P) ~~RESUMED PUBLIC COMMENT (if applicable)~~

Q) OTHER BUSINESS

OB 1. Possible consideration of the initiation of new ordinances and/or resolutions by Councilmembers.

(Three or more individual Councilmembers may direct the City Manager and City Attorney to initiate and move forward with development and preparation of resolutions and ordinances not originating from the Council's Policy Agenda or initiated by staff.)

OB 2. Consideration of a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Connexion:

"I move that City Council go into executive session to consider matters pertaining to issues of competition in providing telecommunication facilities and services including matters subject to negotiation , strategic plan, price, sales and marketing, development phasing and related matters, as permitted under Article Twelve, Section 7(d) of the City Charter and Section 2-31(a)(5) of the City Code."

Motion Approved.

R) ADJOURNMENT – ~9:00 p.m.