

April 21, 2026

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

Council-Manager Form of Government

Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – None scheduled

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

Mayor Emily Francis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 300 Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado, with hybrid participation available via the City's Zoom platform.

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Emily Francis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

D) ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Emily Francis
Mayor Pro Tem Julie Pignataro
Councilmember Josh Fudge
Councilmember Melanie Potyondy
Councilmember Amy Hoeven
Councilmember Chris Conway

ABSENT
Councilmember Anne Nelsen

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Kelly DiMartino

City Attorney Carrie Daggett

City Clerk Delynn Coldiron

E) CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA REVIEW

City Manager Kelly DiMartino provided an overview of the agenda, including:

- No changes to the published agenda.
- Item No. 7, *Second Reading of Ordinance No. 029, 2026, Appropriation Prior Year Reserves to Broadband Capital Projects and Related Art in Public Places*, will be pulled from the Consent Calendar.
- Community Report from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- Items 1-23 on the Consent Calendar are recommended for adoption, minus Item No. 7.
- Four Discussion items.
- Consideration of a motion to go into Executive Session.

F) COMMUNITY REPORTS - Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Highlight

Leslie Hill, Water Quality Services Division Director, stated Fort Collins contributes to the wastewater surveillance program by providing wastewater samples through the pollution control laboratory. She introduced Allison Wheeler, Wastewater Surveillance Unit Manager at the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Allison Wheeler, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, thanked the Fort Collins wastewater utility for participating in the wastewater surveillance program. She outlined the program and noted it is a non-invasive and cost-effective way to monitor community health. She noted the results of studying can enhance preparedness efforts, help inform public health decisions, and fill clinical surveillance gaps. She stated limitations of the program include the fact that monitoring can only occur for areas served by a wastewater system and unstable signals can be provided from areas with high influx and efflux.

Wheeler outlined the wastewater surveillance process and discussed the current program model which includes 21 sentinel surveillance sites as well as emergency surveillance sites. She noted the program started with COVID testing in 2020, and stated flu, RSV, West Nile Virus, and measles, among others, have since been added to the list of items tested for. Wheeler discussed the public dashboard that provides the wastewater surveillance data.

Councilmember Hoeven thanked Wheeler for the work and information.

G) PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPICS OR ITEMS OR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pat Burger, President of the League of Women Voters (LWV), read a prepared statement related to video surveillance technology. She discussed some of the related challenges and encouraged Council to develop a framework that ensures Council approval for all surveillance technology, judicial oversight, and transparency and accountability through independent audits and reporting. She also stated it was important to make every effort to protect privacy.

Marge Norskog, member of LWV, supported LWV's advocacy related to surveillance technology. She concurred Council needs to create the legal framework needed to ensure oversight, transparency and the protection of privacy.

Janice Ort, member of LWV, supported LWV's advocacy related to protecting private data collected by surveillance technology. She stated Council must take action to protect citizens and urged it to ensure the City has custody and control over data and then create strict regulations on how the information is stored and shared. She commented on issues with Flock data and the lack of protection.

Fred Kirsch spoke on behalf of the Community for Sustainable Energy. He shared slides related to questions about Our Climate Future and its funding plan. He asked the City to work with the Colorado Energy Office and shared concerns about staff's response. He urged Council to ask clear and direct questions of City staff regarding the Our Climate Future funding plan.

Terri Paschetag expressed concern about the erosion of civil liberties and urged Council to create ordinances that protect citizens from overreach of video surveillance and implement auditing. She commented on the benefits these changes would have.

Jennie Kiesling discussed concerns related to the progress of Fort Collins' energy sustainability efforts. She stated citizens deserve to get straight answers related to this and urged Council to ask clear and direct questions from staff at next week's work session. She shared concerns about a good news webpage she was sent to that provided information about a program that no longer existed.

Barbara Krupnik-Goldman spoke about the importance of putting policies in place to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect our climate. She shared information about the impacts of greenhouse gases and urged Council to ask staff to bring back the original resolution related to building performance standards that was not approved by Council. She commented on an accelerator impact grant that has been awarded to the City which could be used for these efforts.

Brooke Bauman advocated for the use of the climate tax to make progress with climate efforts that yield the highest results. She noted some funds have been used for large solar projects which may not be the best use of the dollars and she provided some information about the unintended impacts of the solar projects. She noted citizens are relying on Council to step up and make bold choices related to climate and she encouraged Council to maximize the dollars available.

Ed Behan, Larimer Alliance for Health, Safety, and the Environment, spoke about Earth Day and our responsibility to lessen negative impacts and protect the environment. He stated the City needs to improve energy efficiency and make more progress towards renewable energy. He commented on cuts by the current federal administration that further create issues in this regard. He urged Council to do what is necessary to make progress on climate efforts.

Dr. Matthew Putnam welcomed new City Council members and noted the shared commitment to building a city that works for all. He thanked them for their service and expressed gratitude for continued support for recreation across the City to help keep residents healthy and resilient. He spoke in favor of the Southeast Community Center and commented on how valuable this will be for the community.

Paul Apperson read a letter from a Fort Collins resident who was interested in understanding the City's energy policy. They questioned why there are City-owned buildings that have not shifted to solar or other energy-saving measures. They requested more information on a number of items related to City buildings and expressed concern that these issues are not being pursued more aggressively.

Reese German read an email from a community member related to the climate sales tax and shared concerns about how the money is being spent. They stated the funds should not continue to be used on expensive projects that do not provide maximum benefit. They provided some ideas on criteria that could be used related to the spending of these tax dollars to ensure the projects are less expensive and create results. They encouraged Council to ask direct questions and get direct responses from staff.

Dylan Stevens read an email from a community member who is concerned with how the climate tax money is being used. They thought the use should be grounded in cost effectiveness and results and suggested using the funds on projects that would yield the highest results. They encouraged Council to ask direct questions and get direct responses from staff.

Max Hernberger read an email from a community member asking how the climate tax funds are being used. They suggested that the money should be used for projects that yield the highest results and provided some ideas. They asked why the City was wasting money and not investing in more solar or other projects that yield results.

Kim Miller stated that as Council prepares to talk about funding for Our Climate Future, it should look for projects that reduce the most toxins and cost the least amount of money. She encouraged bringing building performance standards (BPS) back before Council and commented on the benefits that would be provided by BPS. She also noted the importance of making changes to City-owned buildings as a way to show leadership in these efforts. She encouraged Council to look at Denver and Boulder to see what they have done related to BPS.

Peggy LaPoint stated she was astounded when the City did not institute mandatory water restrictions and stated this will push off an emergency to next year. She stated requiring restrictions is not a draconian measure and suggested water should be restricted to trees and shrubs versus lawns. She expressed concern that the water used this year for lawns could be the water needed for drinking next year. She urged Council to direct staff to implement mandatory restrictions.

Julie Rowan-Zoch commented on the importance of prioritizing cost effectiveness as it budgets climate tax dollars. She supported capping the CO2 emissions that would come from PRPA's gas fired plant and asked if Council would be willing to do this. She showed a timer that was given out by the Utilities Department which noted lead poisoning exposure on the packaging and noted it is made out of plastic. She ended by noting support for Palestine.

Michelle Gilbert noted concerns about the Our Climate Future funding plan and expressed concern it will not enable the City to meet its 2030 goals. She noted PRPA's inability to meet its 2030 goals as well. She urged Council to ask staff why more efforts are not being put toward the 2030 goals and encouraged Council to look at cost effectiveness options to help ensure progress. She also asked for Council to acknowledge that reducing carbon emissions enhances affordability through increased efficiency, decreased reliance on volatile fuel prices, and the reduction of disaster-related costs. She asked if the City would acknowledge that sustainability is a priority and commit to projects that yield the highest results.

Devin Walsh read an email from a resident who is concerned about the way climate tax funds are being used. They expressed concern about the single solar project that has been funded versus more cost-effective ones and asked that Council require a cost effectiveness analysis before approving specific projects. He also requested clear criteria to be developed about what would qualify for funding with the tax dollars.

Gayle Hemenway thanked Council for their work and discussed financing and completion of the Fort Collins Municipal Solar Strategic Plan and the need to increase efforts related to meeting carbon neutral goals. She stated a consultation with the Colorado Energy Office is needed to determine if there are other ways to finance projects and requested Council ask staff to schedule that meeting. She requested that projects be analyzed to ensure cost effectiveness and urged staff to examine the vehicle to grid energy potential in Fort Collins.

Haydin Johnson expressed concern about emotional distress and fear caused by the Rams for Israel group on campus. He discussed CSU's policies that prohibit harassment, doxing and similar activities and explained that the campaign of this group against certain students has made it impossible for some students to participate in school activities due to safety concerns. He requested Council's help in getting this resolved.

Olivia Kerr asked about the Our Climate Future reports and the comparisons they make to other municipalities versus other peer cities. She also asked how these cities were picked and questioned how the comparisons are supposed to help given that some of those communities are not leaders in climate work. She asked Council to ask direct questions of staff at next week's work session.

Christina Swope noted it is Earth Week and stated she is here to speak on behalf of climate. She stated she has climate anxiety and is thankful the City is a leader in these efforts. She urged Council to ask a lot of great questions at the work session and provided an example related to CO2 emissions. She also asked Council to ask staff to bring back building performance standards for reconsideration.

Ben DeNardo expressed concern that the City is not setting an example as it pertains to climate activities. He also expressed concern about planned one-time reductions that would not help over the years. He stated spending more now could result in saving more in the future and supported investing in projects such as rooftop solar and building performance standards, as well as larger projects related to wind and nuclear power. He urged Council to ask direct and specific questions about using revenue generated from the tax.

Jamie Blanchard-Poling, Compost Queen, thanked Council and City staff for partnering with her company to reduce food waste. She provided data related to current efforts and noted the pilot program is set to end in October. She expressed concern that many customers will no longer continue to participate in composting if the rates increase and requested Council extend and expand the pilot program. She stated this would create more robust data and proof of the success of the program.

Ezriah Shteir spoke on behalf of the Northern Colorado Privacy Coalition. He noted he has seen people circulating long lists of technologies that the ballot initiative would cover and explained that his group is seeking transparency and accountability. He stated all surveillance technology used by the City should be fully documented and explained to the people being surveilled and everyone should have a voice about whether the costs outweigh the benefits. He commented on the stormwater surveillance program and stated the vast majority of people would likely support that program.

Adam Hirschhorn discussed the impacts of the Iran war and issues with AI and surveillance. He urged Council to protect our systems from outside bad actors.

Blake Simpson thanked Council for its work in our community and noted that federal dollars are quickly drying up related to climate funding programs and that the State is particularly constrained in its ability to fill those gaps. He stated it is more important than ever to prioritize cost effectiveness related to climate efforts. He urged Council to prioritize and expedite the projects that have the best results.

Alex Carlson spoke about Flock cameras and ALPR technology. He thanked Council for the work session that gave more information about how the City is using the technology. He commented on an issue that came up in the City of Loveland and how their data was shared with others that ended up with ICE. He commented on the City recently releasing information related to using drones as first responders and stated he has not seen many people advocating for the use of that type of program. He also requested Council not consider a vendor change but rather look at the concept to see if this is something needed by the City.

Ryan Burns expressed concern about ALPRs being used in policing. He stated that observation is not passive and to measure a system is to change it. He noted that he hears people say if you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear; however, observation changes the behavior of the subject regardless of the intention of the observer. He stated this results in people pulling away from things and not being involved to avoid not being mistakenly highlighted. He stated this alters the fundamental character of the community.

Maya Denny spoke about student harassment happening at CSU regarding Rams for Israel. She commented on some of the behaviors that are occurring and the incident reports that have been filed, noting no responses have been received. She explained that it has been dangerous for some students to walk on campus, so they aren't going to class. Additionally, student addresses are being leaked. She urged Council to talk to CSU and encourage the administration to address the incident reports with urgency.

Sophia Johnson discussed concerns about ongoing incidents occurring at CSU which impact student safety, access, and the campus climate. She explained there have been repeated concerns related to harassment and intimidation related to the Rams for Israel group. She stated she has been doxed by the group and has been entered in a national database for people to dox her which has led to mass

emails going out to Council, CSU administrators, and State legislators stating she should be removed from CSU. She requested Council's help in getting CSU's process carried out quickly and thoroughly.

Spencer Burriss spoke on behalf of Northern Colorado Privacy Coalition and discussed meetings with IT and cybersecurity professionals during which he received strong support for further controls on surveillance technology. He stated more caution than ever needs to be taken to ensure data is not obtained by malicious parties. He stated current approaches to security may no longer be enough, which is why the ballot initiative is underway. He clarified the ballot initiative would not ban any particular type of technology.

Tyler Davidson spoke in support of the Community for Sustainable Energy and urged Council to ask staff direct questions related to measuring cost effectiveness for Our Climate Future projects. He also shared concerns about Flock and commented on today's headline about a Thornton officer who made almost 20,000 requests on Flock data in the past few months. He questioned why there are no limitations or transparency related to this type of access and stated people are starting to become more aware of potential issues and circumstances. He stated we must have transparency and accountability.

Dan Torrington spoke about climate solutions and encouraged finding solutions that yield the highest results. He encouraged prioritization based on data that demonstrates a project maximizes climate ROI. He urged Council to be very deliberate about this.

Jared Ross expressed his enthusiasm for this new Council and some of the new direction things have been headed. He cited affordable housing, downtown paid parking, and the Southeast Community Center as examples. He encouraged the formation of a dashboard that would compare the cost effectiveness of different climate projects the City is considering. He acknowledged there is limited funding which makes it more important that the money be spent wisely. He read an email provided to him by a city resident that urged Council to support projects that improve City-owned buildings.

Tyler Bigler spoke in support of Accessory Dwelling Unit grants and stated having a building library of approved ADU designs is a practical first step the City can take regarding housing. He commented on the importance of being able to build ADUs for families who need housing for aging parents or an adult child. He noted this is a starting place and not a permanent program but hoped this would launch something that would last. He thanked Council for supporting this initiative.

H) PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP

Mayor Francis noted there will be a work session Flock and ALPRs on May 12th and a Council memo will be coming out on the topic by May 30th.

Councilmember Potyondy thanked the Scouts who are in attendance. She also thanked the speakers and noted many of the topics that will be discussed at upcoming meetings. She requested staff input on water restriction decision timelines. City Manager DiMartino replied the recommendations will likely be coming forward later this week or early next week, at which point the approach on restrictions will be determined.

Nicole Poncelet-Johnson, One Water Executive Director, stated Northern Water just recently issued its allotment for the year, and restriction recommendations are based on that. She noted the Northern Water system was built to help agriculture get through droughts; therefore, it is responding a bit differently than some of the other regional water partners.

Councilmember Potyondy asked about the process for when restrictions are put in place. Poncelet-Johnson replied that will be part of the recommendation as well as the levels and what triggers them. She noted the recommendation will likely be out next week.

Councilmember Fudge thanked the speakers and the Scouts for their attendance. He noted the Natural Resources Advisory Board met on April 15th and discussed some of the Our Climate Future funding options.

Councilmember Hoeven also thanked the Scouts for their attendance and thanked the speakers. She also thanked the CSU students for attending her listening session and noted she has shared their requests with the CSU administration.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro requested some information be provided at next week's Work Session regarding how decisions have been made related to Our Climate Future expenditures to this point. She reiterated the ALPR Work Session will occur on May 12th. She commented on the recent Futures Committee meeting during which causal layered analysis was discussed. She stated she is looking forward to a broader community discussion on the topic.

I) COUNCILMEMBER REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

None.

J) 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.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 024, 2026, Reappropriating Funds Previously Appropriated in 2025 But Not Expended and Not Encumbered in 2025.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on April 7, 2026, reappropriates monies in 2026 that were previously authorized by Council for expenditures in 2025 for various purposes. The authorized expenditures were not spent or could not be encumbered in 2025 because:

- *There was not sufficient time to complete bidding in 2025; therefore, there was no known vendor or binding contract as required to expend or encumber the monies; or*

- *The project for which the dollars were originally appropriated by Council could not be completed during 2025 and reappropriation of those dollars is necessary for completion of the project in 2026.*

Additionally, there may have been sufficient unspent dollars previously appropriated in 2025 to carry on programs, services, and facility improvements in 2026 for those specific purposes.

In the above circumstances, the unexpended and/or unencumbered monies lapsed into individual fund balances at the end of 2025 and reflect no change in Council policies.

Adopted on Second Reading.

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.

Both Ordinances 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

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to approve the recommended actions on items 1-23, minus Item 7, on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 6-0.

K) CONSENT CALENDAR FOLLOW-UP

None.

L) STAFF REPORTS

None.

M) COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Melanie Potyondy

- Attended the Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow at Atzlan Community Center.
- Attended the Earth Day celebration at Odell's.
- Recognized Assistant City Manager Rupa Venkatesh who recently received a Trailblazer Award at the Colorado City/County Manager Association.

Councilmember Amy Hoeven

- Hosted two recent listening sessions and thanked those who attended.
- Attended the Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow.
- Attended the Women in Science Symposium at CSU which focused solely on climate change.

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.

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to indefinitely postpone Ordinance No. 029, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves to Broadband Capital Projects and Related Art in Public Places.

The motion carried 6-0.

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.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Francis withdrew from the discussion of this item due to a conflict of interest.

STAFF PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Fudge moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt 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, on First Reading.

The motion carried 5-0.

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.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Francis withdrew from the discussion of this item due to a conflict of interest.

STAFF PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Fudge moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt Resolution 2026-062 Supporting the Accessory Dwelling Unit Grant Application.

The motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Pro Tem called for a break at 7:42 p.m., noting the meeting would resume at 7:56 p.m.

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.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Caleb Weitz, Chief Financial Officer, stated this Ordinance is related to preparing to issue debt for the Southeast Community Center and would authorize the issuance of a Certificate of Participation (COP) to finance construction. He outlined the previously approved funding package and defined a COP, which is a common form of financing for public facilities in Colorado. He stated the COP essentially allows for the City to lease the asset over time and ultimately own it. He provided a summary of the COP terms.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

None.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt 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, on First Reading.

The motion carried 6-0.

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.

STAFF PRESENTATION

LeAnn Williams, Deputy Director of Community Services, stated this item relates to partner agreements with the Poudre River Library District and Poudre School District for the Southeast Community Center. She discussed the timeline of the project and its approval as part of the last CCIP tax. She outlined the evolution of the project design and stated 50% of the construction documents are currently completed and the groundbreaking should be in early June. She discussed the scope of the project and outlined the agreements that are part of this item.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Fudge stated this project is a great example of units of government working together to coordinate and share costs. He stated the Community Center will make a big impact on the southeast part of the city and noted there is a gym desert in that area. He also commented on the additional swimming opportunities the project will provide and commended the fact the site is located on an accessible transit line. Additionally, he supported the fact that the trees will

remain on the marching band practice space. He asked if operating costs will be included in the second year of the biannual budget. Williams replied in the affirmative and stated that cost is estimated to be approximately \$2.3-2.6 million with an estimated \$2.2-2.3 million revenue generation.

Councilmember Potyondy thanked staff for their work on this exciting project.

Mayor Francis noted this project has been in the making for over ten years and thanked the City, Poudre River Library District, and Poudre School District staff who have been involved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Fudge, to adopt 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, on First Reading.

The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Conway, to adopt 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.

The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoeven, to adopt 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.

The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Fudge, to adopt 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.

The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt 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 motion carried 6-0.

Q) OTHER BUSINESS

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

Councilmember Hoeven requested additional information regarding enforcement of Class 3 E-bikes on Spring Creek Trail.

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

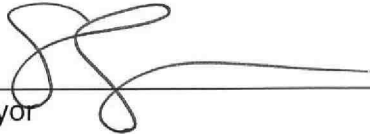
Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Conway, that City Council go into executive session to consider matters pertaining to issues of

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.

The motion carried 6-0.

R) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

