June 16, 2026

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

Council-Manager Form of Government

Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PP 1. **Declaring the Month of July 2026 as Park and Recreation Month.**

PP 2. **Declaring the Day of June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Independence Day.**

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
Councilmember Anne Nelsen

ABSENT
None

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- Item No. 24 is withdrawn from the Consent Calendar and moved to discussion to allow Councilmember Nelsen to recuse herself.
- Items 1-25, less Item No. 24, on the Consent Calendar are recommended for adoption.
- Four Discussion Items, the first two of which are on Discussion to allow Mayor Francis to recuse herself.
- Work Session following Regular Meeting.

F) COMMUNITY REPORTS – None.

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

Jeff Akkerman spoke in opposition to Flock and mass surveillance.

Spencer Burris spoke in opposition to Flock.

Tyler Davidson spoke in opposition to Flock.

Amanda Morgan spoke about reductions related to Dial-a-Ride and asked that they be reconsidered.

Howard Wasserman spoke in opposition to paid on-street parking downtown.

Eric Sutherland spoke about illegal taxation being done by Poudre School District. He also spoke about URA tax increment financing and stated taxpayers are due a refund.

William Salter spoke in opposition to Flock.

Mary Nater spoke about misuse of taxpayer dollars and stated she was cited as a result of a false report and lies by an Officer. She commented on health impacts due to her case being dragged out.

Barbara Wilkins spoke about the removal of the gates in parking garages and asked about related decision processes. She stated this has resulted in a loss of revenue and questioned who would be held responsible. Additionally, she stated Parking needs independent leadership and its own department.

Walid Rahman spoke in opposition to Flock and the use of ALPR technology.

Zip Roberts spoke in opposition to Flock and the use of ALPR technology.

Ben DeNardo spoke in support of the Front Range Passenger Rail project and the Drake/College location for a station. He also spoke in support of protecting individual privacy.

Michael Thomas spoke in support of the Front Range Passenger Rail project and the Drake/College location if it provides overnight parking. He also spoke in opposition to Flock.

Liri Sananes spoke about possible reductions to Dial-a-Ride service and asked Council to reconsider any reductions. He noted that Sunday service was important and requested that it be reinstated. He also shared concerns about accessibility for the passenger train.

Rich Stave spoke about basic maintenance that often gets deferred and mentioned a public art installation that needs attention. He also shared issues related to Items 17, 19 and 23.

Ezriah Shteir thanked the City for starting the process to create a framework providing strict guidelines related to surveillance technology. He spoke in opposition to Flock.

Ian O'Brien spoke in opposition to Flock and ALPR surveillance. He spoke in favor of personal safety.

Augustine Wright spoke in opposition to Flock.

Roxann Artim spoke in opposition to Flock.

Grace Yoos spoke in opposition to Flock and ALPR surveillance.

Jamie Baird spoke in opposition to Flock and ALPR surveillance.

Annette Zacharias thanked Council and the City for investing in solving homelessness.

Jack Ryan spoke in opposition to Flock and ALPR surveillance.

Liam Myers highlighted the necessity of passenger rail and noted the importance of being strategic in this regard. He suggested a downtown station is needed and encouraged Council to pass tonight's Resolution and continue exploring other station options.

Alex Carlson spoke in opposition to Flock and ALPR surveillance.

Jared Ross spoke in support of the midtown location for the Front Range Passenger Rail stop. He shared concerns about having enough support to make the train successful and asked for bike/bus access and adequate parking. He also spoke in opposition to Flock.

Kimberly Conner thanked Council for taking the mass surveillance topic seriously and encouraged Council to get rid of Flock and mass surveillance.

H) PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP

Councilmember Nelsen asked about the next steps regarding Transfort service changes. City Manager DiMartino replied route changes are moving forward, though there is a meeting scheduled this week with some of the community members who raised concerns about Dial-a-Ride service.

Councilmember Nelsen asked about the next steps regarding downtown parking. City Manager DiMartino replied a work session is scheduled for July 14th, and there is some additional information coming in regarding a capacity study and survey of downtown business owners specifically regarding employee parking.

Councilmember Nelsen asked if the City has a Parking Board. City Manager DiMartino replied that Board is no longer in existence and those issues are within the scope of the Transportation Board.

Councilmember Potyondy noted she is the liaison to the Disability Advisory Board and thanked Morgan and Sananes for speaking and expressing concern.

Councilmember Fudge also thanked Morgan and Sananes for speaking and asked about the fiscal impact of the Dial-a-Ride service changes. He also thanked those who spoke regarding Flock cameras. Additionally, he noted he was told about the broken art installation by Stave and was remiss in passing on the information.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro noted anything the City needs to address can be reported to Access Fort Collins.

Councilmember Hoeven thanked Morgan and Sananes for speaking and noted the conversation will continue with the Transportation Board as well.

I) COUNCILMEMBER REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

None.

J) CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Consideration and Approval of the Amended Minutes for the May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting and Minutes of the June 2, 2026 Regular Meeting.**

   The purpose of this item is to approve amended minutes for the May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting, and minutes for the June 2, 2026, Regular Meeting. The amended May 5, 2026, minutes includes highlighted text to indicate what language has been added.

   Approved.

2. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 062, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves from the Conservation Trust Fund and Authorizing Transfers for Planning Efforts to Create a Conceptual Framework Plan for the Foothills Multi-Use Site, Formerly Known as the "Hughes Stadium Site."**

   This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2026, requests an appropriation of $250,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund ("CTF") Reserves to Park Planning & Development for planning efforts to create a Conceptual Framework Plan (the "Plan") for the Foothills Multi-Use Site (the "Site"), which will build upon the community's priorities for the Site as identified in the November 2025 ballot initiative. This plan will inform future design and construction of the Site's uses and features. The scope of work will include preparation of an existing conditions report, a comprehensive programming list, and a near-term management plan, with a final deliverable of a Plan that will guide future development of the Site.

   Adopted on Second Reading.

3. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 063, 2026, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement and Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Unanticipated Grant Revenue from the Colorado Energy Office for the Fleet Zero Grant Program.**

   This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2026, appropriates $245,000 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) Fleet Zero grant program to install fleet Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at specific City of Fort Collins facilities. This item also appropriates $295,300 to meet required match under the grant program and to fund total costs for installation of the EV charging stations.

   Adopted on Second Reading.

4. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 064, 2026, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for Restorative Justice Services.**

   This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2026, appropriates $35,120 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Juvenile Diversion fund awarded for the period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, to support the Restorative Justice programming provided by Conflict Transformation Works (CTW). This appropriation is contingent upon execution of the associated grant agreement and includes a sunset date of December 31, 2026, if the agreement is not finalized.

   Adopted on Second Reading.

5. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 065, 2026, Authorizing the Conveyance of One Permanent Easement on Meadow Springs Ranch.**

   This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2026, authorizes the conveyance of one easement of approximately 2.37 acres (the "Easement"), being a portion of City property presently known as Meadow Springs Ranch, for the construction and installation of a wind gen-tie (generation-tie) corridor. The proposed alignment minimizes impacts to ongoing wastewater operations and reduces disturbance to Meadow Springs Ranch by utilizing the shortest feasible crossing across City-owned property.

   Adopted on Second Reading.

6. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 066, 2026, Amending the Code of the City of Fort Collins Regarding Organizational Structure, Service Areas, and Related Definitions.**

   This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2026, amends City Code to update and modernize the organizational structure of the City, including the creation of Transportation Services as a new service area, consolidation of Sustainability and Planning and Development functions, renaming of the Financial Services, clarification of City Manager authority over organizational structure, and other related Code revisions to align terminology and reporting relationships with current operations.

   Following First Reading, a correction was made in the language of Code Section 2-500 and the corrected version was published in advance of Second Reading, as required.

   Adopted on Second Reading.

7. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 067, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Unanticipated Revenue and Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study.**

   This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2026, enable the City to receive and expend local funds for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study (Study). The funds will be used to study traffic in the Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 corridor and to commence a preliminary planning effort to manage traffic along the corridor. If approved, the item will: 1) authorize the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the Study with the Town of Timnath; 2) appropriate $201,960 of Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF) reserve funds to the Study; 3) appropriate $200,000 of Town of Timnath contribution to the Study; and 4) transfer $2,000 of Study funds to the Art in Public Places (APP) program.

   Adopted on Second Reading.

8. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 069, 2026, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue Received Through City Give.**

   The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of $7,420.50 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 First Reading.

9. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 070, 2026, Making Supplemental Appropriations, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves, and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Construction of the Southeast Community Center.**

   The purpose of this item is to appropriate $72,539,000 in anticipated revenues from debt issuance and Poudre Public Library District, unanticipated grant revenue from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Program (EIAF) and prior year reserves in the 2050 Parks and Recreation Fund. This appropriation provides funding to the Recreation Department for the design and construction of a LEED Gold Community Recreation Center in southeast Fort Collins.

   Adopted on First Reading.

10. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 071, 2026, Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations Between Lapsing and Non-Lapsing Accounts in the Transit Services Fund For Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Awards.**

    The purpose of this item is to transfer the associated local match between lapsing and non-lapsing accounts resulting from the exchange of project activities between two existing Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") Section 5307 grants, and to adjust prior appropriations to reflect final award amounts.

    Adopted on First Reading.

11. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 072, 2026, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue and Local Matching Funds for the Purchase and Installation of Battery Electric On-Route Bus Chargers.**

    The purpose of this item is to appropriate $250,000 in unanticipated grant revenue awarded by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for the purchase and installation of on-route battery electric bus chargers at the South Transit Center. This item also appropriates $51,969 in local match as required by the grant agreement. This appropriation is contingent upon execution of the associated grant agreement and includes a sunset date of December 31, 2026, if such agreements are not finalized.

    Adopted on First Reading.

12. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 073, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Funds from the Colorado Energy Office for the IMPACT Accelerator Grant Program.**

    The purpose of this item is to appropriate $3,838,615 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Energy Office for the IMPACT Accelerator Grant Program. The funding will support *transportation safety improvements and evaluation of building performance strategies, including community engagement, technical assistance, and implementation support.*

Adopted on First Reading.

13. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 074, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation from the Colorado Department of Transportation Office of Transportation Safety and Risk Management for Police Services High Visibility Enforcement Grant Award.**

The purpose of this item is to appropriate $28,000 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Department of Transportation Office of Transportation Safety and Risk Management ("OTSRM") High Visibility Enforcement Grant Program (the "Grant"). Funding will support officer overtime for enforcement activities and personnel costs during community education and outreach events.

Adopted on First Reading.

14. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 075, 2026, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves for Negotiations to Acquire Property in Midtown for Economic Development Purposes.**

The Ordinance appropriates $500,000 from General Fund Reserves for earnest money necessary to secure a Purchase and Sale Agreement, for the acquisition of a commercial property in midtown Fort Collins for purposes of economic development.

Adopted on First Reading.

15. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 076, 2026, Reappropriating Grant Revenue from the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Foothills Transit Station Project and Related Art in Public Places.**

The purpose of this item is to reappropriate $317,669 in existing Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) grant revenue awarded by the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) and appropriate $105,890 in local match as required by the grant agreement for the Foothills Transit Station project. This item also appropriates $1,059 for the Art in Public Places Program.

Adopted on First Reading.

16. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 077, 2026, Repealing Ordinance No. 021, 2026, and Adding a New Section 1419 of the Fort Collins Traffic Code Relating to Driving Without a Current Driver's License.**

The purpose of this item is to repeal Ordinance No. 021, 2026, due to a typographical error in the Section number being added to the Traffic Code and adopt a new ordinance with the correct Section number.

Adopted on First Reading.

17. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 078, 2026, Amending Section 26-149(b) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Correct a Land Use Code Section Citation Pertaining to Water Supply Requirement.**

The purpose of this item is to correct a Land Use Code citation contained in Section 26-149(b) of the City Code.

Adopted on First Reading.

18. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 079, 2026, Approving the Conveyance and Exchange of Real Property and Easement Interests Related to Meadow Springs Ranch.**

    The purpose of this item is to authorize a property and easement exchange between the City and Scott and Christine Fortenberry (the "Fortenberrys") related to Meadow Springs Ranch (the "Ranch"). The exchange is intended to resolve longstanding access and boundary issues, provide the Fortenberry's property with direct access to County Road 92, and improve the City's operational control, security, and management of the primary access road serving the Ranch. The transaction includes the exchange of certain real property interests, easement interests, and quitclaim interests, together with a cash equalization payment based on appraised values. The exchange is subject to the terms of the Exchange Agreement attached to the Ordinance.

    Adopted on First Reading.

19. **Resolution 2026-077 Authorizing the Assignment of the City's 2026 Private Activity Bond Allocation to Housing Catalyst and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority to Finance the Rehabilitation and Construction of Affordable Housing Units.**

    The purpose of this item is to support the rehabilitation of Country Ranch Apartments and new construction of Bristlecone Affordable, both affordable rental housing in the City, by assigning half the City's 2026 Allocation of Private Activity Bond (PAB) capacity to qualified issuers for each project. PAB capacity is required for development projects using 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit financing.

    Adopted.

20. **Public Hearing and Resolution 2026-078 Approving the Programs and Projects that Will Receive Funds from the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the City's Affordable Housing Fund.**

    The purpose of this item is to approve funding recommendations of the 2026 Spring Cycle of the Competitive Process. This Resolution will complete the 2026 Spring Cycle of the Competitive Process for allocation of $4,348,350 in City financial resources to affordable housing and public facility projects, homelessness public service programs and administration of the programs.

    Adopted.

21. **Resolution 2026-079 Approving the Boundaries of a Proposed Expansion Area of the City to be Submitted to the Director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development for Designation as the Fort Collins CHIPS Zone Under the Colorado CHIPS Zone Act.**

    The purpose of this item is to extend the City's designated CHIPS Zone to enhance opportunities to attract new companies or expand existing companies in Fort Collins whilst State and Federal tax incentives are still available. Pursuant to State and Federal laws and incentive programs, the City established a CHIPS Zone Designation in 2023 in areas with existing semi-conductor business activities and in areas where such activities were likely to occur via expansion or relocation of companies.

    Adopted.

22. **Resolution 2026-080 Approving the 2026 Certification to the Larimer County Assessor Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Section 31-25-807 for the Downtown Development Authority Property Tax Increment.**

The purpose of this item is to certify to the Larimer County Assessor the percentages of property tax distributions to be allocated for the Downtown Development Authority by the Assessor as tax increment from the 2026 property taxes payable in 2027 to the City and to all other affected taxing entities.

Adopted.

23. **Items Relating to the Reappointment of Assistant Municipal Court Judges.**

A. Resolution 2026-081 Reappointing Brandi Nieto as an Assistant Municipal Judge of the Fort Collins Municipal Court and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.

B. Resolution 2026-082 Reappointing Kristin Brown as an Assistant Municipal Judge of the Fort Collins Municipal Court and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.

C. Resolution 2026-083 Reappointing Sarah Simchowitz as an Assistant Municipal Judge of the Fort Collins Municipal Court and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.

D. Resolution 2026-084 Reappointing Laura Hinojos as an Assistant Municipal Judge of the Fort Collins Municipal Court and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.

E. Resolution 2026-085 Reappointing Whitney Stark as an Assistant Municipal Judge of the Fort Collins Municipal Court and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.

F. Resolution 2026-086 Reappointing Linda Cooke as an Assistant Municipal Judge of the Fort Collins Municipal Court and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.

G. Resolution 2026-087 Reappointing Jana Kaspar as an Assistant Municipal Judge of the Fort Collins Municipal Court and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.

The purpose of this item is to reappoint Assistant Municipal Judges for the Fort Collins Municipal Court. The City Charter provides for the appointment of judges of the Municipal Court for two-year terms. Chief Judge Jill A. Hueser recommends that the named existing Assistant Judges be reappointed to serve in the absence of the Chief Judge.

All Resolutions Adopted.

24. **Resolution 2026-088 Making Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority Board.**

The purpose of this item is to fill vacancies that will exist on the Downtown Development Authority Board as of June 30, 2026.

Moved to Discussion.

25. **Resolution 2026-089 Making an Appointment to the Board of Directors of Housing Catalyst.**

The purpose of this item is to fill one vacancy on the Board of Directors of Housing Catalyst.

Adopted.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to approve the recommended actions on items 1-25, minus Item 24, on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 7-0.

K) CONSENT CALENDAR FOLLOW-UP

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro commented on Item No. 12, *First Reading of Ordinance No. 073, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Funds from the Colorado Energy Office for the IMPACT Accelerator Grant Program*, noting the funds will be used for transportation and safety improvements and an examination of Building Performance Standards.

Councilmember Conway commented on Item No. 20, *Public Hearing and Resolution 2026-078 Approving the Programs and Projects that Will Receive Funds from the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the City's Affordable Housing Fund*, and stated he is looking forward to having conversations about how preservation is weighed versus new affordable housing units.

Councilmember Nelsen commented on Item No. 20, *Public Hearing and Resolution 2026-078 Approving the Programs and Projects that Will Receive Funds from the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the City's Affordable Housing Fund*, noting the funding provides only 1% of the demonstrated need of development and construction costs of affordable units.

L) STAFF REPORTS – None.

M) COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Melanie Potyondy

- Attended the Village on East Brook groundbreaking ceremony.
- Attended the celebration of the completion of the Poudre River Trail.
- Attended the Colorado Communities for Climate Action annual meeting and congratulated DeAngelo Bowden, Lead Specialist for Environmental Sustainability, who received an award.
- Thanked Jay Hernandez, Code Compliance Supervisor, for helping with an usual and sticky situation.

Councilmember Josh Fudge

- Attended the Southeast Community Center groundbreaking ceremony.
- Toured the Broadcom facility.

Councilmember Amy Hoeven

- Attended the Fort Collins Police Services Academy graduation.
- Attended FoCo Pride.
- Toured Avenues Recovery Center – the community's first inpatient residential treatment center.
- Thanked Poudre Fire Authority for its quick response to two fires last week.
- Attended the Community Connector's group meeting.
- Noted the Gardens on Spring Creek and Lagoon concert series have started for the summer.

Mayor Emily Francis

- Noted Council will have the next three Tuesdays off of regular meetings.

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

24. **Resolution 2026-088 Making Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority Board.**

The purpose of this item is to fill vacancies that will exist on the Downtown Development Authority Board as of June 30, 2026.

Councilmember Nelsen withdrew from the discussion of this item due to a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

None.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt Resolution 2026-088 Making Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

The motion carried 6-0.

O) CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PLANNED FOR DISCUSSION

26. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 068, 2026, Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriated Grant Funds for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Grant Award to Develop a New Fort Collins Housing Action Plan.**

The purpose of this item is to transfer appropriated matching grant funds for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Housing Planning Program grant award from a lapsing budget to a non-lapsing budget within the same fund.

Mayor Francis withdrew from the discussion of this item due to a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

None.

Councilmember Fudge moved, seconded by Councilmember Nelsen, to adopt Ordinance No. 068, 2026, Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriated Grant Funds for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Grant Award to Develop a New Fort Collins Housing Action Plan, on First Reading.

The motion carried 6-0.

27. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 080, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Authorizing a Transfer of Appropriated Funds, and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Transit Oriented Communities Infrastructure Program.**

The purpose of this item is to appropriate $792,434 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the Transit Oriented Communities Infrastructure Grant Program. Funding will be used to construct infrastructure to support the affordable housing development Switchgrass Crossing.

Mayor Francis withdrew from the discussion of this item due to a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

None.

Councilmember Fudge moved, seconded by Councilmember Nelsen, to adopt Ordinance No. 080, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Authorizing a Transfer of Appropriated Funds, and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Transit Oriented Communities Infrastructure Program, on First Reading.

The motion carried 6-0.

28. **Resolution 2026-090 Supporting the Front Range Passenger Rail District's Narrative Summary for Proposed Fort Collins Station and the Development of Passenger Rail Service Along the Front Range.**

The purpose of this item is to consider a Resolution of support for the Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) project.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Caryn Champine, Planning, Development, and Transportation Director, stated this resolution would offer support for the Front Range Passenger Rail District's narrative summary and conversations moving forward. She noted there are two conversations happening around rail service, the first being Joint Service, which is a funded, smaller-scale, proof of concept rail service from Fort Collins to Denver that has a station in Fort Collins identified at the Drake and College area. She stated that service includes three round trips per day with eight stations.

Champine noted the resolution being considered is more focused on the full service from Fort Collins to Pueblo, which would go into place if the associated ballot measure passes. She stated the recommended Fort Collins station location for the full service is also at Drake and College and she discussed the area and nearby transit and trail options.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lourdes Alvarez spoke in support of inter-city rail service and commented on the importance of communities moving away from being car centric. She also expressed support for the Drake and College station location.

Rich Stave questioned how passenger rail will contribute to multi-modal transport ideas and commented on parking issues at the South Transit Center and at a student housing development.

Sarah Parker expressed support for Front Range Passenger Rail and the Drake and College station location.

Ezriah Shteir encouraged Council and the City to prioritize the midtown area for redevelopment and to update the Midtown Plan.

Kyle Mayl expressed support for Front Range Passenger Rail and the Drake and College station location. He also emphasized the importance of accessibility.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Nelsen asked about the accessibility of the railway stations. Champine replied there will be requirements for accessibility that the District and CDOT will be mandated to follow for the stations. Fort Collins will also be looking outside the footprint of the platform and will design and plan for universal accessibility to the station. She noted the Disability Advisory Board and other stakeholders will be involved in those conversations.

Councilmember Potyondy stated she will be enthusiastically supporting this item and stated the Drake and College location is ideally centrally located. She also noted this will provide an opportunity to look at this as a catalyst for midtown development.

Councilmember Fudge stated he will also be supporting this item and noted a great deal of work has gone into moving the station to a more central location rather than further south.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro noted plans other than the Midtown Plan are shaping the area, including City Plan, the Transit-Oriented Development Overlay Zone, and Urban Renewal Authority plans. Champine noted City Plan calls for the area to be a thriving community center with walkable streets. Additionally, she stated the Active Modes Plan, which is the integrated multi-modal strategy, addresses the area, and the principles of Our Climate Future and the Transit Master Plan will also be part of the vision for the area.

Councilmember Hoeven asked if the tax rate that will be proposed on the ballot initiative is known. Sal Pace, Front Range Passenger Rail District General Manager, replied the current model is for a 0.333% tax.

Councilmember Nelsen stated she has heard feedback from constituents on both sides of the spectrum regarding the station location; however, most people seem to be in favor of the service itself.

Councilmember Conway stated he will reluctantly support the item, though he feels the station location is not optimal. He asked what type of outreach has been done with residents on the west side of the station and noted the area between Prospect and Drake is not especially activated. Seth Lorson, Senior Transportation Manager, replied a stakeholder committee has been created; however, a comprehensive public engagement campaign has yet to occur as there has not yet been formal City support for the station location, though that will be the next step.

Councilmember Conway asked if CSU or the federal government has expressed any interest in the west side of the station location. Lorson replied staff has had talks with CSU, and they are on the stakeholder committee. Additionally, staff will be reaching out to the federal center as well.

Councilmember Conway expressed support for looking at an additional station further north in the future. He stated the City needs to prioritize improving the Drake and College area.

Mayor Francis stated Council is supportive of the train coming to Fort Collins and thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoeven, to adopt Resolution 2026-090 Supporting the Front Range Passenger Rail District's Narrative Summary for Proposed Fort Collins Station and the Development of Passenger Rail Service Along the Front Range.

The motion carried 7-0.

29. **Flock Retention and Data Sharing.**

The purpose of this item is a follow up from the Council Work Session on May 12, 2026 to present options for Council to consider related to the retention of Fort Collins Police Services (FCPS) Flock data and restrictions on data sharing of Flock information with outside agencies. If desired, Council may make a motion directing staff of next steps they would like to see occur. The form of two motions for that purpose are provided at the end of the Background/Discussion section.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Police Chief Jeff Swoboda thanked the individuals who have expressed concern about the use of Flock cameras and stated Police Services does not want to have any technology that will erode public trust; however, he noted there is value in the technology. He stated Flock is not a foundational technology and crimes would continue to be solved without it.

Chief Swoboda stated the current data retention period is 30 days, though that could be changed. He noted that once the data is deleted, that is permanent, and currently, the retention period needs to be the same for Fort Collins and outside users. He went on to discuss how Police Services handles crimes and how Flock data is searched by various divisions. Chief Swoboda stated Fort Collins Flock data is currently shared with only Colorado agencies, though that could be further limited if desired.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marge Norskog spoke in opposition to the Flock contract and urged oversight of any surveillance used.

Janice Ort urged Council to establish an ordinance governing ALPR oversight rather than relying solely on policy. She also supported data retention limits, a prohibition on sharing data for federal immigration enforcement purposes, restrictions on real-time tracking of individuals without a warrant or reasonable suspicion, mandatory public reporting, clear prohibited uses, data sharing restrictions, review and approval by Council of significant functionality updates, and vendor data rights.

Rich Stave spoke in support of Flock and suggested the service could be expanded and improved. He noted doorbell cameras are a similar technology and are not opposed.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro stated she wanted to ensure the surveillance policy makes a distinction between constant surveillance and targeted post-incident capture. She stated she does not believe the questions can be answered with the Flock technology and she would like to end the Flock contract by July 1st without putting out an RFP for any similar technology until the surveillance policy is in place.

Councilmember Fudge concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro and stated Police Services did not enter into the contract for negative reasons and used the technology with the intention of doing more with less resources. However, he stated the public comments have swayed him to believe the Flock contract should be cancelled. He also stated he is interested in developing a surveillance policy for the future.

Councilmember Nelsen thanked Chief Swoboda for his honesty and willingness to collaborate. She noted she trusts Police Services to use the technology responsibly; however, her concerns are related to the policy framework and stated her job is to represent those who have reasons to not speak publicly. She also noted policy prohibitions do not make fear disappear and stated there really has not been quantitative evidence the Flock system has impacted crime trends. She stated a shorter retention period would make the system somewhat less risky, though it does not make it a different system. She supported pausing the use of the technology until the problem is clearly defined and guardrails are defined.

Councilmember Hoeven concurred the means do not justify the ends at this point and stated trust is important in keeping the community safe. She thanked Police Services and the community for being thoughtful in its advocacy.

Councilmember Potyondy stated she trusts Fort Collins Police Services, though the technology moves quickly and concurred with taking a pause on its use.

Mayor Francis thanked the community members who have spoken on this topic and thanked Police Services for educating Council and the community on how the technology is used. She noted that not all contracts are approved by Council and stated Police Services did not enter into the Flock contract in an unusual fashion. She stated she does not want to risk eroding the trust that has been built by Fort Collins Police Services and supported cancelling the Flock contract for the cameras that are controlled by Fort Collins.

Councilmember Conway stated he believes there are some public safety benefits to the technology and there are likely ways that privacy concerns could be ameliorated. However, he stated he understands concerns raised by the community and Council. He thanked community members who have spoken and Police Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro asked if a July 1st date would be reasonable for cancellation. Assistant City Attorney Andrew Trevino replied he was unsure if that would be reasonable given the need to cancel the contract and remove the cameras.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro noted other communities have determined camera removal takes quite a bit of time and have put bags over them. She asked if that would be an option for Fort Collins. Assistant City Attorney Trevino replied he was unsure whether they could be covered. City Attorney Daggett replied it may be helpful to direct staff to move as expeditiously as possible to deactivate or stop the cameras from collecting data and to discontinue action under the contract.

Adam McCambridge, Assistant Police Chief, stated the data access can be shut down immediately, though the camera removal may take longer.

Councilmember Nelsen asked if the cameras are mounted on Flock-owned poles or City-owned poles. Assistant Police Chief McCambridge replied they are mounted on both types of poles. City Attorney Daggett noted Flock did go through the City's permitting process for each of the City-owned locations, and she believes they are revocable.

Assistant City Attorney Trevino noted there will be a process for terminating the Flock contract. City Manager DiMartino stated contract termination can be initiated immediately.

Mayor Pro Tem Pignataro moved, seconded by Councilmember Nelsen, that City Council direct staff to stop collection of Flock data immediately and initiate contract cancellation and remove the cameras as expeditiously as possible, and furthermore, to not put out any RFP's for a similar technology until after the surveillance policy is completed.

The motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Conway dissenting.

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.)

R) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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