

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Andy Smith, Redevelopment Manager, Sustainability Services

SUBJECT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On August 4, 2021, Council adopted Ordinance No. 097, 2021 establishing the District. The District's purpose is, "...to operate as a [tourism improvement district] charging fees to the lodging businesses included within the District to fund and provide specific tourism services and improvements for the benefit of the feepayers' lodging businesses. These services and improvements will be primarily used to increase room night sales for those lodging businesses."

Council adopted the District's Initial Plan as part of establishing the District and authorized the appointment of five members to the Board. The District's Initial Term in the Initial Plan was intended to be for 10 years and 4 months beginning on September 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2031, but the end date was incorrectly stated as December 31, 2021. Council subsequently adopted Ordinance No. 161, 2021, correcting the term for assessing a lodging fee on the lodging businesses during the District's initial term so that it ends December 31, 2031. Then, on June 7, 2022, Council adopted Ordinance No. 061, 2022, expanding the number of members on the District Board to seven members.

This Resolution would appoint Rick Berendsen and Miguel Jimenez to the District Board. The District Board adopted resolutions nominating the proposed members on February 24, 2026. These resolutions are attached. Rick Berendsen will serve a three-year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of term of Director Casey Kittel. Miguel Jimenez will fill the remainder of the three-year term vacancy created by the resignation of Director Amanda Cossey, who resigned her position in June 2025, and the seat has remained vacant since. This seat is for an individual to represent large, full-service lodging businesses.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. District Board Resolution 2026-01 Nominating Rick Berendsen
2. District Board Resolution 2026-02 Nominating Miguel Jimenez
3. Resolution 2026-061