

RESOLUTION 2024-020
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ADOPTING A 2024-2026 COUNCIL PRIORITY TO PROTECT
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS IN AN INTEGRATED WAY TO
ENSURE RESILIENT WATER RESOURCES AND HEALTHY
WATERSHEDS

A. Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, all powers of the City and the determination of all matters of policy are vested in the City Council except as otherwise provided by the Charter.

B. After each regular Fort Collins municipal election, the newly constituted City Council evaluates its policies and priorities for the coming two-year Council term.

C. On January 27, 2024, the Council conducted a retreat for the purpose of identifying issues of concern and focus for each Councilmember as a basis for identifying themes and discussing priorities to be considered for Council adoption.

D. At the retreat, working with a facilitating consultant, staff grouped the ideas and issues that emerged from the discussion into twelve conceptual priorities, noting Councilmembers' inputs as to what success for each would mean.

E. At the Council's February 13, 2024, Work Session, staff summarized and presented for further discussion the ideas and concepts that emerged from the Council's discussion at the retreat, together with suggested problem statements and definitions, potential short-term goals, resource requirements and community engagement related to each.

F. In this Work Session discussion, Councilmembers offered suggestions for refining, clarifying and reframing the priorities, to be presented for Council consideration on this date.

G. Based on these discussions, Council wishes to include among the adopted priorities Protect Community Water Systems in an Integrated Way to Ensure Resilient Water Resources and Healthy Watersheds.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. The City Council adopts as a policy priority for the 2024-2026 Council term the following:

Protect Community Water Systems in an Integrated Way to Ensure Resilient Water Resources and Healthy Watersheds:

Resilient water resources and healthy watersheds depend on complex systems and a diverse network of relationships and regional partners. The water utility of the future must incorporate a One Water approach to deliver equitable solutions to meet the future challenges of water scarcity, quality and affordability.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby directed to present to Council in the coming months a proposed approach for accomplishing or advancing this priority, including a schedule of proposed action items during the 2024-2026 Council term and beyond, as appropriate.

Passed and adopted on February 27, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk

Effective Date: February 27, 2024
Approving Attorney: Carrie M. Daggett