

RESOLUTION 2026-006  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO KELLY OHLSON  
FOR HIS SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AS CITY  
COUNCILMEMBER

A. Kelly Ohlson has served the City of Fort Collins longer than any other elected official, having started in 1983 and served as Mayor Pro Tem from 1985-1986 and as Mayor from 1986-1987, then took office for a second time on April 19, 2005 and served as Mayor Pro Tem of the City for three terms from 2007 through 2013, and was elected as a City Councilmember for District 5 on April 6, 2021, and has served on City Council since.

B. During his tenure Councilmember Ohlson served on many Committees, including the Council Finance Committee, Council Legislative Review Committee, Election Code Committee, and North Front Range Wasteshed Policy Group, and was an Urban Renewal Authority Commissioner, and has Chaired the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Council and Poudre Fire Authority Board of Directors.

C. Councilmember Ohlson also served eight years on the Natural Resources Advisory Board and eight years on the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board, and was a member of the first City Plan Citizens Committee, the Citizen Budget Advisory Board, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Committee, and the West Central Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee.

D. During his time in office, Councilmember Ohlson was active in the Colorado Municipal League and served on committees in the National League of Cities, and has served on the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, Poudre Landmarks Foundation Board of Directors and the CDC Animal Care Committee.

E. Councilmember Ohlson has served as Council Liaison to the Air Quality Advisory Board, the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board, the Natural Resources Advisory Board, the General Employees Retirement Committee, the Parks and Recreation Board, the Senior Advisory Board, the Commission on Disability, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Review Board.

F. Councilmember Ohlson has been a strong proponent of land conservation and protection of natural areas and wildlife, especially through his work as a leader of nine open space and natural areas measures that have protected over 75,000 acres in Fort Collins and Larimer County, and was awarded the inaugural Kelly Ohlson Natural Areas Conservation Award for these efforts.

G. Councilmember Ohlson has been broadly acknowledged for his work in Open Space and Natural Areas by receiving Etown's National E-chievement Award, the

Larimer County Environmental Stewardship Award, and the Colorado Conservation Voters Award. In addition, Ohlson has received the Colorado Association for Recycling Lifetime Achievement Award, the Friends of Historic Preservation Award, and the Founders Award from Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau (Visit Fort Collins).

H. Councilmember Ohlson has shown further dedication through his work as leading proponent for the founding of the City's Natural Areas Department, the Natural Resources Advisory Board, and the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board.

I. Councilmember Ohlson has exemplified strong policy-making skills, thoughtful leadership and principled decision-making and has demonstrated his commitment to this community through his many years of public service.

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 that the City expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Kelly Ohlson for his service and contributions to the community as District 5 Councilmember, and in the many roles he has served in during his time on the City Council.

Passed and adopted on January 6, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: January 6, 2026  
Approving Attorney: Carrie Daggett

Exhibit: None

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