

June 3, 2025

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

Council-Manager Form of Government

Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5:00 PM

A) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PP 1. Declaring the Day of June 14, 2025, as the United States Army's 250th Anniversary.

PP 2. Declaring the Month of June 2025 as LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month.

A community reception to celebrate LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month was held in the City Hall Lobby from 3:30 p.m.- 4:50 p.m.

Mayor Jeni Arndt presented the above proclamations at 5:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

B) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jeni Arndt 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 Jeni Arndt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

D) ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Jeni Arndt
Mayor Pro Tem Emily Francis
Councilmember Susan Gutowsky (remote, non-voting)
Councilmember Julie Pignataro
Councilmember Tricia Canonico
Councilmember Melanie Potyondy
Councilmember Kelly Ohlson

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.
- Items 1-19 on the Consent Calendar are recommended for adoption.
- Community Report on Ranked Choice Voting.
- Staff Report on One Water Strategic Plan Update.
- Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn to June 10th at 6:00 PM for the purpose of conducting mid-year evaluations for direct reports.
- After adjournment, there will be a break before Council convenes in the CIC Room for a work session to discuss Charter amendments related to the Council vacancies and November 2025 ballot measures.

F) COMMUNITY REPORTS - Community Report: Ranked Voting Update

The purpose of this item is to provide information on Ranked Voting and current efforts related to community outreach and education.

City Clerk Delynn Coldiron outlined the premise of ranked voting, which allows voters the chance to rank candidates in their order of preference in any race in which there are three or more candidates. She noted any candidate who receives more than 50% of the vote on the initial round would win the election; however, if that does not occur, ranked voting kicks in and she further detailed that process.

City Clerk Coldiron commented on other states and jurisdictions that use ranked voting, noted it covers 11 million voters across the country, and reiterated the use of ranked voting was approved by Fort Collins voters to begin in November of 2025. She stated each voter can rank their choices; however, only one vote ultimately counts, and she further discussed how to complete a ranked choice ballot.

City Clerk Coldiron showed a video outlining the ranked voting process produced by the City's Communications and Public Involvement Office and noted there is a practice ballot and tactical exercise available for practice on the City Clerk's webpage. She also noted there will be a table in the City Hall lobby with ranked voting information available before each regular Council meeting. Additionally, she noted this will be the first year there will be an online blue book reference for the City election.

Larimer County Clerk Tina Harris outlined the coordinated election process and important associated dates. She stated this will be the first time the County has conducted a ranked voting election and noted Colorado Revised Statutes and Secretary of State rules lay out exactly how the election should occur. She stated there will be election night results for the ranked voting items and results will be posted at least once per day until all election day returns are tabulated.

County Clerk Harris discussed the work that has been done to ensure the ranked voting election runs smoothly and noted there will be a mock ranked voting election hosted jointly with City Clerk staff. Additionally, there is a FAQ section on the County webpage and staff will be at various local events to provide information to voters.

G) PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPICS OR ITEMS OR COMMUNITY EVENTS
(Including requests for removal of items from Consent Calendar for individual discussion.)

(Secretary's Note: Council took a brief recess at the start of Public Comment to clarify the rules related to the physical size of props and signs and it was noted that the rules specifically preclude items attached to sticks. Upon reconvening, Mayor Arndt noted an individual was told he could stand in the rear of the Chambers with his item, but they declined.)

Jane Hamburger commended the public survey process regarding the future use of the Hughes Stadium property and the emphasis on adhering to the ballot language approved by voters. She noted that as the lead of the League of Women Voters Environmental Team, she facilitated ten sessions for residents' survey discussion and completion. She commented on the importance of equal access for a healthy environment in which to live, learn, work, and play, and noted that includes the descendants of the Indigenous tribes which historically cared for the land. She encouraged utilizing a portion of the property for the use of local Indigenous tribes.

Peter Erickson spoke in support of affordable housing and noted an FAQ page on the Parking Services website indicates there are 9,711 parking spaces downtown, only 83 of which would be displaced if Housing Catalyst were to be allowed to build 75 units of deed restricted affordable housing on half of the Remington Street parking lots. He stated the City needs to cut red tape when it comes to affordable housing and urged Council to direct staff to go back to discussions on this topic.

G Inguanta spoke in support of rematriating the Hughes Stadium property to Indigenous people stating the healing that would result would be extremely impactful.

Kendra Berg took the spot for someone who stepped out and asked if anyone has contacted the Cheyenne and Northern Arapaho people regarding the Hughes Stadium property, which she stated was gifted for a certain purpose. She discussed some history of the land and lodge that has since been removed and stated this issue falls under the American Indian Religious and Freedom Act.

Evan Roberts spoke in support of the Remington Street affordable housing project. He stated downtown should be a place for all and urged Council and staff to move forward with the project.

Andre Dunn stated he is a youth representative for Indigenous people and asked that the Hughes Stadium property be returned to Indigenous people. He stated the rules that precluded individuals from carrying their flags in Chambers are extremely offensive and disrespectful. He stated the Civic Assembly uplifted the interests of the Indigenous people's interests with unanimous support and he urged Council to address historical atrocities and mend relations with the original stewards of the land.

De wat sis doh gwas stated Fort Collins has an opportunity to do something special with the Hughes Stadium property by rematriating the site to Indigenous people. She provided historical information about how the land was managed and stated Fort Collins could help build true climate resilience by doing so.

Jerry Gavaldon thanked the City Clerk's Office for materials he was given related to ranked voting and stated he plans to share them at the Museo de las Tres Colonias. Regarding the Remington Street parking lot/affordable housing project, he expressed concern regarding a potential conflict of interest with Mayor Pro Tem Francis serving on the Housing Catalyst board of directors. He suggested it may be appropriate for her to step aside to ensure the process remains fair and equitable.

Russ Cowart spoke in support of the need for additional pickleball courts in Fort Collins and shared the benefits of having pickleball in the community.

Janet Bramhall, downtown business owner, stated she wished Council had found a way to be more culturally flexible with the Indigenous members of the community who were present. Additionally, she spoke in support of building more affordable housing in the downtown area.

Joe Rowan spoke about the housing fund and was encouraged that Council wanted to see more of the tax dollars toward housing, particularly given federal affordable housing funds are being threatened. He also urged Council to move away from the model for bonding against tax revenue as the funds could better be invested in the community.

Jordan Kelly thanked Council and Police for addressing unreasonable traffic noise in the community and provided some information regarding the noise impacts to her property, which seems to be mostly due to loud mufflers. She discussed the importance of silence due to issues from long-term COVID.

Emily Gallichotte spoke in support of the affordable housing project on the Remington Street parking lot and reiterated there are almost 10,000 parking spaces downtown, only 83 of which would be impacted by this project.

Kevin Flowers thanked Council for the support of the LGBTQ+ community and commended the Fort Collins Pride kickoff event during which Police, Cultural Services, Library, and other staff worked together to make people feel welcome, seen, and safe. He thanked everyone for standing with and supporting all involved.

Michelle Gliszinski raised concerns about a local organization, DSA, which has historically been a powerful voice for social justice. She stated there has been a split in the group, both nationally and locally, as to whether political violence is acceptable to achieve its goals. She urged the local chapter of the DSA to draw a line and condemn political violence, particularly when it is justified in the name of anti-Zionism.

Michael Weinreich stated he is a Jewish resident of Fort Collins and spoke about the increase in antisemitism which threatens the community's safety and values. He urged Council to increase Police patrols around synagogues and other religious organizations and schools, mandate training for City staff and law enforcement on recognizing antisemitism and create a reporting mechanism for these crimes.

Ilana Kafer stated she is a Jewish community member and she thanked Council for their support and service to the community. She stated silence speaks volumes and commented on the recent terror attack in Boulder. She also stated people should speak up to ensure Jewish families feel safe.

Shimrit Yacobi thanked Council for listening and commented on the recent terror attack in Boulder. She stated the Jewish community has long warned about the dangers of normalizing hate and violence and stated words that glorify violence are meant to incite it. She urged Council to act just as it would if any other minority was being targeted and condemn the attack.

Laura (no last name given) stated the Hughes Stadium property needs to be returned to the Indigenous people stating it was stolen land. She stated the residents of Fort Collins cannot legally vote on the use of the property as the land does not belong to the City.

Rich Stave commented on a TABOR item that he stated repeals the mill levy. He also shared concerns related to ranked voting and questioned whether the community's best interest was taken into account regarding Item No. 2, *Second Reading of Ordinance No. 078, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for Broadband Buildout to Multi-Dwelling Units and Customer Installations and Related Art in Public Places and Modifying the Terms of Repayment for Prior Appropriations from the Light and Power Fund.*

Gabrielle Friesen urged Council to return the Hughes Stadium land to Indigenous people as a ceremonial site and stated that is the only ethical way for the City to act. She stated she has been involved in rematriation efforts and stated the City would benefit from engaging in this humbling and necessary work.

Liz Tufte expressed concern about tonight's events and the disrespect shown to the individuals in attendance. She stated the religious freedom for native people is a perpetual concern and urged Council to return the Hughes Stadium property to Indigenous people.

Nicole Swan echoed other speakers related to the Remington Street affordable housing project and urged Council to move forward with the project quickly.

Jonesy Winchell spoke in support of returning the Hughes Stadium site back to Indigenous people.

Charles Shobe spoke in support of the affordable housing project on Remington Street and urged Council to put people over parking and quickly move forward with the project without waiting for another parking study. He stated the delay would increase the likelihood that Housing Catalyst would not be able to complete the project and the community would be stuck with the status quo.

Kate Conley echoed comments related to the Remington Street affordable housing project and urged Council to use every tool possible to get it moving forward. She stated business owners should not stand in opposition to the project as it could provide workforce housing. She urged Council to prioritize housing and people over 83 parking spaces.

Andrew Sachs spoke in support of the land back initiative to return the Hughes Stadium property to Indigenous people. He provided some history regarding his interest in protecting the environment and discussed how the partnership with Indigenous people is valuable in those efforts.

Michael Washington spoke in support of returning the Hughes Stadium property to Indigenous people and stated it never belonged to Fort Collins to begin with. He urged Council to do what is overdue.

Matthew Behunin discussed previous parking studies and urged Council to follow through with its vision for the 15-minute city by bringing affordable housing to the Remington Street parking lot.

Public comment concluded at 7:36 p.m.

H) PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP

Councilmember Pignataro asked if there might be a way to easily make it clear that the Council rules for Chamber relate to view obstruction. She asked if it could be codified that people with such items could stand in the rear of Chambers. City Attorney Daggett noted the Mayor has the authority to modify rules in response to specific instances; however, she recommended the rules be changed if Council would specifically like that to be allowed.

Councilmember Pignataro noted Councilmembers all serve on various Boards, including Housing Catalyst, and stated she is looking forward to the work session on the Remington Street parking lot/affordable housing project.

Councilmember Potyondy stated there was no intention of stifling free speech this evening but suggested a deeper look at policies for visuals in Council Chambers.

Mayor Arndt stated the Council rules are clear and noted the individual chose to leave the meeting rather than stand in the back of the room with the flag he carried.

Councilmember Potyondy stated she is also looking forward to the work session on the Remington Street parking lot. Additionally, she noted Assistant City Manager Rupa Venkatesh has been working closely with the Indigenous population regarding the Hughes Stadium property.

I) COUNCILMEMBER REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ohlson withdrew Item No. 16, *Items Relating to the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project, from the Consent Calendar*, due to concerns about some of the funding coming from the climate action fund.

J) CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the May 20, 2025, Regular meeting.

The purpose of this item is to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025, Regular meeting.

Approved.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 078, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for Broadband Buildout to Multi-Dwelling Units and Customer Installations and Related Art in Public Places and Modifying the Terms of Repayment for Prior Appropriations from the Light and Power Fund.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 20, 2025, requests appropriation of \$12 million of prior year reserves from the Light & Power Fund for use in Broadband's (herein referred to as "Connexion") efforts to continue new customer installations, including building out to multi-dwelling units (MDU's) and mobile home parks, and providing for asset management. These funds from Light & Power provide a significant portion of the total funding need over the next 4 years and will be reimbursed to the Light & Power Fund, including interest, from the cash flows generated by Connexion operations.

Adopted on Second Reading.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 079, 2025, Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Shields Street Protected Infrastructure – Lake Street to Stuart Street Project and the Shields Street Separated Bike Lanes – Mulberry Street to Mountain Avenue Project.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 20, 2025, transfers Active Modes Plan Implementation funding to the Shields Street Protected Infrastructure – Lake Street to Stuart Street and the Shields Street Separated Bike Lanes – Mulberry Street to Mountain Avenue capital projects.

Adopted on Second Reading.

4. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 080, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of an Additional Award from the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority Grant for the Fort Collins Police Services Property Crimes Unit.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 20, 2025, appropriates \$19,011 of unanticipated revenue received from the Colorado State Patrol Department of Public Safety as a modification to the previously awarded FY 2025 BATTLE (Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement) grant.

Adopted on Second Reading.

5. Items Relating to Civic Center Master Plan: Municipal Court Renovation & Parking Services Move.

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 081, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Parking Services Department Relocation Project and Related Art in Public Places

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 082, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Municipal Court Expansion Project and Related Art in Public Places

These Ordinances, unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 20, 2025, provide context for two related requested appropriations for projects in the Civic Center Master Plan. The first will expand City service capacity by moving Parking Services to the Civic Center Parking Structure to vacate space in the 215 North Mason Street building to allow for the expansion of the City Municipal Court. The second recommended appropriation provides initial construction costs for the expansion of the Municipal Court in the 215 North Mason Street building.

Appropriation recommendations:

- *\$450,000 from reserves in the Parking Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the relocation of Parking Services to the Civic Center Parking Structure*
- *\$400,000 from General Government Capital Expansion Fee reserves within the Capital Expansion Fund for the relocation of Parking Services as a condition precedent to the Municipal Court construction and expansion*
- *\$8,500 transfer from the Capital Projects Fund to the Art in Public Places Program in the Cultural Services & Facilities Fund for the relocation of Parking Services.*
- *\$4,300,000 from General Governmental Capital Expansion Fee reserves within the Capital Expansion Fund for the Municipal Court construction and expansion project*

\$43,000 transfer from the Capital Projects Fund to the Art in Public Places Program in the Cultural Services & Facilities Fund for the Municipal Court construction and expansion project.

Both Ordinances Adopted on Second Reading.

6. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 083, 2025, Amending Sections 20-21 and 20-25 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins for the Purpose of Clarifying Exceptions to the Noise Ordinance for Agricultural Activities.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 20, 2025, further clarifies the alignment of the municipal noise ordinance with Colorado statutes relating to exceptions for agricultural operations.

Adopted on Second Reading.

7. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 084, 2025, Designating as Non-Lapsing and Transferring the Prior Appropriation of Philanthropic Revenue Received Through City Give by Ordinance No. 055, 2025, for the Payment Assistance Fund.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 20, 2025, requests that the lapsing appropriation approved by Council on its passage of Ordinance No. 055, 2025, of \$443,600 in philanthropic revenue received through City Give, be designated by this Ordinance as non-lapsing. 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.

8. Items Relating to Motor Vehicle Noise.

A. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 086, 2025, Adopting Section 1418, Unreasonable Vehicle Noise Prohibited in the Fort Collins Traffic Code.

B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 087, 2025, Amending Section 17-129 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Remove all Reference to Traffic Noise.

C. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 088, 2025, Amending Section 225 of the Fort Collins Traffic Code to Clarify the Different Types of Equipment Violations Related to Mufflers.

D. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 089, 2025, Amending Section 1-15 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Allow Some Specified Traffic Violations to be Designated as a Misdemeanor Offense.

These Ordinances, unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 20, 2025, present recommended changes to the City Code and Fort Collins Traffic Code to address enforcement of unreasonable noise in the city related to Motor Vehicles.

All Ordinances Adopted on Second Reading.

9. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 090, 2025 Amending Section 9-23 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Regarding the Use of Fireworks.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 20, 2025, presents recommended changes to the Fort Collins City Code Section 9-23 to address enforcement for violations related to fireworks.

Adopted on Second Reading.

10. First Reading of Ordinance No. 091, 2025, Amending the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Discontinue the Art in Public Places Board and the Cultural Resources Board and Merge their Functions into the Arts and Culture Board.

The purpose of this item is to discontinue the existing Art in Public Places Board and Cultural Resources Board and to merge and adjust their functions for a new Arts and Culture Board.

Adopted on First Reading.

11. First Reading of Ordinance No. 092, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the Water Fund to Support Acquisitions of Water Rights to Increase Yield, Reliability, and Resiliency of the Utilities Water Supplies.

The purpose of this item is to request additional appropriation of \$1,419,091 in the City's Water Fund to purchase water supplies that will increase the yield, reliability, and resiliency of the Fort Collins Utilities water supplies. This includes shares in the North Poudre Irrigation Company and the water rights in the Chase Ditch.

Adopted on First Reading.

12. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 093, 2025, Authorizing a Mid-year Budget Appropriation from the Airport Fund for Northern Colorado Regional Airport.**

The purpose of this item is to recommend a mid-year budget appropriation of \$642,400 from the Airport fund to support nine priority projects and initiatives identified by Airport staff and the Airport Commission. These efforts are focused on improving airport facilities, strengthening operational plans and procedures, addressing regulatory compliance requirements, enhancing financial sustainability, and supporting efforts to attract commercial airline service.

The proposed funding will enable the Airport to make targeted investments that align with long-term strategic goals and improve overall performance and service.

Adopted on First Reading.

13. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 094, 2025, Amending Chapters 15 and 23 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Regarding the Requirements of Shared Micromobility Operations.**

The purpose of this item is to address a potential regulatory gap under City Code by defining clear requirements applicable to the operation of shared micromobility services within Fort Collins. These requirements will allow FC Moves to ensure that operators of shared micromobility services in the city consistently provide robust and reliable service and mitigate negative impacts on the community and other right-of-way uses.

Adopted on First Reading.

14. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 095, 2025, Amending Section 15-361 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Clarify Right-of-Way Contractor Licensing Requirements.**

The purpose of this item is to clarify the types of work that require a right-of-way contractor license under City Code Section 15-361. As that section is currently written, it is ambiguous what types of “work” it is intended to apply to, leaving it unclear whether operations like shared micromobility services or outdoor vendors would require a right-of-way contractor license or not. This item defines “work” to mean constructing, installing or repairing any sidewalk, curb, gutter, driveway, curb cut, street, alley or any other improvement in or under a public right-of-way, in the City.

Adopted on First Reading.

15. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 096, 2025, Authorizing the Conveyance of Two Temporary Construction Easements and Two Permanent Easements on a portion of Rigden Reservoir to Larimer County for Construction of Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements for County Road 40.**

The purpose of this item is to authorize the conveyance of two (2) Temporary Construction Easements and Two (2) Permanent Easements (collectively, the “Easements”) on a portion of City property presently known as Rigden Reservoir for construction of stormwater infrastructure improvements for the benefit of County Road 40 (E Horsetooth Road).

Adopted on First Reading.

16. Items Relating to the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

A. Resolution 2025-057 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding a Grant of Funds for Improvements to the Intersection of Vine Drive and Jerome Street Between the City of Fort Collins and the Downtown Development Authority.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 085, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations and Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project and Related Art in Public Places.

The purpose of these items is to enable the City to receive and expend Downtown Development Authority (DDA) grant funds and Urban Renewal Authority (URA) funds for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements project (Project). The funds will be used for outreach, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for improvements at the intersection of Vine Drive and Jerome Street. If approved, the items will: 1) authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Project with the DDA; 2) transfer \$135,200 of Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Bicycle Program funds to the Project; 3) transfer \$67,756.77 of Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Pedestrian Program funds to the Project; 4) appropriate \$293,076 in URA funds to the Project; 5) transfer \$146,472.87 in remaining 2050 Tax – Our Climate Future funds from previous appropriations to the Project; 6) appropriate \$144,000 of DDA grant funds to the Project; 7) appropriate \$4,283.34 in Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF) funds to the Project; 8) appropriate \$87.42 of Transportation Services Fund reserves to the Project; and 9) appropriate \$4,370.76 (1%) of the DDA grant and URA funds to the Art in Public Places (APP) program. The Conservation Trust Fund will contribute \$165,000 towards the Project as part of the 2026 annual budget process.

Removed From Consent Agenda.

17. Resolution 2025-061 Adopting the Transportation Capital Improvement Dashboard as a Methodology and Foundation for the Transportation Capital Improvement Program Prioritization and Planning.

The purpose of this item is to discuss the results of the Transportation Capital Improvement (TCI) Dashboard effort as it relates to the City's Transportation Capital Improvement Program prioritization and planning and to request Council adopt the TCI dashboard as a methodology and foundation for the transportation capital improvement program prioritization and planning. The TCI dashboard is a methodology for evaluating and prioritizing transportation capital projects identified in the Active Modes Plan (AMP), Transportation Capital Projects Prioritization Study (TCPPS), and Strategic Trails Plan (STP) utilizing criteria developed from the City's various strategic plans.

Adopted.

18. Resolution 2025-062 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Cities of Fort Collins, Greeley and Loveland for the Exchange of Judicial Services and Appointing Temporary Judges.

The purpose of this item is to authorize an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Cities of Greeley and Loveland for judicial services to be used in the event that a conflict of interest or other circumstance prevents the Municipal Judge and assistant judges from hearing a particular Municipal Court case. This agreement is intended to replace a prior 2023 IGA between Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley. A similar agreement was also in place prior to 2023. This agreement is updated to include all current, eligible judges from each jurisdiction.

Adopted.

19. Resolution 2025-063 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City and Colorado Department of Transportation to Fund Construction for the Foothills Transit Station Project through State Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Funding.

The purpose of this item is to authorize the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). This IGA will result in the receipt by Transfort of \$317,669 in grant funds through the Multimodal Transportation & Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) for Fiscal Years (FY) 2025 and 2026.

Adopted.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Pignataro, to approve the recommended actions on items 1-19, minus 16, on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried 6-0.

K) CONSENT CALENDAR FOLLOW-UP *(This is an opportunity for Councilmembers to comment on items adopted or approved on the Consent Calendar.)*

Councilmember Ohlson requested additional information regarding Item No. 11, *First Reading of Ordinance No. 092, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the Water Fund to Support Acquisitions of Water Rights to Increase Yield, Reliability, and Resiliency of the Utilities Water Supplies*. Donnie Dustin, Senior Water Resources Engineer, stated the Corps of Engineers permitting process includes a future demand of around 38,400 acre feet, current demands are around 29,000 acre feet, and the firm yield of what can be met with current supplies is around 30,000 acre feet. The projected increase in demand is due to increased population and large contractual uses.

Councilmember Ohlson requested additional information in a follow-up memo.

Dustin noted the Halligan water supply project will meet most of the demand and the appropriation requested will help fund some North Poudre Irrigation shares that are planned to be acquired between now and 2065.

Councilmember Ohlson requested additional information regarding Item No. 17, *Resolution 2025-061 Adopting the Transportation Capital Improvement Dashboard as a Methodology and Foundation for the Transportation Capital Improvement Program Prioritization and Planning* as related to wildlife crossing issues if that is an appropriate component of this dashboard. Brad Buckman, City Engineer, replied that consideration is part of this process, and through the design process, the impacts to the

environment and wildlife are considered for all projects, including wildlife crossings. He stated he would provide additional details in a follow-up memo.

Councilmember Ohlson commented on language in Item No. 17 related to 'evaluating projects to provide riparian and wildlife corridors where they make sense' and stated there are no such qualifiers in documents presented to Council on other topics. City Manager DiMartino replied staff will work to be more consistent in applying qualifying language.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Arndt called for a break at 7:50 p.m., noting the meeting would resume at 8:00 p.m.

L) STAFF REPORTS - Staff Report: One Water Strategic Plan Update

The purpose of this item is to provide a progress update on the City's ongoing One Water planning efforts. This work supports City's Council's priority of protecting community water systems in an integrated way to ensure resilient water resources and healthy watersheds.

In early 2024, the Water Utilities initiated a two-phased planning approach to the development of a strategic One Water Plan to guide the planning, operations, and management of the City's water resources and water systems over the next 50 years. Phase 1 (Self-Assessment) of this work was completed in March 2025 with the development of a One Water Action Framework Report, which characterizes the current state of the City's water resources, systems and practices and lays out the City's vision for One Water.

Building upon this work, Phase 2 (Plan Development) will begin in early June 2025. The work will focus on the development of a One Water Strategic Plan that establishes goals and supporting strategies needed to address the community's current and anticipated water-related challenges using collaborative and holistic water management approaches. The work will be informed by both internal and community engagement and is expected to take approximately 10-12 months to complete.

Nicole Poncelet-Johnson, One Water Executive Director, noted the City's Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Utilities began a One Water journey in 2020 and have since determined a more formal approach needs to be taken through some strategic planning.

Jill Oropeza, Senior Director of Plant Science and Planning, provided an overview of the City's approach to becoming a One Water city, specifically as related to the One Water Strategic Plan. She stated the principles involved in One Water include valuing water at every stage and in all forms, looking for solutions that achieve multiple benefits, approaching decisions with a systems mindset using watershed-scale thinking and action, and looking for ways to mitigate any unintended consequences.

Oropeza stated the City recognizes there are numerous current and future pressures that will impact the City's water resources and infrastructure that have the potential to impact the ability to provide the current level of service. She noted this initiative supports the City's strategic objectives around environmental health and the Council priority of protecting the community's water systems in an integrated way to ensure resilient resources and healthy watersheds.

Oropeza outlined the use of the Water Research Foundation's One Water Cities Framework which was designed to help municipalities do this work. She discussed the planning efforts around the Fort Collins One Water Action Framework and noted some opportunities and needs that have been identified include the development of a One Water Strategic Plan, building organizational alignment and culture building around One Water, continuing to integrate the principles of One Water into project and program delivery, and developing a system for performance tracking to monitor progress over

time. Oropeza stated the development of key strategies and actions will begin in the coming months and the resulting Strategic Plan will focus on performance and continual improvement.

Councilmember Ohlson requested some additional follow-up on certain items

M) COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Susan Gutowsky

- Commended Sunday's Pride Festival.

Mayor Arndt requested a brief moment of silence for the recent terror attack in Boulder and in recognition of hate never being welcomed in Fort Collins.

Councilmember Melanie Potyondy

- Commended Sunday's Pride Festival.
- Attended the grand opening of the Village at Impala affordable housing development.
- Attended the opening of the Museum of Discovery traveling exhibit "Nature All Around Us."

Councilmember Tricia Canonico

- Commended Sunday's Pride Festival and grand opening of the Village at Impala.
- Attended a Bike to School Day event at Kruse Elementary School and announced the June 25th Bike to Work Day.

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

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A. Resolution 2025-057 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding a Grant of Funds for Improvements to the Intersection of Vine Drive and Jerome Street Between the City of Fort Collins and the Downtown Development Authority.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 085, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations and Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project and Related Art in Public Places.

The purpose of these items is to enable the City to receive and expend Downtown Development Authority (DDA) grant funds and Urban Renewal Authority (URA) funds for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements project (Project). The funds will be used for outreach, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for improvements at the intersection of Vine Drive and Jerome Street. If approved, the items will: 1) authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Project with the DDA; 2) transfer \$135,200 of Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Bicycle Program funds to the Project; 3) transfer \$67,756.77 of Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Pedestrian Program funds to the Project; 4) appropriate \$293,076 in URA funds to the Project; 5) transfer \$146,472.87 in remaining 2050 Tax – Our Climate Future funds from previous appropriations to the Project; 6) appropriate \$144,000 of DDA grant funds to the Project; 7) appropriate \$4,283.34 in Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF) funds to the Project; 8) appropriate \$87.42 of Transportation Services Fund reserves to the Project; and 9) appropriate \$4,370.76 (1%) of the DDA grant and URA funds to the Art in Public Places (APP) program. The Conservation Trust Fund will contribute \$165,000 towards the Project as part of the 2026 annual budget process.

Councilmember Ohlson stated he will not be voting for this item as he believes it is not the most appropriate use of climate funds. He stated he would have preferred the funds go to building incentives for the private sector or to making improvements to City buildings. He added that he supports the project; however, he thought there could be a better source of funding. Jacob Castillo, Chief Sustainability Officer, stated the Our Climate Future executive team recommended this funding as the dollars were originally allocated for bike and pedestrian safety, which is a similar use to what is proposed with this project. Additionally, since the dollars were able to be leveraged with other funds, this project supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and is possible to be executed quickly.

Cortney Geary, FC Moves, stated this project will make improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians at Vine and Jerome including rectangular rapid flashing beacons, side paths, and trail connections. She noted the intersection was identified as a high priority in the Active Modes Plan and the Climate Tax funding that is proposed to be used was previously appropriated to two projects focused on implementing the Active Modes Plan: one that funded bike lanes on Laporte Avenue, which was under budget and one for crossing improvements at multiple locations.

Geary noted staff evaluated the greenhouse gas emissions reductions impacts for the projects and added that funding for this project includes DDA and URA funding as well and the project provides the opportunity to demonstrate to taxpayers immediate, tangible benefits with entirely local funding.

Councilmember Ohlson stated that explanation has convinced him to support the item.

Mayor Arndt expressed support for the project and thanked the URA and DDA for their funding as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Canonico, to adopt Resolution 2025-057 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding a Grant of Funds for Improvements to the Intersection of Vine Drive and Jerome Street Between the City of Fort Collins and the Downtown Development Authority.

The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt Ordinance No. 085, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations and Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project and Related Art in Public Places, on First Reading.

The motion carried 6-0.

O) CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PLANNED FOR DISCUSSION – None.

P) RESUMED PUBLIC COMMENT

Q) OTHER BUSINESS

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

OB 2. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn to 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2025 for the purpose of mid-year performance evaluations of Council's direct-report employees:

"I move that Council adjourn this meeting to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in order to consider a motion to go into executive session to conduct mid-year performance reviews

of the Council's direct report employees, and for such other business as may come before the Council."

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Pignataro, to adjourn to 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2025.

The motion carried 6-0.

R) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk