

April 1, 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 Week of April 13 - 19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.**

PP 2. **Declaring the week of April 6 - 12, 2025 as National Library Week.**

PP 3. **Declaring April 2025 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month.**

PP 4. **Declaring April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.**

PP 5. **Declaring April 2025 as Fair Housing Month.**

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
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:

- Agenda was amended to include an updated presentation for Item No. 28, *Items Relating to City Charter Amendments*.
- Items 1-26 on the Consent Calendar are recommended for adoption.
- Council will be asked to postpone consideration of Item No. 27, *Second Reading of Ordinance No. 051, 2025, Amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins for the Purpose of Repealing the 2021 International Fire Code and Adopting the 2024 International Fire Code, with Amendments*, until May 20, due to issues that may need follow-up work.

F) COMMUNITY REPORTS

None.

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

Phoebe McWilliams discussed the harm caused by the contract with Republic Services and the opt-out fee. She stated she does not receive services from Republic and should not have to pay them. She stated she and others are angry about threats they are receiving related to non-payment. She commented on battery-powered trash trucks and stated the lithium for the batteries comes from child labor. She stated Council is focused on promoting globalism and not its constituents.

Alexandra Valenti spoke about the CCIP and stated housing she can afford is her highest priority. She urged Council to direct more resources toward affordable housing.

Joe Rowan encouraged Council to raise the priority of housing in the CCIP and argued that the only item that is consistently important to constituents is housing, which should be reflected in funding.

Michelle Haefele discussed a handout she provided related to a recent survey and the current Civic Assembly process. She provided information about her experience with surveys and expressed frustration about the way the results were presented. She commented on a facilities ranking and stated the three top results did not include a bike park. She asked why a bike park, which was not viewed by many as a priority, has been given so much time and resources.

Sue Ballou spoke in favor of the CCIP tax and housing. She stated this tax has done fabulous things for the City and acknowledged it is hard to pick what is important given the wide diversity of people and opinions. She stated housing rises to the highest priority for so many and should be elevated in the tax package.

Madison Smith proposed the adoption of a marijuana hospitality and sales license in Fort Collins. She stated such a license would include on-site consumption, sales of products, strict regulations, and social equity. She encouraged following the Denver license model and stated it would increase tax revenue, create jobs, and enhance tourism.

Deb James stated Beaver's Market was taken off the market and residents have been assured it will remain a grocery store. She commented on the importance of the market in the 15-minute city vision and stated it is important to protect existing infrastructure that supports that vision. She urged Council to keep pushing for ways to protect this type of infrastructure to ensure it is not lost.

Nick Haws discussed the importance of housing in the community and supported using a significant amount of the CCIP tax toward this use.

Elizabeth Mahon spoke about affordable housing and stated it is a high priority for her.

Yvonne Paez discussed the opt-out fee related to Republic Services and late notices received. She stated she was told she needed to submit a variance to the City to have it reviewed. As part of that process, she had to take time off work to meet two City employees at her home for a required site inspection, which she was told would take place annually. She stated the opt-out fee is akin to theft and stated she no longer wants to live in Fort Collins.

Dianna Murphy discussed the 2023 survey results and stated they did not identify bike parks as a high community priority and noted the ballot measure language that passed to protect the Hughes Stadium property did not include a bike park. She stated the presentation of a bike park feasibility study to the Civic Assembly prior to the City weighing in is problematic. She supported variance options for the trash opt-out fee.

Teri Clark noted she lives in one of the most desirable communities in Fort Collins in a Habitat for Humanity home. She discussed her three children who have recently graduated from college and stated the trajectory of her family was changed positively due to the opportunity for affordable housing. She urged Council to use CCIP taxes to support affordable housing.

Rich Stave discussed the waste fee that is creating an exclusion for dumpsters. He stated hardship or non-use was missing as a reason to grant a variance. He stated affordability is part of the housing issue and \$10 can be used to pay other bills versus having to pay an opt-out fee. He also noted the fee does not apply to businesses, townhomes, or condos, and is therefore not universal. Stave also suggested there is a conflict of interest regarding the appointment to the Air Quality Advisory Board and stated it is important to have lower-level people serve on Boards to weigh in on the kinds of things normal people worry about.

Evan Stafford discussed the Gateway diversion improvement project and commented on the goal to restore the connectivity of the Poudre River. He noted there is a new Poudre River Improvement Fund due to the NISP lawsuit settlement and encouraged Council to create a resolution or direct staff to create boat passage as well as fish passage at Gateway.

Rachael Ardanuy discussed the adoption by other jurisdictions of home cannabis delivery and hospitality and sales licenses. She stated Fort Collins should remain a model for how to regulate the businesses and noted these changes would generate revenue for the city. She urged Council to consider making these changes to help provide opportunities for new small businesses.

Paul Searles discussed the late notices residents have received regarding the opt-out trash fee. He supported variance and exclusion options and suggested it would have been better to have worked on those prior to the program being implemented. He proposed a retroactive exclusion for those who have received late notices.

Holli McElwee stated the City's Sustainability Department confirmed the Remington Street parking lot would be offered as a land contribution to Housing Catalyst and the parking would not be replaced. She stated this is contrary to what has been communicated to Council which is under the impression there is a parking replacement plan in place. She stated not replacing the parking conflicts with the

City's Downtown Master Parking Plan and stated this topic did not include any engagement with the downtown business community. She urged Council to consider the details regarding the Housing Catalyst project and stated there is currently a wait list of over 190 individuals seeking downtown parking spaces.

Collins Thomas-Buckner requested Council adopt a cannabis delivery permit fee and off-site storage premises licensing fee. He commented on the revenue that would be generated for the city and stated Boulder, Longmont, and Denver have similar programs. He stated cannabis delivery is safe given state regulations related to ID scanning and dash cam video requirements.

Adam Hirschhorn noted he is running for Mayor and discussed a variety of issues including the trash opt-out fee, President Trump, Gaza, and fentanyl.

Dalton Latham urged City planners to reconsider repurposing the Remington Street parking lot for affordable housing. He stated losing the parking lot would have severe consequences for the Aggie Theater and broader downtown economy. He stated the Theater generates more than \$3.6 million annually in revenue and supports more than 70 jobs. He stated losing the parking lot could result in businesses closing and people not going downtown. He urged Council to reconsider the location of the affordable housing project to a more suitable location that would not jeopardize local businesses and downtown.

Nicholas Sahwin spoke in favor of the Connexion Workers' Coalition and discussed the severe understaffing of the tech support team at Connexion. He commented on Connexion workers quitting, none of whom have been replaced. He stated some workers are feeling harassed by upper management's push for metrics despite the lack of staffing and stated Connexion workers should be treated better.

John Forrest stated he owns a small business and now has experience with hiring employees. He requested clarification regarding the relationship between unionizing organizations and Council. He requested why that relationship is not discussed more transparently and expressed support for workers being able to collectively advocate for better working conditions regardless of their industry.

Zora Beglarian spoke in support of the Connexion Workers' Coalition and requested transparency related to the issue.

Patricia Babbitt discussed the feasibility studies that have been mentioned and questioned the justification for the bike park feasibility study seemingly geared toward the Hughes Stadium site without allocating funds for other uses that the public open space designation includes. She stated bike parks were not ranked as a high priority for the community based on survey results and questioned why the Civic Assembly process seems to have much stronger representation from groups whose aim is to develop the Hughes site rather than keep it as open space. She encouraged people to attend tomorrow's candidate information session in Council Chambers and commented on the importance of having environmentally friendly Councilmembers.

Erik Lode stated the opt-out fee for trash is being charged for vacant lots and stated he has taken care of his own trash for decades. He stated Fort Collins residents do not have to pay opt-out fees to other companies for not using their services and questioned why the trash situation is different.

H) PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP

Councilmember Pignataro stated she recently met with a local marijuana establishment owner and learned about the trouble they are having trying to relocate. She stated Council's work plan is already set for the remainder of this Council's term; however, she does hope to bring up making changes to the marijuana business regulations in the next two years. She thanked Deb James for bringing the

update on Beaver's Market and noted the update process for the Land Use Code related to commercial corridors is underway. Additionally, she noted many of the more scientifically-oriented Boards often receive applications from people already in the industry. She stated she would be bringing forth a topic under Other Business related to the Gateway fish and boat passage. She commented on the fact that Council has three direct reports, and trust is placed in them to run the city. She asked if there is an update related to the Remington Street parking lot redevelopment situation. Tyler Marr, Deputy City Manager, replied it is early in the process; however, the item is scheduled to go to the Council Finance Committee in May. He stated Council approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that explores the sale of the site for the development of an affordable housing project, and that the MOU does not hold Housing Catalyst responsible for the replacement of the public surface parking. However, the City is committed to exploring a parallel path, hopefully in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority, for replacement parking options.

Councilmember Potyondy requested follow-up information regarding parking structure utilization and employee parking. Deputy City Manager Marr stated the Downtown Parking Study is currently underway and will help inform the discussion.

Councilmember Potyondy stated she has requested information regarding pathways to unionization that have been explored by other municipalities. Additionally, she stated the timing of the Hughes Civic Assembly process, and the bike park feasibility study has made it difficult to separate them. Ginny Sawyer, Policy and Project Manager, stated the initial outreach done about the Hughes property in 2021-2022 resulted in a great deal of advocacy for a bike park, and the study resulted from the 'if not Hughes, then where' conversation.

Councilmember Gutowsky commented on the confusion around the bike park feasibility study and stated she opposed it given the relatively low priority ranking in the survey. She stated other higher-ranking items are more closely aligned with the initial intent of the Hughes ballot initiative. She thanked the community members for their discussion of the original priorities.

Mayor Arndt stated Fort Collins is not a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and she does not participate in any of those meetings. Additionally, she was invited to join the Global Parliament of Mayors, but she has not participated in any of those conferences either.

Councilmember Pignataro asked if tonight's item addresses the vacant lot trash opt-out fee issue. Josh Birks, Economic Health Director, replied part of what is being done with the most recent round of letters is to get an accurate understanding of the customers. He noted the letters are meant to be educational and stated vacant lots should not be charged the opt-out fee. He stated individuals in this situation should contact the City and the account will be removed.

Councilmember Pignataro noted two years of study went into the contracted hauler program and stated opt-out fees are the only way to meet the single-stream recycling goals and reduce the impact on roadways. She stated work will continue and adjustments will be made as needed based on best practices. Birks noted there are variance programs for individuals who generate extremely small amounts of trash.

Councilmember Pignataro asked if any hardship clauses are being considered. Birks replied a low-income offset fund was funded in the last budget cycle and details are being finalized.

I) COUNCILMEMBER REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

None.

J) CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular meeting.

The purpose of this item is to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular meeting.

Approved.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 041, 2025, Reappropriating Funds Previously Appropriated in 2024 But Not Expended and Not Encumbered in 2024.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, reappropriates monies in 2025 that were previously authorized by City Council for expenditures in 2024 for various purposes. The authorized expenditures were not spent or could not be encumbered in 2024 because:

- There was not sufficient time to complete bidding in 2024 and therefore, there was no known vendor or binding contract as required to expend or encumber the monies; or*
- The project for which the dollars were originally appropriated by Council could not be completed during 2024 and reappropriation of those dollars is necessary for completion of the project in 2025.*

Additionally, there may have been sufficient unspent dollars previously appropriated in 2024 to carry on programs, services, and facility improvements in 2025 for those specific purposes.

In the above circumstances, the unexpended and/or unencumbered monies lapsed into individual fund balances at the end of 2024 and reflect no change in Council policies.

Adopted on Second Reading.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 042, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers Related to 49 U.S.C. § 5339(b) Program Funding for Accessibility Enhancements to the Transit System.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, supports Transfort in enhancing accessibility throughout the Transfort system by:

- Appropriating \$2,411,550 in unanticipated grant revenue awarded to Transfort by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA);*
- Transferring \$222,450 from the Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Bus Stop Improvements to the Transit Service Fund where it will serve as local match for federal grant funding; and*
- Appropriating a development contribution to construction of \$193,000 from CSU's Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board (ATFAB) to serve as local match for federal grant funding.*

Transfort secured \$2,411,550 in competitive grant funding from the FTA to enhance accessibility and improve transit infrastructure, ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) throughout the Transfort system. These improvements align with the City's commitment to providing equitable, accessible, and inclusive transit services for all community members.

Adopted on Second Reading.

4. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 043, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Unanticipated Philanthropic Revenue Received Through City Give for Various Programs and Services as Designated by the Donors.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, requests an appropriation of \$26,632 in philanthropic revenue received by 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 Second Reading.

5. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 044, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Cost-sharing Fee Credits for Affordable Housing.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, continues funding for the pilot program providing Electrical Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Offset Fee Credits for qualifying affordable housing projects. Originally, Council appropriated \$238,000 in 2022 and the balance of the funds were reappropriated in the 2023 and 2024 Reappropriation Ordinances. This item requests a supplemental appropriation for the remaining balance of \$200,000 to continue the pilot program.

Adopted on Second Reading.

6. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 045, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriation and Authorizing Transfer of Appropriation Related to FASTER Transit Program Funding for the FLEX Regional Route Operating Costs.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, supports operating expenses for Transfort's commuter FLEX Regional Routes by:

1) Appropriating \$300,000 in unanticipated grant revenue awarded to Transfort by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) through its Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Act of 2009 (FASTER) Transit Grant Program; and

2) Transferring \$300,000 of previously appropriated Transfort operational funds to meet the local match requirement for the FY24 FASTER grant.

Adopted on Second Reading.

7. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 046, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Multimodal Transportation and Mitigations Options Fund Grant Revenue for the Foothills Transit Station Project.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, appropriates unanticipated grant revenue awarded to Transfort by the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO). Transfort secured \$317,669 in discretionary state grant funding to construct the Foothills Transit Station and Roundabout, including design, electrical, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition costs, and related expenses, at the intersection of Overland Trail

and West Elizabeth Street adjacent to Colorado State University's (CSU) Foothills Campus. The Foothills Transit Station will serve as the western terminus for multiple local and regional routes as well as the future West Elizabeth Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line.

Adopted on Second Reading.

8. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 047, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the Parking Fund for Hourly Expenses.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, appropriates prior year reserves from the Parking Fund to support 2025 hourly salaries.

Adopted on Second Reading.

9. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 048, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation for the Carpenter and Timberline Intersection Project.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, enables the City to receive and expend Federal funds for the Carpenter and Timberline Intersection project (Project). The funds will be used for design and construction of improvements at the intersection of Carpenter Road and Timberline Road. If adopted, the item will appropriate \$2,082,608 of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant funds to the Project. Resolution 2025-015 was adopted on March 18, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Project with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

The Project will not appropriate any money to the Art in Public Places Program as the Project is 100% grant funded at this time.

Adopted on Second Reading.

10. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 049, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers to be Used as Local Match for Carbon Reduction Program Funding for ADA Bus Stop Improvements Projects.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, supports Transfort in enhancing accessibility at bus stops in Transfort's service area.

The City was awarded \$538,447 in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) grant funds from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in support of Transfort performing bus stop improvements along Regionally Significant Corridors. The awarded funds and required local match of \$111,930 will support design, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, the construction of concrete pads, and the installation of amenities such as shelters, benches, bike racks, and trash cans.

Approval of this item would support the City in enhancing accessibility at Transfort bus stops by transferring \$100,000 from the Community Capital Improvement Program Fund (CCIP) to the Transit Services Fund for ADA Bus Stop Improvements Projects where it will serve as local match for previously appropriated CRP Grant Funds. Resolution 2025-016 was adopted on March 18, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with CDOT which will result in the receipt by Transfort of \$538,447 in CRP grant funds for fiscal year (FY) 2025.

Adopted on Second Reading.

11. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 050, 2025, Amending Section 9-4 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins for the Purpose of Clarifying Enforcement of Open Fire and Burning Restrictions.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, amends the enforcement and penalty provision under City Code Section 9-4 to clarify that it applies to all violations under Chapter 9, including violations of the Open Fire and Burning Restrictions.

Adopted on Second Reading.

12. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 052, 2025, Amending the Boundary of the Willard and Gladys Eddy House and Shared Barn, 509 Remington Street, Fort Collins, Colorado, a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, seeks an amendment, as requested by the property owners of 509 Remington Street, to the Landmark boundary listed in the designation ordinance of the property to more accurately reflect its legal description. The lot line modification was recorded with Larimer County in 2024. After review and consideration of the proposal at their February 19, 2025 hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) recommended through HPC Resolution 1, 2025, that Council approve the Ordinance amending the Landmark boundary.

Adopted on Second Reading.

13. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 053, 2025, Amending the Boundary and Landmark Name of the Fred W. Stover House and Garage, 515 Remington Street, Fort Collins, Colorado, a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins.**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, seeks an amendment, as requested by the property owners of 515 Remington Street, a City Landmark designated in 1997, to the Landmark boundary and title listed in the designation ordinance of their property to more accurately reflect its legal description. The lot line modification was recorded with Larimer County in 2024, and the barn that was shared between 515 and 509 Remington Street was relocated entirely within the 509 Remington Street parcel. After review and consideration of the proposal at their February 19, 2025, hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) recommended through HPC Resolution 1, 2025, that Council approve the Ordinance amending the boundary and the name of the Landmark.

Adopted on Second Reading.

14. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 054, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Funds Received from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Gray and Black-Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant Program for the Fort Collins Police Services Marijuana Enforcement Program.**

The purpose of this item is to support Fort Collins Police Services' Marijuana Enforcement Program in investigating gray and black-market marijuana cases by appropriating \$39,500 of unanticipated grant revenue from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Gray and Black-Market Marijuana Enforcement.

Adopted on First Reading.

15. First Reading of Ordinance No. 055, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves Received Through City Give for the Payment Assistance Fund as Designated by the Donors.

The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of \$443,600 in philanthropic revenue received through City Give. These gifts to the Utilities Payment Program account (the "Payment Assistance Fund") established in Section 26-722 of the Code, align 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.

16. First Reading of Ordinance No. 056, 2025, Appropriating Philanthropic Revenue Received Through City Give for the Pottery Studio, Recreation, Community Services as Designated by the Donor.

The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of \$550,924.99 in philanthropic revenue received through City Give. These estate gifts to the Pottery Studio align 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.

17. First Reading of Ordinance No. 057, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Funds from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the Fort Collins Police Services' Office of Human Services.

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$100,000 in unanticipated revenue awarded to the City from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) FY2024-2025 Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnerships Grant Program in support of Police Services Office of Human Services.

The funds will be used to hire a contractual Police Mental Health Counselor to support police employees and their family members with addressing behavioral health issues that arise. A range of services will be provided, including counseling for officers and family members for job-related trauma, and training and education programs on preventing and treating job-related trauma.

As presented per Attachment 3, there is no requirement that the City sign an agreement for the award. Rather upon the City submitting the first request for reimbursement, the City agrees to all terms and conditions of the award.

Adopted on First Reading.

18. First Reading of Ordinance No. 058, 2025, Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations from Broadband Operating Funds to Capital Project Accounts.

The purpose of this item is to transfer monies that were previously appropriated by City Council as 2025 Broadband operating fund expenses to Broadband capital projects. The previously authorized operating expenditures are not expected to be spent in 2025 because:

- Connexion video product sales have slowed and related appropriated costs will not be fully expended in 2025.

- Marketing budget, after review, has sufficient underspend expected in 2025.
- Other operating efficiencies exist resulting in additional expected underspend in 2025.

Staff recommends transfer of the total unencumbered and unspent budget appropriations to Broadband capital projects for the purpose of funding additional installations resulting from increased customer sign-ups.

Adopted on First Reading.

19. Items Relating to the Willow Street Improvements – Linden Street to Lincoln Avenue Project.

A. Resolution 2025-042 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding a Grant of Funds for the Second Phase of the Willow Street Improvements Project Between the City of Fort Collins and the Downtown Development Authority for the Willow Street Improvements – Linden Street to Lincoln Avenue Project.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 059, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations from Grant Revenue and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Willow Street Improvements – Linden Street to Lincoln Avenue 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 for the Willow Street Improvements – Linden Street to Lincoln Avenue project (Project). The funds will be used for design and right-of-way acquisition for improvements along Willow Street between Linden Street and Lincoln Avenue. If approved, the item will: 1) authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Project with the DDA; 2) transfer \$70,000 from existing funds for the Willow Street Improvements project west of Linden Street to the Project; 3) appropriate \$180,000 of DDA grant funds to the Project; 4) appropriate \$1,800 of Transportation Services Fund reserves to the Project; and 5) appropriate \$1,800 (1%) of the DDA grant funds to the Art in Public Places (APP) program.

Resolution Adopted and Ordinance Adopted on First Reading.

20. Items Relating to Code Updates for Water Utility Fees.

A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 060, 2025, Amending Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Regarding Fees When a Single Water Service for a Duplex is Split Between the Two Dwelling Units.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 061, 2025, Amending Chapter 26-148 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Revise the Water Supply Requirement for Residential Lots.

The purpose of these items is to ensure that new or expanded water service connections contribute to system capacity costs.

Both Ordinances Adopted on First Reading.

21. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 062, 2025, Amending Sections 12-29 and 12-30 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Update the Residential Waste Collection Program.**

The purpose of this item is to update the City Code to modify the Contracted Residential Waste Collection Program and include additional variance and exclusion options that were not originally anticipated.

Adopted on First Reading.

22. **Resolution 2025-043 Approving the Design, Creation and Installation of Public Art at Schoolside Park.**

The purpose of this item is to approve expenditures from the Art in Public Places (APP) Reserve Account to commission an artist to create art for the Schoolside Park Project. The expenditure of \$45,000 will be for design, engineering, materials, signage, fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingency for Gregory Fields to create the artworks for the Schoolside Park Project.

Adopted.

23. **Resolution 2025-044, Authorizing the Amendment of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Collins and the U.S. Department of Transportation for Implementation of a Smart Grid Electric Vehicle Charge Management Solution.**

*The purpose of this item is for Council to ratify the Mayor having signed an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to extend the expiration date of the IGA. Notwithstanding the City meeting all required milestones of the project also known as **Stage 1 SMART grid project**, the DOT and City agreed to extend the project to September 15, 2025, from an original end date of March 15, 2025. The basis of extending the term to September 15, 2025, is to support a smooth transition to the Stage 2 SMART grid project.*

The City received an award from DOT for \$11.7 million in support of the Stage 2 SMART grid project. The City and DOT are currently working on finalizing scope of work, budget and period of performance that will be incorporated into a proposed IGA between the City and DOT.

Adopted.

24. **Resolution 2025-045 Authorizing Respite Care Inc. to Retain Community Development Block Grant Funding to Apply Towards a New Public Facility.**

The purpose of this item is to obtain authorization from Council to allow Respite Care to sell their current building located at 6203 S. Lemay Ave, which was improved with \$72,700 in Community Development Block Grant funding, and to retain the funding provided by the City to re-invest in a new public facility. These funds were provided as a Due on Sale Loan, which triggers repayment upon the sale of the existing building. Approval by Council is required to allow Respite Care to transfer the funding to a new building.

Adopted.

25. Resolution 2025-046 Ratifying the Reappointment of Rick Rivera to the Poudre River Public Library District Board of Trustees.

The purpose of this item is to fill an existing vacancy on the Poudre River Public Library District Board of Trustees.

Adopted.

26. Resolution 2025-047 Making an Appointment to the Air Quality Advisory Board.

The purpose of this item is to fill a vacancy on the Air Quality Advisory Board.

Adopted.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to approve the recommended actions on items 1-26 on the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Potyondy commended staff on their work related to the roll out of the contracted hauler system and supported the exemption options. She encouraged looking further at subdivided single-family homes.

Councilmember Pignataro asked about the pilot program component of Item No. 5, *Second Reading of Ordinance No. 044, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Cost-sharing Fee Credits for Affordable Housing*. Deputy City Manager Marr stated Council will see the effects of the pilot program as part of the upcoming energy code amendments. He stated there is a chance the pilot program will continue, but perhaps at a different scale or in a different form depending on the codes Council adopts for multi-family EV requirements. City Manager DiMartino noted the item will be discussed at a fall work session.

The motion carried 7-0.

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

Mayor Arndt commended Respite Care for being a great member of the community and providing an extremely valuable service to residents, per Item No. 24, *Resolution 2025-045 Authorizing Respite Care Inc. to Retain Community Development Block Grant Funding to Apply Towards a New Public Facility*.

L) STAFF REPORTS

None.

M) COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Melanie Potyondy

- Kudos to CPIO Department for the April Fool's Day social media video.

Mayor Jeni Arndt

- Kudos to the president of the Associated Students of Colorado State University whose term ends today. She stated ASCSU has formed strong ties with the community and Council under his leadership.

Clerk's Note: Mayor Arndt called for a break at 7:23 p.m., noting the meeting would resume at 7:33 p.m.

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

None.

O) CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PLANNED FOR DISCUSSION

27. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 051, 2025, Amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins for the Purpose of Repealing the 2021 International Fire Code and Adopting the 2024 International Fire Code, with Amendments.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, repeals the 2021 International Fire Code and adopts the 2024 International Fire Code (IFC) with local amendments. The International Code Council (ICC) publishes Code updates every three years. The Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) Board of Directors has reviewed and approved this Code package and is requesting the Code be adopted as amended.

Since this Ordinance was adopted on First Reading, staff has identified concerns with delegating the City's authority to hear appeals of decisions of the Fire Code Official to PFA. Additionally, staff has researched and confirmed that City Code Section 9-3 is no longer in use and is a carryover from the City's early fire codes, and it should be deleted. As a result, staff is requesting that Council move to amend the Ordinance on Second Reading to maintain the Building Review Commission as the Fire Board of Appeals and to repeal Section 9-3 in the manner described below.

Regardless of whether Council chooses to amend this Ordinance as requested, additional Code changes will be necessary to clean up Fire Code references in other parts of the Code, which staff will bring forward at a later date.

City Manager DiMartino noted staff is recommending this item be postponed to May 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Rowan encouraged Council to take this opportunity to run the Fire Code through some Boards and Commissions to ensure there are no conflicts. He stated Poudre Fire Authority is more of a contractor to the City and should not be entrusted to create the Code that applies to all of PFA's service areas.

Rich Stave stated this item needed a summary of what is trying to be achieved. He stated affordability is impacted by code changes.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor Arndt encouraged staff to run this through relevant Boards and Commissions if there is time. She thanked staff for taking time to consider what is being suggested and thanked community members that have been involved in reviewing the changes. City Manager DiMartino stated she would check on the feasibility of going to Boards and Commissions based on the postponement date.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Gutowsky, to postpone consideration of the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 051, 2025, Amending Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins for the Purpose of Repealing the 2021 International Fire Code and Adopting the 2024 International Fire Code, with Amendments, to May 20, 2025.

The motion carried 7-0.

28. Items Relating to City Charter Amendments.

This item has been amended to include an updated presentation to Council.

A. Possible Public Hearing and Motion(s) Regarding Protest(s) of Ballot Language.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 063, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II, IX, and X of the City Charter to Correct Errors and Conform to Amendments Adopted in November 2024.

C. First Reading of Ordinance No. 064, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II, IV and XIII of the City Charter Related to Alignment with Amended or Further Developed Laws and Removing Inconsistencies.

D. First Reading of Ordinance No. 065, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins A Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II and IV of the City Charter to Modernize Certain Provisions.

E. First Reading of Ordinance No. 066, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Article IV of the City Charter Related to Conflicts of Interest.

F. First Reading of Ordinance No. 067, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending the City Charter to Modernize and Update It by Reformatting and Updating Language Usage for Ease of Reading and Clarity and Eliminating Inapplicable and Invalid Provisions.

G. First Reading of Ordinance No. 068, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Sections 1 and 18 of Article II of the City Charter Related to Vacancies and Application of Term Limits to Partial Terms.

The purpose of these items is to set ballot language regarding proposed amendments resulting from the Charter Update Project and submit them to the voters at the November 4, 2025, election.

The ordinances do not include amendment numbers. The Council will establish the order of the amendments to be presented on the ballot by motion during the April 15 Council meeting and the ordinance titles will be adjusted based on the order.

Any protest of the proposed ballot language must be received no later than Monday, March 31, 2025, at noon. Protest(s) shall be heard, considered, and resolved by the Council prior to adoption of the related Ordinance. If protests are received, copies will be included in Council's "Read Before the Meeting" packet.

City Attorney Daggett introduced the item and staff members who would be presenting. She noted the City Charter is the overall guiding document for the City and it was originally adopted in 1954 with several amendments having occurred since then. She suggested Council may want to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 068, 2025 to April 15 based on Council's discussion.

Jenny Lopez-Filkins, Senior Deputy City Attorney, noted this is the first time a comprehensive review and update of the City Charter has been done in 25 years; therefore, there are several proposed amendments. She outlined the feedback provided by Council at work sessions and provided a summary of proposed amendments related to the correction of errors and conformation to amendments adopted in November of 2024, aligning with amended or further developed laws and removing inconsistencies, modernizing certain provisions, relating to conflicts of interest, and reformatting and updating language usage for ease of reading and clarity and eliminating inapplicable and invalid provisions.

City Attorney Daggett discussed the current Charter provisions related to vacancies and application of term limits to partial terms and outlined some of the basic components staff has proposed for the amendments. She stated Council may want to identify a work session to have a dialogue around the vacancy provisions.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Rowan encouraged the City to provide a voter information guide for Charter amendment items that are placed on the ballot. Additionally, he stated no public hearing items should be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Adam Hirschhorn commented on the provision related to reading Code aloud and questioned why it was being removed.

Diana Murphy commented on utilizing write-in candidates per the vacancy discussion.

ORDINANCE NO. 063, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Stave expressed concern about too many items being grouped together. He stated due process is being violated regarding the requirement to file a notice with the Council before a court decision.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Pignataro requested staff input regarding Mr. Stave's comments. Lopez-Filkins replied there was a voter-approved change in November of 2024 and this change would bring the provision in line with that change. It would require a registered elector to file notice with the Clerk challenging the qualifications of any member of Council prior to seeking a court determination.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Canonico, to adopt Ordinance No. 063, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II, IX, and X of the City Charter to Correct Errors and Conform to Amendments Adopted in November 2024, on First Reading.

The motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 064, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Stave stated this item seems to allow for Council to determine whether the Colorado Open Meetings law can be circumvented. He stated the state legislature has already been removing transparency from certain actions.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ohlson noted the City could be more liberal than the State with its disclosure of City records and asked if this change would diminish what is currently made available. Lopez-Filkins replied in the negative and stated the City already complies with Colorado Open Records law and there are no implications related to the Open Meetings law with this ordinance. She stated this ordinance would also clarify Council campaign contributions, specify which employees are prohibited from making campaign contributions in a Council election, and allow Council to hold Executive Sessions for the purposes that are already identified and allowed in state law.

Councilmember Potyondy noted many of the changes being made are to align with State law such that every time State law changes, the Charter does not have to be sent back to voters for associated changes.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt Ordinance No. 064, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II, IV and XIII of the City Charter Related to Alignment with Amended or Further Developed Laws and Removing Inconsistencies, on First Reading.

The motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 065, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Stave discussed issues with transparency regarding emergency ordinances. He also stated transparency is lost when Executive Sessions occur.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ohlson stated this language does not prevent a Councilmember or Mayor from reading an entire ordinance allowed. Lopez-Filkins concurred.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Canonico, to adopt Ordinance No. 065, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins A Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Articles II and IV of the City Charter to Modernize Certain Provisions, on First Reading.

The motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 066, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Stave commented on real estate and eminent domain. He stated there seems to be a conflict of interest and questioned the use of the term 'fair market value.'

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ohlson asked how this item emerged as an amendment. City Attorney Daggett replied there have been a few instances over many years in which a Councilmember had an ownership interest in a property the City was interested in acquiring. She stated the proposed language retains conflict of interest requirements but removes the absolute barrier.

Councilmember Canonico asked how fair market value is determined. City Attorney Daggett replied appraisers are typically used, though the City does have real estate staff that can do value estimates on properties with a fair amount of professional knowledge. She noted 'fair market value' is a very regularly used term.

Councilmember Pignataro stated she suspects this item will not be voter-approved given the language. She stated she would like the organization to consider creating a synopsis of the discussion around the ballot items.

City Attorney Daggett noted staff has been discussing State law pertaining to a voter guide, and there may be some authority for the City to create one. Geoff Wilson, outside legal counsel, stated the Fair Campaign Practices Act allows the City to put out a local blue book utilizing public funds to create and distribute the document, which would be required to include arguments for and against, but which could also include the description of the facts that gave rise to the necessity of the amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Pignataro, to adopt Ordinance No. 066, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Article IV of the City Charter Related to Conflicts of Interest, on First Reading.

The motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 067, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Stave stated he believes this Ordinance would eliminate the maximum mill levy of 15 mills and stated the item is aimed in the wrong direction.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Potyondy noted the Women and Gender Equity Advisory Board sent a comprehensive list of how many incidents of gender specific language were found in the Charter and asked if those items are being updated as part of this ordinance. Lopez-Filkins replied no changes were incorporated related to manpower or mankind.

Councilmember Potyondy requested those items be considered for Second Reading.

Councilmembers and staff discussed proposed changes to the use of words 'shall' and 'may.'

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Gutowsky, to adopt Ordinance No. 067, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending the City Charter to Modernize and Update It by Reformatting and Updating Language Usage for Ease of Reading and Clarity and Eliminating Inapplicable and Invalid Provisions, on First Reading.

The motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 068, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Stave stated this item needs to be formatted in a way that makes it more easily understandable.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Potyondy stated she would like to see an additional discussion around this item.

Councilmember Pignataro concurred and stated this type of discussion would better occur at a work session.

Mayor Arndt noted the State is currently revising its vacancy provisions and stated she would also like the work session to include a more in-depth discussion of the voter information guide.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if there is ample time to put this item on a work session agenda given the timing of ballot items. City Attorney Daggett replied items need to be ready to be placed on the ballot by the end of summer, though it may be beneficial to get the language finalized earlier.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Pignataro, to postpone indefinitely First Reading of Ordinance No. 068, 2025, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Charter Amendment Amending Sections 1 and 18 of Article II of the City Charter Related to Vacancies and Application of Term Limits to Partial Terms.

The motion carried 7-0.

29. Items Relating to the 2025 Coordinated Election.

A. Resolution 2025-048 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Larimer County and Directing Certification of Ballot Content for the 2025 Coordinated Election.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 069, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund to Cover the Anticipated Costs of the 2025 Regular Municipal Election and to Fund Additional Campaign Oversight.

The purpose of these items is to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Larimer County for the conduct of the 2025 November coordinated election, and to direct the City Clerk to certify ballot content to the County no later than September 5, 2025. Both of these actions are required by State statute for the City to coordinate its regular municipal election with the County. Additionally, this Ordinance will authorize an additional appropriation to cover the anticipated costs of the election based on an estimate provided by Larimer County and will approve funding for campaign oversight based on a recommendation from the City's Election Code Committee.

Delynn Coldiron, City Clerk, discussed the voter approved change to coordinate local elections with the County and to approve ranked voting for Council races. She noted there is a requirement to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the County for each coordinated election, and this IGA is occurring earlier than normal due to the new ranked choice voting which is used for any race wherein there are three or more candidates. She also noted the cost of the election for Fort Collins is based on the number of registered voters in Fort Collins and the number of entities participating in the election and noted that Fort Collins will bear 100% of the costs associated with ranked choice voting as there are no other entities that are participating in this.

City Clerk Coldiron provided cost estimates for the election based on the number of participating entities and noted the entire estimated amount must be appropriated prior to entering into an IGA. She outlined the previously appropriated fund balance and discussed the ranked choice voting education and outreach expenses.

Cecelia Good, Senior Deputy City Clerk, commented on the Election Code Committee's discussion of campaign oversight, noting there is no proactive review of campaigns at this point. She stated two options were evaluated, one being an impartial outside service provider and one being an independent hearing board, though it was determined the single outside service provider would be the best initial step. Good outlined the duties of the potential outside service provider and discussed the associated costs of working with an outside contractor. She noted any unused funds for either of the proposed asks would be returned to the funding source.

PUBLIC COMMENT – RESOLUTION

Rich Stave commended the transparency of this item but questioned various components of the active eligible voters list requirement, including the number of individuals who are 18.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION

Councilmember Pignataro noted individuals can pre-register to vote prior to turning 18.

City Clerk Coldiron noted the language in the agreement with the County, including the eligible voters list, is boiler plate language and the County is responsible for the eligible registered voters list.

Mayor Arndt noted the rationale for supporting the IGA with the County stems from the Council opting to coordinate the election with the County.

Councilmember Potyondy stated she would support the appropriation, particularly given the funding for voter education. She asked if there are any implications of House Bill 21-1071 related to ranked choice voting in non-partisan elections and potential defraying of some of the costs by the State. City Clerk Coldiron replied that might apply and noted staff is looking into all options for potential State grant funding. She noted some of the cost reduction received by Boulder was in the form of licensing from the vendor that was doing the work. Additionally, she noted Fort Collins will not be charged the same high licensing costs Boulder was initially.

Councilmember Canonico asked about the typical spending on voter education in the past and asked if the education outreach efforts will continue moving forward as it will likely take several elections before voters are comfortable with ranked choice. City Clerk Coldiron stated efforts in the past were primarily focused on social media and newspaper advertising. She noted people have been requesting a blue book specific to Fort Collins for several years and stated she believes that can occur this year, at least in an electronic format. Additionally, staff will be attending events with practice ballots and the CPIO office has prepared an educational video.

Mayor Arndt also suggested hosting events prior to Council meetings.

Councilmember Canonico asked if a postcard with a QR code for the blue book could be sent out. City Clerk Coldiron replied there will be flyers and postcards with QR codes directing individuals to the elections page, which will have a link to a blue book.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Pignataro, to adopt Resolution 2025-048 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Larimer County and Directing Certification of Ballot Content for the 2025 Coordinated Election.

The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ORDINANCE

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE

Councilmember Pignataro noted there has been a group of dedicated individuals looking through finance reports over the past few election cycles and noted any individual in the community can still register a complaint, though the hope is that the outside consultant can help to take some of the burden off the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis thanked the Election Code Committee for its work.

Councilmember Canonico concurred and thanked staff for their work as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt Ordinance No. 069, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund to Cover the Anticipated Costs of the 2025 Regular Municipal Election and to Fund Additional Campaign Oversight, on First Reading.

The motion carried 7-0.

P) RESUMED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Q) OTHER BUSINESS

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

Councilmember Pignataro thanked the One Water Executive Director for work on a memo received by Council in March. She noted there have been conversations with rafting companies and other recreators about work being done at the Gateway dam to allow fish passage and the possibility of creating boat passage as well. She stated there may be additional opportunities for grant funding with the new Poudre River Improvement Fund. She suggested staff work with American White Water, the Mighty Arrow Foundation, and others to look at creating boat passage at the Gateway dam.

City Manager DiMartino stated this has been an evolving issue and new changes have opened additional financial viability.

Councilmember Pignataro asked how Council could receive updates. Deputy City Manager Marr replied there will be coordination with the groups that would likely be funding partners on the boat passage as well as with Northern Water, and staff will keep Council apprised of next steps.

R) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk