

# MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



## Excerpt from DRAFT UNAPPROVED Minutes WATER COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING

February 15, 2024, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hybrid in person at 222 LaPorte Ave and online via Zoom

*The Water Commission advises City Council regarding water, wastewater, and stormwater policy issues such as water rights, planning, acquisition and management, conservation and public education, floodplain regulations, storm drainage, and development criteria. Read more at <https://www.fcgov.com/cityclerk/boards/water>.*

### ROLL CALL

- *Commissioners Present In Person:* Paul Herman (Vice Chairperson), Kent Bruxvoort, Tyler Eldridge, Rick Kahn, Jason Tarry
- *Commissioners Present via Zoom:* John Primsky, Greg Steed
- *Commissioners Absent - Excused:* Jordan Radin (Chairperson), James Bishop
- *Staff Members Present In Person:* Jeremy Woolf, John Song, Michael Neale, Ralph Campano, Ken Sampley, Jason Graham, Andrew Gingerich, Ingrid Decker
- *Staff Members Present via Zoom:* Jen Dial, Donnie Dustin, Jill Oropeza, Tracy Oschner
- *Members of the Public:* Robert Graves, James \_\_, Rich \_\_

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### b. Regular Items

##### i. Raw Water Rental Rates and Delivery Charges

*Michael Neale, Water Resources Engineer*

Staff sought Water Commission's recommendation for approval ahead of their presentation to Council in March, as the rates require Council approval every 3 years. There will be a memo detailing the history and process.

#### Discussion Highlights

A Commissioner inquired about the percentage of water rented compared to the total water owned by the City, to which Mr. Neale responded that it was less than ten percent. Commissioners discussed topics such as the end use of rented water, about the dollar amounts the City incurs from rental agreements, the difference between rental and delivery charges, the amount of excess and the City's ability to rent, as well as expressing concerns regarding river health and wondered about any plans for mechanisms in the agreements to keep water in the river while still renting. A Commissioner commented that raised rates may affect overall demands, to which Water Resources Engineer Donnie Dustin responded that rental requests have always

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exceeded the ability to meet the demands.

**Commissioner Bruxvoort moved** that the Water Commission recommend City Council adopt the proposed formulas for calculating rental rates and delivery charges for Fort Collins Utilities raw water supplies, as well as the proposed rental rate and delivery charge for fully consumable water for 2024 through March 2027.

**Commissioner Tarry seconded the motion.**

Vote on the Motion: it passed unanimously, 7-0

*This excerpt is from draft minutes that will be approved by the Water Commission on March 21, 2024.*