

RESOLUTION 2026-027
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ADOPTING THE CITY COUNCIL'S 2026-2027 PRIORITIES

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

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

C. On January 24 and January 31, 2026, the Council conducted a retreat for the purpose of identifying issues of concern and focus for each Councilmember as a basis for identifying themes and discussing priorities to be considered for Council adoption.

D. At the retreat, working with a facilitating consultant, Councilmembers identified potential priorities, about which staff then developed scoping-level information related to level of effort, timeline, trade-offs and considerations, and potential success metrics. Councilmembers considered this information and provided preferences for narrowing the list of priorities.

E. At its February 10, 2026, work session, staff presented an outline of five Council priorities and three additional work plan items and related information. Based on Councilmember input at the work session, staff has refined the titles and descriptions and finalized the Council Priorities for consideration.

F. The 2026-2027 Council Priorities, as listed and described below, reflect these discussions and additional refinement.

G. It is Council's desire that the 2026-2027 Council Priorities described below, guide the work of the Council and the City organization during the upcoming two-year term.

H. In addition, it is Council's intent that City staff will continue to evaluate and move forward the work plan items listed and described below to the extent permitted by such resources as are, or become, available.

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

Section 1. The City Council adopts the following 2026-2027 Council Priorities:

- **Promote Affordability and Sustainable Growth by Making Development Predictable, Efficient, and Cost-Effective:**

City Plan sets forth a bold vision of livable and sustainable growth for Fort Collins. This priority will remove, replace or fix the systems and regulatory layers creating the biggest challenges to build. We will evaluate programs, incentives, and costs and fees through a lens of a simplified customer experience, to provide growth and development that supports community resilience, creates jobs, provides housing choices, and contributes to cleaner air.

- **Bolster a Thriving Economy, with a Focus on Small Businesses, Neighborhood Centers, and Quality Job Creation:**

A thriving economy is a key factor in the City's ability to provide municipal services. The City aims to create an environment where small businesses and residents thrive, and where companies can grow, creating quality jobs in high opportunity industries. We support vibrant commercial hubs and neighborhood centers, energized by the creative and nighttime economy, that will position Fort Collins as a regional destination of choice to live, work and play.

- **Accelerate Progress Toward Vision Zero:**

The City's Vision Zero Plan aims to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2032. This data-driven approach focuses on safer street designs, lower speeds and community education, emphasizing efforts that benefit the most vulnerable road users (cyclists, pedestrians and motorcyclists), such as updating speed limits and accelerating improvements near schools and on arterial roads.

- **Connect Community to Council Actions:**

By leveraging a variety of communication strategies and channels, we create more proactive and accessible avenues for everyone in the community to stay informed, provide input, and feel connected to their local government. This includes communication before, during and after Council policy development, allowing the community to have a clear and consistent understanding of Council discussions, decisions, and the data-driven policies that shape them.

- **Ensure the City Organization's Long-Term Financial Sustainability:**

Rising costs, aging infrastructure, and economic uncertainty make long-term planning essential to the City's ability to ensure it can provide the services the community relies on, both now and in the future. This priority includes modernizing financial processes and systems, allowing the City to use public funds wisely and to make informed, transparent financial decisions to realign service levels with long-term financial capacity.

Section 2. The City Council further identifies as key work plan items the following:

- **AI (Artificial Intelligence)-Ready Leadership:**
Designated leaders and staff trained to identify, develop, and operationalize AI solutions for community-facing services, eliminating barriers, reducing manual work, and accelerating service delivery and ethical, transparent AI governance.
- **Update Marijuana Laws:**
Develop options for Council consideration to modernize marijuana regulations, such as location requirements for marijuana businesses, and to create opportunities for new businesses by adding new license types.
- **Creative/Nighttime Economy:**
The Creative and Nighttime Sectors of the economy contribute to the broader economic health of the community as well as furthering other key goals including community vibrancy, inclusivity, wellbeing and connection. Strategically leveraging City services, partnerships and projects towards improving the health of these sectors will result in improved outcomes in these areas.

Section 3. The City Council hereby directs the City Manager to regularly present to Council workplan updates and proposed approaches for accomplishing or advancing these Priorities and Work Plan items, as appropriate.

Passed and adopted on March 3, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: March 3, 2026
Approving Attorney: Carrie M. Daggett

Exhibit: None