

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Resolution 2026-029 Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee known as the Council Committee on Affordable and Sustainable Growth.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appoint Councilmembers to an Ad Hoc Council Committee to support work regarding the Council priority of “Promote affordability and sustainable growth by making development predictable, efficient, and cost effective.”

The Proposed Ad Hoc Committee name is “Committee on Affordable and Sustainable Growth.”

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On February 3, 2026, Council expressed support for an Ad Hoc committee to support their priority of “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.

Key Problems:

- Multiple, complex and sometimes conflicting regulations
- Inconsistent procedures and experiences through the different processes
- Misaligned fee structures and programs

Metrics:

- Reduced length of time in process
- Increased by right approvals
- Cost efficiency and reductions in fees
- Increased access to programs

Ad Hoc Council Committee Scope and Approximate Timeline

Based on feedback from Councilmembers at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting and subsequent direction, the goal of the Committee is to work with staff to develop recommendations for Council for actions to advance the Affordable and Sustainable Growth Priority.

Subject to the Committee's work plan, staff proposed the Committee approach its work through four phases of grounding, exploring, strategy identification, and action:

- Grounding
 - Discuss and finalize Committee approach
 - Develop guiding principles for meetings and clarity for what success looks like, e.g., alignment with City Plan, community goals, and a simplified customer experience
 - Initial overview of content most critical for Committee
- Exploring
 - Local, national, and international cities who are leading in these processes
 - Code Updates: Land Use Code, Historic Preservation, Street Design and relevant utility requirements
 - Fees: Learn about and evaluate fee schedules for different project types
 - Programs: Evaluate current programs offering support for development and their impact on outcomes
 - Perspectives from the community, including experts representing different types of development
- Strategy Identification
 - Assist in prioritizing strategies and key actions for review by full Council
 - Identification of proposed data and indicators to assess potential impact of strategies
- Action
 - Summary of recommendations throughout the process to review and discuss with full Council
- Timeline
 - Committee planned to begin work in March 2026 through 2027

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Staffing will need to be designated to support this Committee. This will also require resourcing from the City Clerk's Office and City Attorney's Office to implement Committee aligned with laws and policies.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation
2. Resolution 2026-029