

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT

Resolution 2024-100 Authorizing a Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Poudre River Public Library District, the City of Fort Collins, and Larimer County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Poudre River Public Library District, the City and Larimer County to change the selection process when there are vacancies on the District board. This amendment would allow the District Trustees to interview applicants and recommend appointments for ratification by Council and the County Board of Commissioners.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Fort Collins Regional Library District was approved by the voters in November of 2006 and funded with three mills of property tax. The District, County and City entered into an interim IGA in July 2007 in which the City continued to operate the libraries on behalf of the District at the District expense until January 1, 2008. On December 4, 2007, Council adopted Ordinance No. 139, 2007 approving a final IGA regarding the City's and County's roles in the management and operation of the Library District. The IGA was signed, and operation of the Fort Collins public libraries was turned over to the District on December 31, 2007.

An amendment to the IGA (the "First Amendment") was approved in June 2012, to expand the list of services provided by the City to the District and simplify the process for changing the list of services in the future, and making other clarifying changes.

The state library statutes say that the legislative bodies of the local governments that form a library district (in this case the City and County) shall appoint two members each to a committee that appoints the **initial** trustees. After that, they can either continue to appoint trustees that way, or they can delegate to the board of trustees of the district the authority to recommend new trustees. Either way, the appointments still must be ratified by the legislative bodies of the governments.

The 2007 IGA stated that the City and County would continue to select new trustees and that process has been followed since 2008. The Library District and the County have expressed interest in changing the way that trustees are appointed because the current process is time-consuming and administratively

burdensome for both the City and County since there are often more than 30 candidates that apply for the position and trying to coordinate schedules is very difficult.

Again, under the state library law, the City and County ultimately are the final decision makers on the appointments. The amendment only makes changes to the selection process which would be run by the District, and the City and County would ratify the appointments, rather than having a committee of City Councilmembers and County Commissioners review applications, interview candidates and recommend the trustees.

The Library District Board will consider the proposed second amendment at their meeting on August 12 and the County Board of Commissioners will consider the amendment during their August 20 meeting.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Resolution