

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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## STAFF

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## SUBJECT

**Resolution 2023-101 Appointing Two Councilmembers to a Joint Committee with Loveland Regarding Airport Governance for the Northern Colorado Regional Airport and Authorizing Release of a Related Confidential Legal Memorandum.**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to designate two Councilmembers to represent Fort Collins as part of a joint committee with the Loveland City Council to discuss, evaluate and make recommendations regarding alternative models of governance at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

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## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Throughout the second half of 2023, staff have been working with legal counsel and Councilmembers to identify the full array of options for possible changes to governance at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport (“the Airport”). On October 5, 2023, Council received a confidential and privileged report from Dan Reimer, Special Counsel, identifying and summarizing the most likely alternatives for go-forward governance. Based on that report, staff has recommended that Loveland and Fort Collins establish a committee with Councilmembers from each City to engage in further discussion of Airport governance, to: 1) to refine alternatives; 2) to establish perspectives of each respective city with their elected counterparts; and 3) to develop an understanding of the opposite city and the potential for a mutually agreed direction.

The Committee would then provide follow-up information to their respective Council in writing and/or executive session so that councilmembers can provide input to the governance analysis and negotiating strategy. Based on the status of each respective consensus of councilmembers, it will be determined whether the two cities are ready to begin drafting legal documents for a modified governance model or if additional inter-city dialogue is necessary.

In addition, subject to parallel approval by the Loveland City Council, the Resolution waives the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality of the Reimer legal memo and authorizes its release.

**CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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None.

**BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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None.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Resolution for Consideration