

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Davina Lau, Public Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT

Resolution 2026-088 Making Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to fill vacancies that will exist on the Downtown Development Authority Board as of June 30, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The terms of Cheryl Zimlich, Randy Shortridge, and Sam Coutts will expire June 30, 2026, creating three vacancies. This Resolution reappointments Cheryl Zimlich, Randy Shortridge, and Sam Coutts to fill the three vacancies on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board.

City Code Section 2-462 provides that the DDA Board shall consist of eleven members, nine of whom are either residents, landowners or tenants within the boundaries of the Authority, one of whom shall be a Councilmember, and one of whom shall be a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County, provided Larimer County continues to meet the qualifications for membership on the Board of the Authority as either a landowner or tenant within the boundaries of the Authority, and formally designates one Commissioner to serve to serve in such a capacity. The Downtown Development Authority statute, Colorado Revised Statutes Section 31-25-806, requires that members of the Board, other than members of the governing body (Council) reside, be a business lessee, or own real property in the DDA area.

On May 11, 2026, Councilmember Chris Conway and Councilmember Josh Fudge interviewed applicants for the Downtown Development Authority.

These terms will begin July 1, 2026. The names of the individuals recommended to fill these vacancies are listed below.

Downtown Development Authority

| Appointments | Term Effective Date | Expiration of Term |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cheryl Zimlich (Seat A) | July 1, 2026 | June 30, 2030 |

| Appointments | Term Effective Date | Expiration of Term |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Randy Shortridge (Seat B) | July 1, 2026 | June 30, 2030 |
| Sam Coutts (Seat C) | July 1, 2026 | June 30, 2030 |

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach to seek applicants for boards and commissions included a spotlight and press release on the City of Fort Collins website, media releases for earned coverage in local media sources, and social media promotion of opportunities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Applications
2. Resolution 2026-088