

**July 15, 2025**

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO**

**Council-Manager Form of Government**

**Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM**

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**5:00 PM**

**A) PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

PP 1. Declaring the Year of 2025 as the Year of Philanthropy.

Mayor Jeni Arndt presented the above proclamation at 5:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 PM**

**B) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeni Arndt called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 300 Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado, with hybrid participation available via the City's Zoom platform.

**C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jeni Arndt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**D) ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Mayor Jeni Arndt  
Mayor Pro Tem Emily Francis  
Councilmember Susan Gutowsky  
Councilmember Julie Pignataro  
Councilmember Tricia Canonico  
Councilmember Melanie Potyondy  
Councilmember Kelly Ohlson

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Kelly DiMartino  
City Attorney Carrie Daggett  
Senior Deputy City Clerk Cecilia Good

## **E) CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA REVIEW**

City Manager Kelly DiMartino provided an overview of the agenda, including:

- A motion to call a special meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> has been added to the Other Business section of the agenda.
- Items 1-19 on the Consent Calendar are recommended for adoption.
- Staff Report on Urban Wildfire Readiness.
- Consideration of a motion to go into Executive Session.

## **F) COMMUNITY REPORTS – None.**

## **G) PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPICS OR ITEMS OR COMMUNITY EVENTS** *(Including requests for removal of items from Consent Calendar for individual discussion.)*

Debra James discussed the negative impact fireworks have on her City Park neighborhood stating they create a haze of toxic chemicals, scare animals, and cause a stress response for veterans. She recommended the City consider moving the show to a less populated area or consider laser or drone shows in the future.

Linda Hall requested Council adopt the proposed citizen-initiated Ordinance without amendment. She also discussed the Civic Assembly.

Adam Hirschhorn mentioned he is running for Mayor and discussed ecology and the natural environment. He expressed support for allowing native peoples to determine the use of the Hughes Stadium site.

Rich Stave discussed seeing an increase in vagrancy along the Mason Trail. He also discussed seeing several motorcycle type vehicles on the Trail and commented on growth in Fort Collins.

Eunice encouraged Council to pass an Ordinance requiring visible identification for law enforcement, including federal agents. She stated there is a concern about potential abuse from individuals impersonating federal agents.

Public comment concluded at 6:21 p.m.

## **H) PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP**

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked about the possibility of requiring law enforcement identification. City Manager DiMartino noted Fort Collins does have a policy for Police Services; however, it cannot be enforced for other agencies. Frank Barrett, Assistant Police Chief, replied the Police Services policy requires any officer acting in an official capacity identify themselves visibly and carry an identification card. Calls can also be made to dispatch to verify the status of an officer. In terms of undercover work, officers must still identify themselves.

Councilmember Potyondy reminded community members that Access Fort Collins provides quick responses to community concerns.

## **I) COUNCILMEMBER REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Ohlson withdrew Item No. 10, *First Reading of Ordinance No. 118, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for Transit Replacement, Enhancement and Maintenance of Assets*, from the Consent Calendar.

## J) CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Adjourned Meeting and July 1, 2025 Regular meeting.**

*The purpose of this item is to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Adjourned Meeting and July 1, 2025 Regular meeting.*

**Approved.**

2. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 110, 2025, Appropriating Unanticipated Philanthropic Revenue Received Through City Give for Various Programs and Services.**

*This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 1, 2025, requests an appropriation of \$134,447 in philanthropic revenue received through City Give. These miscellaneous gifts to various City departments support a variety of programs and services and are aligned with both the City's strategic priorities and the respective donors' designation.*

*In 2019, City Give, a formalized enterprise-wide initiative was launched to create a transparent, non-partisan governance structure for the acceptance and appropriations of charitable gifts.*

**Adopted on Second Reading.**

3. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 111, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves to Support the Gardens on Spring Creek Master Plan, Strategic Plan, and Interpretive Plan.**

*This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 1, 2025, considers an appropriation of \$150,000 from Gardens on Spring Creek reserves to engage consultant(s) who will facilitate development of a Master Plan, Strategic Plan, and Interpretive Plan.*

**Adopted on Second Reading.**

4. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 112, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Safe Routes to School Zach Elementary School Project.**

*This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 1, 2025, provides a supplemental appropriation to the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Zach Elementary School Project (Project). Poudre School District (PSD) contributed \$25,000 to the Project and this contribution was incorrectly appropriated in Ordinance No. 144, 2023. If approved, this item will correct this error and correctly appropriate the \$25,000 PSD contribution to the Project. No new funding will be appropriated to the Project. As no new funding is being appropriated, there is no proposed additional contribution to the Art in Public Places (APP) program.*

**Adopted on Second Reading.**

5. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 113, 2025, Approving a Collateral Assignment of a Lease at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport.**

*This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 1, 2025, requests Council approval of a Collateral Assignment of Lease ("Assignment") involving CO Fire Aviation Leasing, Inc., the cities of Loveland and Fort Collins (the "Cities"), and FMS Bank. The Assignment allows CO Fire Aviation Leasing, Inc. (the "Sublessee") to assign its leasehold interest as security for a \$920,000 loan from FMS Bank (the "Lender").*

*The underlying ground lease permits such assignments with the consent of the Cities. The Assignment, attached to proposed Ordinance No. 113, 2025, will serve as the Cities' acknowledgement of the assignment and provide the Lender rights to receive notice of any Sublessee default, to cure such defaults, and request a new lease of the Sublease is terminated.*

***Adopted on Second Reading.***

6. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 114, 2025, Authorizing the Conveyance of a Permanent Access Easement to Josh and Dusti Sanger Across City Property on Trilby Road.**

*This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 1, 2025, authorizes conveyance of a permanent access easement to Josh and Dusti Sanger on approximately 0.5 acres of Coyote Ridge Natural Area. The Sangers own a 5-acre residential inholding (2887 W. Trilby Road) within the natural area. Domestic water infrastructure (a cistern and electric pump) that exists on the adjacent natural area pre-dates the City's ownership and provides water to the Sangers' residence. The access easement is intended to formally document the Sangers' access to the existing cistern and electric pump on the Natural Area and require the Sangers to use the easement in accordance with City parameters.*

***Adopted on Second Reading.***

7. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 115, 2025, Vacating the City's Property Rights in a Railroad Easement at 3842 Redman Drive, Fort Collins.**

*This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 1, 2025, reviews and potentially recommends the vacation of the City's rights in an unused and unusable railroad easement on the Super Vacuum Manufacturing Inc./Bonfire, LLC (Super Vac) property at 3842 Redman Drive.*

***Adopted on Second Reading.***

8. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 116, 2025, Extending the Terms of a Non-Exclusive Franchise by the City of Fort Collins to Comcast of California/Colorado LLC and its Successors and Assigns for the Right to Make Reasonable Use of, and Erect, Construct, Operate and Maintain Through, the Public Rights-of-Way, Easements and other Public Property any Equipment Necessary and Appurtenant to the Operation and Maintenance of a Cable System and the Provision of Cable Services to City Residents.**

*This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on July 1, 2025, requests an extension to the terms of the current cable franchise agreement which expires on July 31, 2025. Staff is in current negotiations with Comcast representatives and in the best interests of both parties, recommend this extension so that negotiations can continue. The extension will run through October 31, 2025.*

***Adopted on Second Reading.***

9. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 117, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for Restorative Justice Services and Approving the Intergovernmental Grant Agreement with the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice.**

*The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$35,637 of unanticipated revenue from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Juvenile Diversion fund awarded for the period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, to support the Restorative Justice programs in the Neighborhood Services Department in Sustainability Services. Restorative Justice Programs are part of the City's Conflict Transformation Works team, which also provide mediation services. The program will provide*

*restorative justice services as an accountability option for 35 youth referred from the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office.*

***Adopted on First Reading.***

10. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 118, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for Transit Replacement, Enhancement and Maintenance of Assets.**

*The purpose of this item is to appropriate unanticipated grant funds.*

***Removed From Consent.***

11. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 119, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for Transit Operations and Services and Bus Replacement.**

*The purpose of this item is to appropriate unanticipated grant funds and transfer previously appropriated grant funds per updated Federal Transit Authority Grant Award Amounts.*

***Adopted on First Reading.***

12. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 120, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for Transfort Maintenance Facility Upgrades and Related Art in Public Places.**

*The purpose of this item is to appropriate unanticipated grant funds.*

***Adopted on First Reading.***

13. **Items Relating to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grants.**

*A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 121, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Funds from the Colorado Office of Justice Programs 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Grant Award for Fort Collins Police Services.*

*B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 122, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Funds from the Colorado Office of Justice Programs 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Grant Award for Fort Collins Police Services.*

*The purpose of these items is to support Fort Collins Police Services in work performed as a member of the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force, which is managed by the Larimer County Sheriff's Department, with both Fort Collins Police Services and Loveland Police being members. These member agencies support a broad range of activities to prevent and control drug-related crimes.*

*Larimer County was awarded two grants, for 2023 and 2024 respectively, through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program in support of operating the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force.*

*The award for 2023 is \$60,434 in total, and Fort Collins Police Services, as a subrecipient of the grant, receives \$18,058 of this 2023 award to support personnel costs and other operating costs directly attributed to the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force. The award for 2024 is \$50,489 in total, and Fort Collins Police Services, again as a subrecipient, receives \$15,025 of this 2024 JAG*

grant award also to support personnel costs and other operating costs directly attributable to the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force.

***Both Ordinances Adopted on First Reading.***

14. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 123, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of Grant Funds from the Colorado Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office for Police Services High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement FY26 Grant Award.**

*The purpose of this item is to support Fort Collins Police Services in work performed enforcing Colorado's impaired driving laws for specific enforcement periods outlined by the Colorado Department of Transportation. Enforcement periods typically occur over holidays or periods of increased tourism and travel in the state.*

*Fort Collins Police Services was awarded \$25,474 through the High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement (HVE) grant to support personnel costs and other operating costs directly attributed to HVE grant activities. Police Services will provide enhanced impaired driving enforcement during specific time periods and engage in community education and outreach.*

***Adopted on First Reading.***

15. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 124, 2025, Adopting the 2025 Natural Areas Strategic Framework as an Element of City Plan and as an Update to the 2014 Natural Areas Master Plan.**

*The purpose of this item is to adopt the 2025 Natural Areas Strategic Framework, attached as Exhibit A to the Ordinance, which updates the City's 2014 Natural Areas Master Plan and serves as a systemwide guide for the planning and management of the Natural Areas Department (NAD) over the coming decade. Rooted in ballot language, extensive community engagement, and broader City policies, the Framework articulates an updated vision, set of values, and strategic goals for the Department. It provides the foundation for action-oriented planning that will be implemented through zone-level management planning. Adoption of the Framework constitutes an amendment to City Plan under its provisions for incorporating new elements into the City's comprehensive plan.*

***Adopted on First Reading.***

16. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 125, 2025, Authorizing the Conveyance of an Emergency Access Easement on a Portion of the Larimer County Landfill to Poudre Fire Authority.**

*The purpose of this item is to authorize the conveyance of one Emergency Access Easement (the "Easement") on a portion of co-owned City property presently known as Larimer County Landfill to Poudre Fire Authority.*

***Adopted on First Reading.***

**17. Resolution 2025-070 Approving Fort Fund Special Event Grant Disbursements.**

*The purpose of this item is to approve Fort Fund grants from the Cultural Development and Programming Account and the Tourism Programming Account for the selected community events in the Special Event Grant – June Deadline category, based upon the recommendations of the Cultural Resources Board.*

**Adopted.**

**18. Resolution 2025–071 Adopting the 2025 – 2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan Required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.**

*The purpose of this item is to consider adoption of the five-year planning documents required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the City to remain eligible for federal grants, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program.*

**Adopted.**

**19. Resolution 2025-072 Finding Substantial Compliance and Initiating Annexation Proceedings for the Moor Annexation.**

*The purpose of this item is to determine substantial compliance and initiate annexation proceedings for the Moor Annexation, a voluntary annexation located northeast of the intersection of North Taft Hill Road and Laporte Avenue. The Applicant has submitted a written petition requesting annexation of 3.368 acres and zoning into the Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood District (LMN) zone district, which is consistent with the City of Fort Collins Structure Plan Map.*

*This annexation request is in conformance with the State of Colorado Revised Statutes as they relate to annexations, the City of Fort Collins City Plan, and the Larimer County and City of Fort Collins Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Growth Management.*

**Adopted.**

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Pignataro, to approve the recommended actions on items 1-19, minus 10, on the Consent Calendar.**

**The motion carried 7-0.**

**K) CONSENT CALENDAR FOLLOW-UP** *(This is an opportunity for Councilmembers to comment on items adopted or approved on the Consent Calendar.)*

Councilmember Pignataro if the 2050 tax dollars were anticipated to be used for items such as those in Item Nos. 10-12 and requested a synopsis of how the funds are interconnected among the three items.

**L) STAFF REPORTS – Urban Wildfire Readiness**

Dennis Day, Emergency Preparedness Program Manager, stated Fort Collins is actively reducing wildfire risk in the wildland/urban interface through collaborative planning by engaging City departments, regional partners, and applying science-driven strategies. He noted that every five years, the City participates in a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, which in 2021 ranked Fort Collins as a medium wildfire hazard due to a blend of risk factors that warrant attention but do not

reach the threshold for a high priority. He noted Fort Collins' proactive mitigation efforts, interagency planning, and Poudre Fire Authority's Wildfire Protection Plan all help to reduce the potential severity of wildfires.

Derek Bergsten, Fire Chief, showed a map of the typical wildland/urban interface in PFA's district and discussed the 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan which updated the hazardous risk analysis and created a sense of collaboration with stakeholders. He noted home risk inspections are available and discussed the importance of public education efforts.

Katie Donahue, Natural Areas Director, noted Natural Areas owns a great deal of land in Fort Collins and is part of the wildfire mitigation formula. She noted Natural Areas manages for the dominant moderate conditions, not for extreme wildfire conditions, by doing some mowing, managing invasive weeds such as cheat grass, and promoting native species that have the ability to stay green longer. She stated grazing and prescribed fires are not used extensively now, but work is being done to consider those tools.

Day provided some information from Environmental Services, including that climate change intensifies wildfire risk and alters the seasonal patterns and fueling conditions, and those shifts underscore the need for adaptive strategies.

Councilmember Potyondy asked who community members should contact about doing property assessments for risk mitigation. Chief Bergsten replied the information is on PFA's website.

Councilmember Potyondy noted the 5 foot mowing buffer may seem narrow for people living next to Natural Areas and asked who to contact if residents have concerns. Donahue replied people can contact Natural Areas staff. She noted one of the challenges of mowing is that it essentially takes green material and lays it down to dry out more quickly. She noted bagging and removing the grass disrupts the nutrient cycle.

Councilmember Canonico commended the work of PFA and noted she saw several engines working near the Environmental Learning Center on her way in. Chief Bergsten noted that was a grass fire that also burned a building.

Councilmember Gutowsky asked about burning irrigation ditches. Chief Bergsten replied the City Ordinance was updated after the Marshall Fire and irrigation ditch burning is restricted within city limits on red flag days.

## **M) COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Susan Gutowsky

- Attended the Poudre Fire Authority graduation ceremony at CSU's Alumni Center.
- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade which had thousands of attendees.
- Attended CSU's Halligan Flow Model and demonstration of what would occur if the reservoir overflowed.
- Attended a session of the Adalante Youth Internship program which involved 24 immigrant students taking an 8-week course to learn about the City.

Councilmember Melanie Potyondy

- Highlighted the Health Homes assessment program which provides radon testing, air quality testing, and efficiency analyses at no cost to homeowners.



**N) CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION**

**10. First Reading of Ordinance No. 118, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for Transit Replacement, Enhancement and Maintenance of Assets.**

*The purpose of this item is to appropriate unanticipated grant funds.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rich Stave questioned the priority of the Transfort system. He discussed low ridership and asked if the real issues have been identified.

Adam Hirschhorn stated he utilizes Transfort frequently and stated he has witnessed high ridership, particularly on MAX in the afternoons.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Ohlson stated he had envisioned the transit component of the 2050 tax to fund more routes and longer operating hours, not as funds to leverage grants. Monica Martinez, Planning, Development, and Transportation Senior Finance Manager, replied the 2050 tax funds are currently the most readily available funds for providing local matches to leverage grants. She noted there are expanding expenses within the transit system and revenues have not grown at the same level. She noted local matches do not have to be appropriated at the time of grant awards; however, they do have to be designated and appropriated at the time of expense, which is why previous years were referenced, and there is not additional revenue from other sources that would allow for that appropriation.

Councilmember Pignataro asked if it is anticipated the 2050 tax dollars will be paid back when other funds are available. Martinez replied reserves are being assessed to determine the ability to pay back the 2050 tax funds.

Councilmember Pignataro stated she also did not envision these types of expenditures for the 2050 tax funds.

City Manager DiMartino noted there will be opportunity for further Council conversation when it considers the Transfort Optimization Study on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

***Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, to adopt Ordinance No. 118, 2025, Making Supplemental Appropriations, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for Transit Replacement, Enhancement and Maintenance of Assets, on First Reading.***

***The motion carried 7-0.***

**O) CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PLANNED FOR DISCUSSION**

*The purpose of this item, pursuant to the requirements of the City Charter when presented with an initiative petition certified as sufficient by the City Clerk, is to either:*

- 1. Adopt the proposed ordinance without alteration within 25 business days; or*
- 2. Submit the proposed measure to the registered electors of the City.*

*A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 126, 2025, Adopting a Citizen-Initiated Ordinance Regarding Preserving and Establishing the Use for the Entire Former Hughes Stadium Property as a Natural Area. (Option 1);*

OR

*B. Resolution 2025-073 Submitting a Citizen-Initiated Ordinance Requiring that the Former Hughes Stadium Property be Used 100% as a City Natural Area to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City at the Regular Municipal Election on November 4, 2025. (Option 2)*

*If Council does not adopt the Ordinance, a protest hearing regarding the ballot title may be required before consideration of the Resolution. Under Section 7-156 of the City Code, any registered elector desiring to protest a proposed ballot title or submission clause for any initiated measure must file such a protest with the City Clerk, no later than noon on Monday, July 14, 2025. If a protest is filed, a hearing on the protest will be added to the agenda item and must take place before the Council adopts the Resolution setting the ballot title and submission clause.*

#### STAFF PRESENTATION

Delynn Coldiron, City Clerk, stated the citizen petition related to the Hughes Stadium property was deemed sufficient by the City Clerk's Office. She outlined the process for petition verification and noted over 7,500 signatures were checked as part of this petition with just over 6,300 found to be valid. She stated a sufficiency statement related to the petition was issued on June 25<sup>th</sup> as only 5,070 signatures were required. The protest period was then open until July 2<sup>nd</sup> and one was received; however, it was related to campaign finance issues and was ultimately withdrawn.

Coldiron outlined the Council options to either adopt the Ordinance as written without alteration or adopt a Resolution that would place the item on the November ballot. She provided the proposed ballot language should that be the option and noted City Code allows for protests related to ballot titles and ballot submission clauses, and one was received after the protest period which ended yesterday. She noted Council could entertain the requests of that protest if desired.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Stave questioned why the Hughes property issue is so contentious and stated voters should have the opportunity to make the final decision on the issue.

Melissa Rosas, Friends of Hughes Natural Area Petition Representatives, requested Council consider changes to the submission clause ballot language which was published in the agenda. She objected to the use of the word 'modifying,' the order of the words 'acquire' and 'rezone,' and the wording of '100 percent as a City Natural Area' and exclusion of the term 'designate.'

#### COUNCIL QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Mayor Arndt noted the ballot title protest was received after the deadline and requested some clarification from the City Clerk. City Clerk Coldiron stated she told the petitioners initially, and again yesterday, that there was a deadline of noon yesterday to file a protest and stated she would perhaps send a reminder of the Council agenda date and protest deadline earlier in the process in the future. City Attorney Daggett noted it is not incumbent on the City Clerk to provide reminders of the protest deadline dates and noted that in order to file a protest, one would need to look at the resolution being considered by Council, which is what was published with the agenda.

Councilmembers discussed the changes requested by the petitioners and there was consensus regarding the acceptable changes, including keeping the word “modifying” instead of the requested “clarifying,” changing the order of words to “rezone, acquire, and use” and stating, “the entire property be designated and used 100% as a City Natural Area.”

City Attorney Daggett advised Council that amending the Resolution would require changes in multiple places, including the title.

Councilmembers Pignataro and Canonico and Mayor Arndt supported sending the item to the ballot.

***Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Pignataro, to adopt Resolution 2025-073 Submitting a Citizen-Initiated Ordinance Requiring that the Former Hughes Stadium Property be Used 100% as a City Natural Area to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City at the Regular Municipal Election on November 4, 2025, as amended to modify the proposed ballot submission clause to read ‘an Ordinance modifying the citizen initiative Ordinance approved by the registered electors in April 2021 which required the City of Fort Collins to rezone, acquire, and use for specified purposes, the approximately 165 acre parcel of real property formerly home to the Hughes Stadium so as to require the property be designated and used 100% as a City Natural Area, and updating the Resolution in the title and Section C.***

Mayor Arndt commended the petitioners on their effort and thanked City Clerk Coldiron for the presentation on the signature verification process.

Councilmember Gutowsky also commended the work of the City Clerk’s Office.

***The motion carried 7-0.***

**P) RESUMED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Q) OTHER BUSINESS**

**This section has been amended to include Consideration of a Motion to Call a Special Meeting**

**OB 1. Possible consideration of the initiation of new ordinances and/or resolutions by Councilmembers.**

*(Three or more individual Councilmembers may direct the City Manager and City Attorney to initiate and move forward with development and preparation of resolutions and ordinances not originating from the Council's Policy Agenda or initiated by staff.)*

**OB 2. Consideration of a Motion to Call a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025:**

***Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Canonico, that in accordance with Section 2-29 of the City's Municipal Code, I move that Council call a Special Meeting to be held on August 12, 2025, at 300 Laporte Avenue, in Council Chambers, starting at 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of consideration of a motion to go into executive session for legal advice related to federal grants.***

***The motion carried 7-0.***

**OB 3. Consideration of Motion for Executive Session Related to Water in Northeast Fort Collins:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Francis moved, seconded by Councilmember Potyondy, that the City Council go into executive session pursuant to:**

**City Charter Article Roman Numeral Two, Section 11(2),**

**City Code Section 2-31(a)(2) and**

**Colorado Revised Statutes Section 24-6-402(4)(b),**

**for the purpose of discussing with the City's attorneys and appropriate management staff the following:**

**1. specific legal questions related to potential litigation related to water service in northeast Fort Collins; and**

**2. the manner in which the particular policies, practices or regulations of the City related to water service in northeast Fort Collins may be affected by existing or proposed provisions of federal, state or local law.**

**The motion carried 7-0.**

**R) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk