

January 3, 2017

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

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Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM

● **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

Staff Present: Atteberry, Duvall, Winkelmann

● **AGENDA REVIEW: CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Atteberry stated there were no changes to the published agenda. He recognized Vince DeChand, owner of Counterfeit Press, for printing Council's agendas for 46 years.

● **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Eric Tanning supported regulating short-term rentals but opposed the current draft ordinance.

Mel Hilgenberg mentioned global warming.

Heather Lahdenpara questioned how short-term rentals affect neighborhood livability.

James Janty expressed thanks for the proclamation addressing idling cars in cold temperatures in front of neighborhood schools. He opposed allowing non-primary short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.

Ken Summers commended the proclamation on anti-human trafficking and recognized the U-count campaign.

Mike Pruznick stated 2016 was a year of exploitation in government.

Gina Janett encouraged only allowing primary short-term rentals and supported the current U + 2 Ordinance.

Bill Fairbank supported the regulation of short-term rentals.

Sally Lee commented on the value of neighborhoods and supported the regulation of short-term rentals.

Renee Sheri supported the regulation of short-term rentals stating downtown neighborhoods are being eroded by short-term rentals.

Maggie Dennis discussed the growth of short-term rentals and encouraged the development of an equitable solution for residents that preserves neighborhood livability and contributes to housing affordability and availability. She opposed non-primary short-term rentals.

Tamela Wahl echoed the comments regarding short-term rentals and opposed non-primary short-term rentals.

Eric Levine opposed the rebranding of the Climate Action Plan to the Road to 2020.

Katherine Dubiel shared an article regarding the explosion of short-term rentals.

Deborah James supported starting Sunday bus service as soon as possible and discussed housing in Fort Collins.

● **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOLLOW-UP**

Councilmember Overbeck requested a memo capturing tonight's comments made by residents regarding short-term rentals for the work session on January 10.

Councilmember Martinez asked about Mr. Pruznick's comment relating to the City's collection of food tax. Mike Beckstead, Chief Financial Officer, replied the City's 2.25% sales tax is applied to food and a comparison has been made with other communities regarding the amount. He stated he believes the City is in complete compliance with its Code and Charter; however, he will confirm that information with the Sales Tax office.

Councilmember Martinez asked if the rebranding of the Climate Action Plan was due to the Chamber of Commerce, as suggested by Mr. Levine. City Manager Atteberry replied feedback has been received from several different sources, including Councilmembers, regarding the development of a brand which relates to community members who are not climate experts.

Councilmember Campana stated the Futures Committee had a discussion regarding the rebranding. Jeff Mihelich, Deputy City Manager, replied the name change was not to address comments from the Chamber of Commerce and noted the Climate Action Plan was a framework. Council believed going from a framework to an operational plan required a rebranding; that effort resulted in the Road to 2020 as the next major milestone, which was a transitional name. Staff has identified a new name for both the Climate Action Plan and its operationalizing: Fortify Fort Collins, Healthy, Efficient, and Resilient.

Councilmember Cunniff noted the City's website may appear to be less emphatic on climate action than it had been. He stated he does not want to lose the "climate action" aspect.

Councilmember Cunniff commented on the housing voucher program, noting that is a federal program administered by Housing Catalyst. He stated he will look into the bedroom count advertising to address Ms. James' question.

Councilmember Stephens thanked the citizens who spoke regarding short-term rentals. She requested an update regarding Sunday bus service and reminded citizens there is a rebate program for food sales tax. She thanked Mr. Summers for his comments and work in the community.

Councilmember Campana thanked the citizens who spoke regarding short-term rentals. He stated staff responded to his previous questions confirming a bed and breakfast use requires a resident operator. He thanked Mr. Summers for his comments and work in the community.

Councilmember Cunniff thanked the citizens who spoke regarding short-term rentals.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak discussed the plan for the development of a short-term rental ordinance. He commented on the name of the Climate Action Plan and noted the important aspect of the issue is the funding of programs which are making a difference.

Councilmember Stephens stated it is important for citizens to understand the meaning of the name.

Mayor Troxell thanked the citizens who spoke and noted short-term rentals will be addressed at next week's work session.

● **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Pro Tem Horak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campana, to adopt and approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

RESULT:	CONSENT CALENDAR ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gerry Horak, District 6
SECONDER:	Gino Campana, District 3
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

1. **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the December 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and the December 13, 2016, Adjourned Council Meeting. (Adopted)**

The purpose of this item is to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2016, Regular Council meeting and the December 13, 2016, Adjourned Council meeting.

2. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 138, 2016, Designating the Howell Property Located at 519 East Mulberry Street, Fort Collins, Colorado, as a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins. (Adopted)**

This item is a quasi-judicial matter and if it is considered on the discussion agenda, it will be considered in accordance with the procedures described in Section 1(e) of the Council's Rules of Meeting Procedures adopted in Resolution 2015-091.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on December 20, 2016, designates the Howell property, located at 519 East Mulberry Street, as a Fort Collins Landmark. The owner of this property, Housing Catalyst, formerly the Fort Collins Housing Authority, is initiating this request.

3. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 139, 2016, Designating the Kimball Property Located at 608 and 608 ½ South Grant Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado, as a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins. (Adopted)**

This item is a quasi-judicial matter and if it is considered on the discussion agenda, it will be considered in accordance with the procedures described in Section 1(e) of the Council's Rules of Meeting Procedures adopted in Resolution 2015-091.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on December 20, 2016, designates the Kimball Property, located at 608 and 608 ½ South Grant Avenue, as a Fort Collins Landmark. The owner of this property, Housing Catalyst, formerly the Fort Collins Housing Authority, is initiating this request.

4. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 140, 2016, Designating the Schroeder/McMurry Property Located at 701 Mathews Street, Fort Collins, Colorado, as a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins. (Adopted)**

This item is a quasi-judicial matter and if it is considered on the discussion agenda, it will be considered in accordance with the procedures described in Section 1(e) of the Council's Rules of Meeting Procedures adopted in Resolution 2015-091.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on December 20, 2016, designates the Schroeder/McMurry property, located at 701 Mathews Street, as a Fort Collins Landmark. The owner of this property, Housing Catalyst, formerly the Fort Collins Housing Authority, is initiating this request.

5. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 141, 2016, Designating the Wilhelm Property Located at 717 and 717 ½ West Mulberry Street, Fort Collins, Colorado, as a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins. (Adopted)**

This item is a quasi-judicial matter and if it is considered on the discussion agenda, it will be considered in accordance with the procedures described in Section 1(e) of the Council's Rules of Meeting Procedures adopted in Resolution 2015-091.

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on December 20, 2016, designates the Wilhelm Property, located at 717 and 717 ½ West Mulberry Street, as a Fort Collins Landmark. The owner of this property, Housing Catalyst, formerly the Fort Collins Housing Authority, is initiating this request.

6. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 142, 2016, Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Amendment Number One to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City and Larimer County Regarding Cooperation on Managing Urban Development Within the Fort Collins Growth Management Area and Amending the Boundaries of the Fort Collins Growth Management Area. (Adopted)**

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on December 20, 2016, amends the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Larimer County regarding the Growth Management Area (GMA) boundary to ratify the same boundary agreed to by the City of Fort Collins and the Town of Timnath.

7. **Resolution 2017-001 Approving Revised Fees for Fort Collins Police Services' Criminal Justice Records. (Adopted)**

The purpose of this item is to propose a new fee schedule for Police Services for criminal justice records. The existing fee schedule has been in existence since 2008 and the proposed adjustments are necessary to keep up with the change in technology and staff expenses. In addition, the staff is proposing to begin charging the public for Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Verifications to reflect actual costs incurred by staff. Currently, this is a free service, while a neighboring agency charges double the amount being proposed.

8. **Resolution 2017-002 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Regarding Poudre River and Floodplain Habitat Restoration at Kingfisher Point Natural Area. (Adopted)**

The purpose of this item is to approve a contractual agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to receive a \$100,000 grant in support of the Natural Areas Department's (NAD) Poudre River and floodplain habitat restoration at Kingfisher Point Natural Area scheduled for construction in 2017. The award was made by the GOCO Board of Directors on December 8, 2016. A draft agreement and Resolution is due to GOCO on January 9, 2017 with a final formalized agreement by

February 6, 2017. Under the terms of the grant all work must be completed by December 2018. NAD is confident it can meet that deadline.

9. **Resolution 2017-003 Making Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions of the City of Fort Collins. (Adopted)**

The purpose of this item is to appoint individuals to fill vacancies that currently exist on various boards, commissions, and authorities due to resignations of board members and vacancies to be created upon the expiration of terms of current members. Applications were solicited from October through December. Council teams interviewed applicants during November and December. This Resolution appoints individuals to fill current vacancies and expiring terms.

This Resolution does not fill all vacancies. Interviews are continuing, and any remaining vacancies will be advertised as needed.

● **CONSENT CALENDAR FOLLOW-UP**

Councilmember Cunniff commented on Item No. 7, *Resolution 2017-001 Approving Revised Fees for Fort Collins Police Services' Criminal Justice Records*, and requested it be made policy that the intent is not to be a revenue generator. City Manager Atteberry replied that is not the intent and stated staff will provide additional information. Mayor Pro Tem Horak requested that data be included in the overall fee policy for the City.

Councilmember Campana commended the candidates for Boards and Commissions and congratulated those who were appointed.

● **STAFF REPORTS**

Honore Depew, Environmental Planner, spoke about the Wasteshed Coalition and detailed the public outreach process. The Coalition agreed to share a standardized set of recycling guidelines for greater educational consistency throughout the region.

Mayor Troxell discussed the Coalition and the importance of working together regionally.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak asked about the accuracy of the eight-year landfill lifespan. Depew replied landfill management staff has confirmed that, under current regulations, there is no opportunity for expansion at the current site and the estimate is based on the current usage of the landfill.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak requested a graphic representing the lifespan and its variability.

Councilmember Campana noted that while there may be no room for expansion, there is room for innovation.

● **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember Campana discussed a report he received from staff regarding the City's debt. He noted the City's outstanding debt over the last five years has fallen by over \$50 million, no new external debt has occurred, and \$8.8 million has been saved with refinancing.

Mayor Troxell stated he sent a letter to the president-elect regarding Fort Collins' position as a leader relating to clean energy and climate action.

● **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

10. **Items Relating to the Submission of Charter Amendments to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City at the April 4, 2017, Regular Municipal Election. (Adopted on First Reading)**

- A. *Possible Public Hearing and Motions Regarding Protest(s) of Ballot Language.*
- B. *First Reading of Ordinance No. 001, 2017, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Amendment to Section 7 of Article VIII of the City Charter Pertaining to the Date of Certification of Election Results (the "Canvass"), Proposed Amendments to Section 1 (d) and Section 4 of Article II of the City Charter Pertaining Respectively to the Timing of the Council Organizational Meeting Following an Election, and when Councilmember Terms of Office Begin.*
- C. *First Reading of Ordinance No. 002, 2017, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Amendment to Section 11 of Article II of the City Charter Pertaining to the Process for Cancelling a Council Meeting.*
- D. *First Reading of Ordinance No. 003, 2017, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Amendment to Section 9 of Article IV of the City Charter Pertaining to Conflicts of Interest and Certain Prohibited Sales to the City.*
- E. *First Reading of Ordinance No. 004, 2017, Submitting to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Fort Collins a Proposed Amendment to Section 1 of Article VII of the City Charter Pertaining to Appointment of Municipal Judges.*

The purpose of these items is to submit various Charter amendments to the voters in April that will: (1) change the deadline for final certification of an election so that the City may implement signature verification, and corresponding changes to the date of the Council organizational meeting and the beginning of Councilmember terms of office; (2) outline a process for the cancellation of a Council meeting in the event of unforeseen circumstances (i.e., weather, natural disasters, emergencies); (3) clarifying when City officials and employees, and their relatives, have a conflict of interest in a sale of property or services to the City concerning which sale the officer or employee has decision-making or supervisory authority; and (4) to allow the Council to appoint additional Municipal Judges and to designate a Chief Municipal Judge.

Any protest of the proposed ballot language must be received no later than Tuesday, January 3, at noon. The protest(s) shall be heard, considered, and resolved by Council prior to adoption of Ordinances No. 001, 002, 003 and 004, 2017. If protest(s) are received, copies will be included in Council's "Read-before" packet.

Mayor Troxell stated a protest has been filed regarding the proposed language for Ordinance No. 004, 2017, and that issue will be first heard, considered, and resolved. Second, Council will consider the four Ordinances which make up the item.

John Duval, Deputy City Attorney, stated a protest has been filed regarding the proposed ballot language.

Mayor Troxell established the process the hearing and consideration of the protest.

Eric Sutherland, protestor, disagreed with Duval’s interpretation of the City Code and protest definition. He stated his protest disagrees with the final result of the language placed in the amendment because it is ambiguous and improperly phrased regarding whether or not the entire collective municipal judiciary or individual judges need to be licensed by the state. He questioned how it is possible that amendments are being proposed to organic law without any citizen review.

Councilmember Martinez asked Mr. Sutherland what he wants to change. Mr. Sutherland replied the language of the final result of the charter should indicate the individual persons who are appointed as judges in the Municipal Court should be attorneys licensed with the State of Colorado, rather than the collective judiciary.

Councilmember Martinez asked if there is a requirement that judges be licensed attorneys. Duval replied in the affirmative and stated the City Charter requires Municipal Judges to be licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado during their tenure. The language could be amended to state “each” Municipal Judge shall be licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado during his or her tenure.

Councilmember Campana made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, that Council respond to Mr. Sutherland’s protest by amending Ordinance No. 004, 2017, on First Reading to state “each Municipal Judge” rather than “the Municipal Judges,” and to replace “their” with “his or her.”

RESULT:	ORDINANCE NO. 004, 2017, AMENDED IN RESPONSE TO PROTEST [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gino Campana, District 3
SECONDER:	Ray Martinez, District 2
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

Wanda Winkelmann, City Clerk, stated Council adopted a Resolution in 2015 which created an ad hoc committee to discuss changes to the Charter and Code. The first proposed Charter amendment would amend the canvass date, when election results must be certified, from three days to ten days after Election Day. This would also require a change to the date of the organizational meeting to after the final certification of election results and after the expiration of the recount period.

The second proposed amendment deals with the cancellation of a Council meeting in the event of an emergency or natural disaster in the absence of all Council members.

Duval stated the third proposed Charter amendment is the result of an Ethics Review Board opinion adopted by Council which recommended that certain Charter provisions prohibiting City officers and employees from being involved in certain sales of property and services to the City be clarified.

The fourth proposed Charter amendment would allow Council to appoint multiple municipal judges, a chief judge, and temporary judges.

Eric Sutherland stated that section of the Charter requires the Municipal Court to develop procedures for handling its business. People who believe the Charter is not being followed should have recourse through the Municipal Court.

Mike Pruznick supported full-time paid Council positions and ranked voting.

Councilmember Cunniff noted there was a failed citizen initiative for ranked voting six years ago. He stated there is value in having the Municipal Court handle civil cases.

Councilmember Stephens discussed the importance of citizen comment and input.

Councilmember Campana made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to adopt Ordinance No. 001, 2017, on First Reading.

RESULT:	ORDINANCE NO. 001, 2017 ADOPTED ON FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gino Campana, District 3
SECONDER:	Ray Martinez, District 2
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

Councilmember Cunniff made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to adopt Ordinance No. 002, 2017, on First Reading.

RESULT:	ORDINANCE NO. 002, 2017, ADOPTED ON FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ross Cunniff, District 5
SECONDER:	Ray Martinez, District 2
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

Councilmember Martinez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Overbeck, to adopt Ordinance No. 003, 2017, on First Reading.

RESULT:	ORDINANCE NO. 003, 2017, ADOPTED ON FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ray Martinez, District 2
SECONDER:	Bob Overbeck, District 1
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

Mayor Pro Tem Horak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campana, to adopt Ordinance No. 004, 2017, on First Reading as amended.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak noted these proposed changes are more housekeeping type issues and stated an entire Charter review would be a much longer process.

RESULT:	ORDINANCE NO. 004, 2017, ADOPTED ON FIRST READING, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gerry Horak, District 6
SECONDER:	Gino Campana, District 3
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

11. **Items Relating to City Elections. (Adopted on First Reading)**

- A. *First Reading of Ordinance No. 005, 2017, Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Amend Requirements and Procedures for City Elections.*
- B. *Resolution 2017-004 Establishing a Council Election Code Committee and Appointing its Members.*

The purpose of this item is to adopt changes to Chapter 7 of the City Code as recommended by the ad hoc Council Committee and the City Clerk and to create a Council Election Code Committee.

Wanda Winkelmann, City Clerk, discussed the proposed Election Code changes, which include recommending conducting signature verification with the 2019 municipal election, requiring committees to retain records for one year and to produce those records within three business days upon request, and clarifying the circumstances that would prompt review of the population deviation between districts.

John Duval, Deputy City Attorney, discussed the amendment which would add a much more detailed process for citizen election complaints and the amendment dealing with the reporting requirements for small-scale issue committees.

City Clerk Winkelmann discussed the final Election Code amendment which would change the Election Committee to a standing committee which would meet only when an issue presents itself for discussion.

Eric Sutherland discussed the practice of eliminating ballots due to signature verification stating it is unconstitutional. He suggested the possibility of voters including email addresses or phone numbers on ballots and stated the Municipal Court should be the launching pad for any elections dispute.

Mike Pruznick expressed concern regarding the requirements for the delivery of receipts for committees.

Karen Wagner thanked Council for considering these improvements to the Election Code. She suggested the possibility of extending the campaign season by moving up the filing date.

Councilmember Stephens requested information regarding the process for handling signature discrepancies. Rita Knoll, Chief Deputy City Clerk, replied the current process involves looking at the printed name in comparison to the signature for elements of the name in the signature. If those elements are found, it is presumed the signature belongs to the person to whom the ballot was sent. Ballots where signatures clearly do not match the name are set aside for further research. If matches are not made at that point, they ballot must be rejected as the envelope was clearly not signed by the person to whom the ballot was sent, which is a requirement of state law and local ordinance. There are very few ballots rejected for mismatched signatures; most rejections are for unsigned ballots, which was still extremely low for the last election.

Councilmember Stephens asked if individuals are contacted to correct signatures. Knoll replied voters with unsigned ballots are contacted up to the point letters will arrive.

Councilmember Cunniff noted part of the intent of the proposed Charter amendment is to give more time for ballot certification. City Clerk Winkelmann agreed and stated County Clerk

Angela Myers has agreed to have a staff member present at the City for a week for the 2017 election for electronic signature verification.

Councilmember Martinez asked if the placement of a phone number or email is allowed on ballots. City Clerk Winkelmann replied individuals can check the status of their ballot online. Knoll replied that online search does inform individuals of ballot issues and alerts them to contact the Clerk's Office. The proposed charter amendment will allow ballots to be corrected up to eight days following the election.

Councilmember Campana made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stephens, to adopt Ordinance No. 005, 2017, on First Reading.

Councilmember Cunniff requested clarification regarding Mr. Pruznick's questions prior to Second Reading.

RESULT:	ORDINANCE NO. 005, 2017, ADOPTED ON FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gino Campana, District 3
SECONDER:	Kristin Stephens, District 4
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

Councilmember Campana made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stephens, to adopt Resolution 2017-004 to appoint Councilmembers Cunniff, Stephens, and Overbeck to the Election Committee.

RESULT:	RESOLUTION 2017-004 ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gino Campana, District 3
SECONDER:	Kristin Stephens, District 4
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

(Secretary's Note: The Council took a brief recess at this point in the meeting.)

12. Resolution 2017-005 Expressing Support for the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda's Open Letter to President-Elect Donald Trump on Climate Action. (Postponed to January 17, 2017)

The purpose of this item is to consider a resolution endorsing and supporting the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda (MNCAA) open letter to President-elect Donald Trump on climate action.

Cheryl Distaso, Fort Collins Community Action Network, supported the Mayor's individual letter and supported this Resolution as a good complement to that letter.

John Calderazo supported the Resolution citing the overwhelming scientific consensus regarding climate change.

Janice Lynn supported the Resolution stating signing the letter is the morally correct thing to do.

Michelle Betzel supported the Resolution and discussed the agreement on climate change among CSU faculty and staff.

Zach Heath supported the Resolution.

Kevin Henry supported the Resolution and thanked the Mayor for sending the Fort Collins letter.

Rachel Pries supported the Resolution.

Mike Pruznick questioned what in the Climate Mayors' letter contradicts the City's current values and supported the Resolution.

Elizabeth Hudetz supported the Resolution.

Suzanne Trask supported the Resolution stating the president-elect pays attention to numbers.

Nancy York supported the Resolution citing the importance of standing with others.

Karen Wagner spoke on behalf of 350.org and supported the Resolution.

Councilmember Campana stated Council is not partisan and he is concerned about signing a letter which could be seen as being partisan. He stated he chooses to show leadership and innovation by working on the issue as a community. He discussed the Climate Mayors' letter's reference to the Paris Agreement and stated he has volunteered to compare the City's policies to that agreement.

Councilmember Stephens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Overbeck, to adopt Resolution 2017-005.

Councilmember Stephens stated she does not believe the Climate Mayors letter is partisan and stated it would be important to send to any incoming president.

Councilmember Cunniff stated he does not believe the letter is partisan and discussed the importance of joining with others to affect climate change. He did agree a review of the Paris agreement would be prudent.

Councilmember Campana suggested the review of the Paris Agreement occur prior to signing the letter and questioned certain inclusions in the Agreement which do not seem to deal with climate change.

Councilmember Martinez questioned some aspects of the Paris Agreement and supported further vetting of the Agreement. He supported the City sending its own letter rather than joining with others. He noted only 48 of over 19,000 mayors have signed the letter and stated the City's individual letter contains more information than the Climate Mayors letter.

Councilmember Overbeck supported the Resolution noting all the speakers supported it as well.

Mayor Troxell stated Fort Collins and Council have always avoided making statements outside of their jurisdiction, which has allowed the focus to remain on what is important to Fort Collins citizens. He supported a review of the Paris Agreement.

Councilmember Cunniff suggested the addition of a Whereas statement to the Resolution that would direct the Legislative Review Committee to review the Paris climate agreements and

compare them with adopted Fort Collins policy. He stated the signing of the Climate Mayors letter should move forward.

Councilmember Martinez questioned the letter's inclusion of the Paris Agreement.

Councilmember Cunniff disagreed with the conclusion the letter requires the City to implement the Paris Agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak stated passing the Resolution is not a good idea without further vetting of the alignment of the Paris Agreement with the City's goals. He suggested postponing the Resolution to a date certain.

Councilmember Martinez questioned the aspect of the letter which references climate change as a threat to national security.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak noted the Department of Defense has expressed concerns regarding the effect of rising sea levels on military bases.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Campana, to postpone consideration of Resolution 2017-005 to February 7, 2017 to allow the Legislative Review Committee to make its recommendations.

Councilmember Cunniff opposed the February date and suggested convening a special meeting of the Legislative Review Committee to allow consideration before Council earlier.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak stated he wanted the public to have more time to review the recommendations.

Councilmember Cunniff discussed the importance to citizens of addressing the issue prior to the inauguration.

Mayor Troxell noted the City's individual letter was already sent, and practically speaking, the Climate Mayors letter has also already been sent.

Councilmembers held a brief discussion regarding meeting timing.

Mayor Pro Tem Horak and Councilmember Campana amended the motion to postpone consideration of Resolution 2017-005 to January 17, 2017.

RESULT:	RESOLUTION 2017-005 POSTPONED TO JANUARY 17, 2017 [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gerry Horak, District 6
SECONDER:	Gino Campana, District 3
AYES:	Martinez, Stephens, Overbeck, Campana, Troxell, Cunniff, Horak

● **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Overbeck commented on the need to keep the meeting orderly by not allowing Councilmembers to speak over others.

Councilmember Campana supported the idea of broadening the Nature in the City campaign.

● **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mayor

ATTEST:

W W Winkelmann
City Clerk