

February 9, 2021

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

Council-Manager Form of Government

Adjourned Meeting – 6:00 PM

(Secretary's Note: Due to the COVID-19 crisis and state and local orders to remain safer at home and not gather, all Councilmembers, staff, and citizens attended the meeting remotely, via teleconference.)

● **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Pignataro, Gorgol, Potyondy, Gutowsky, Summers, Troxell, Cunniff
STAFF: Atteberry, Daggett, Coldiron

● **AGENDA REVIEW**

City Manager Atteberry stated an Other Business item has been added related to the possibility of moving back to hybrid Council meetings.

● **CONTINUATION OF OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Cunniff stated the ballot language suggested by the judge related to the Hughes Stadium property citizen initiative includes the requirement that the City attempt to purchase the land; therefore, there may not be a need for additional discussion around a possible resolution.

● **DISCUSSION RELATED TO RETURN TO HYBRID COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Mayor Pro Tem Cunniff noted COVID numbers are now back down to levels that existed when hybrid Council meetings were occurring; therefore, it may be appropriate to ask the County Health Director his opinion regarding the return to hybrid meetings.

City Manager Atteberry noted Jim Byrne, Director of Emergency Preparedness and Safety, had a conversation with Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, today. Mr. Gonzales expressed no concerns with moving to a hybrid format from a public health standpoint if all safety protocols are taken.

Councilmember Gorgol noted the state metrics have changed, which is why the County is again at a yellow level on the COVID dial. She also noted the meetings were moved to fully remote partially because Governor Polis had asked elected officials to set an example and she questioned what his message would be at this time. She also questioned whether Councilmembers would need to quarantine after travel before they attend a meeting in person.

Mayor Pro Tem Cunniff stated he was not looking at the dial itself, but actual case numbers and hospitalization rates; however, he agreed Councilmember Gorgol's questions should be considered.

Mayor Troxell asked about the current room occupancy guidelines for Council Chambers. Byrne replied he spoke to Mr. Gonzales about utilizing the same protocols as before.

Councilmember Pignataro asked if work sessions would remain fully remote. Mayor Troxell replied in the affirmative.

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Councilmember Pignataro stated she would be comfortable with a hybrid format but requested Councilmember Gorgol's questions be answered. Mayor Troxell noted each Councilmember would still have the option to attend meetings remotely.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk