

April 27, 2021

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

Council-Manager Form of Government

Special 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, this meeting was conducted using a hybrid approach allowing in-person participation with strict protocols and a variety of remote participation options.)

● **ROLL CALL**

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

● **AGENDA REVIEW**

City Manager Atteberry stated the resolution of appreciation for Mayor Troxell was amended to include some additional information and there will be no Other Business item as this is a Special Meeting.

Mayor Troxell outlined the public participation options.

● **OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Cunniff expressed his gratitude to the Mayors and Councilmembers with whom he served and stated he is especially proud of maintaining and extending the City's commitment to climate action, protecting Fort Collins natural areas from encroachment and continuing to purchase more natural areas, building the Timberline Recycling Center, and supporting neighborhoods, among other items. He congratulated the incoming Councilmembers.

Councilmember Summers commented on his wife's family history in Fort Collins and on the importance of making the community open and accessible to all. He congratulated the incoming Councilmembers and encouraged them to remember Fort Collins has a long and significant history.

Councilmember Potyondy stated she was honored to have been appointed to serve her constituents for the past few months and stated this is not the end of her public service.

Mayor Troxell commented on his last 14 years of service as Mayor and Councilmember. He thanked the current Council for being collaborative and commended the work of Council's direct reports during his tenure. He commented on his history in Fort Collins and thanked his family for their support. He congratulated the new Councilmembers.

● **OATHS OF OFFICE - Newly Elected Mayor and Councilmembers**

District 1 Councilmember Gutowsky, District 3 Councilmember Canonico, District 4 Councilmember Peel, District 5 Councilmember Ohlson and Mayor Arndt took their oaths of office at this time.

● **NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS WILL BE SEATED**

Mayor Arndt commended outgoing Mayor Troxell and discussed the importance of civility and inclusion in public service.

● **Discussion Items**

1. **Council Consideration of a Motion to Elect a Mayor Pro Tem. (Adopted)**

The purpose of this item is for Council to consider a motion to elect a Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Arndt discussed the duties of the Mayor Pro Tem and recommended a process for election thereof.

Elizabeth Meyer expressed support for appointing Councilmember Gorgol as Mayor Pro Tem.

Amber Lane commented on the City's goal to lead with race and equity and suggested the creation of a tribal nation liaison.

Rory Heath suggested the Mayor Pro Tem should have a strong history of service either on Council or as an educator.

Philip Friedman stated the Mayor Pro Tem should be outgoing, accessible, and experienced on Council.

Michele Haefele stated the Mayor Pro Tem role plays a large part in ensuring the will of the people is faithfully executed and it is crucial that Council select a person who will take on the role with a broad view.

Mayor Arndt asked if any Councilmembers were interested in the role. Councilmember Gorgol expressed her interest.

Councilmember Pignataro made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Canonico, to nominate Councilmember Gorgol as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Pignataro thanked those who spoke and expressed her support of Councilmember Gorgol for the position stating she has shown a great deal of leadership in her role.

Councilmember Gorgol thanked Councilmembers Pignataro and Canonico for the nomination and thanked the citizens who spoke. She noted the idea of a tribal liaison was recommended by the Community Impact Committee.

Councilmember Gutowsky recognized Councilmember Ohlson for his years of experience on Council and as Mayor. She also commended former Mayor Pro Tem Cunniff on his work in the role and stated she will expect the new Mayor Pro Tem to live up to the standards he set.

RESULT:	MOTION ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Julie Pignataro, District 2
SECONDER:	Tricia Canonico, District 3
AYES:	Pignataro, Gorgol, Arndt, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, Gutowsky

2. Items Related to Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation to Outgoing Mayor and Councilmembers for Their Contributions to the Community as City Mayor and Councilmembers. (Adopted)

- A. *Resolution 2021-046 of the Council of the City of Fort Collins Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation to Melanie Potyondy for Her Contributions to the Community as City Councilmember.*
- B. *Resolution 2021-047 of the Council of the City of Fort Collins Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation to Ken Summers for His Contributions to the Community as City Councilmember.*
- C. *Resolution 2021-048 of the Council of the City of Fort Collins Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation to Ross Cunniff for His Contributions to the Community as City Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem.*
- D. *Resolution 2021-049 of the Council of the City of Fort Collins Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation to Wade Troxell for His Contributions to the Community as City Councilmember and Mayor.*

The purpose of these items is to express gratitude and appreciation to outgoing Mayor and Councilmembers for their contributions to the community as Mayor and Councilmembers.

Mayor Arndt read the Resolution expressing gratitude and appreciation to Melanie Potyondy for her contributions to the community as a City Councilmember.

Melissa Rosas thanked Melanie Potyondy for her service.

Kristin Stephens commended Melanie Potyondy on her service.

Lisa Poppaw commended Melanie Potyondy on her service.

Ross Cunniff commended Melanie Potyondy on her service.

Rory Heath thanked Melanie Potyondy for her service.

Tamara Meurer commended Melanie Potyondy on her service.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorgol commended Melanie Potyondy on her service.

Councilmember Peel stated she was proud to be a candidate in the same race with Melanie Potyondy and she commended her race.

Mayor Arndt commented on her experience with Dr. Potyondy in working to change a law related to educator stipends.

Councilmember Canonico commended Dr. Potyondy on her campaign and service.

RESULT:	RESOLUTION 2021-046 ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Emily Gorgol, District 6
SECONDER:	Julie Pignataro, District 2
AYES:	Pignataro, Gorgol, Arndt, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, Gutowsky

Ross Cunniff thanked Ken Summers for his service and ability to always speak his mind.

Adam Eggleston thanked Ken Summers for his service and commitment to affordable and attainable housing.

Kristin Stephens thanked Ken Summers for his service and commitment to youth mental health issues.

Rory Heath thanked Ken Summers for his service and requested his grace moving forward.

Mayor Arndt thanked Ken Summers for his communication over the years.

Councilmember Gutowsky commended Ken Summers on his service and stated it has been a pleasure working with him.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorgol commended Ken Summers on his service.

Councilmember Peel thanked Ken Summers for meeting with her during her campaign.

Councilmember Canonico thanked Ken Summers for his service to their district.

RESULT:	RESOLUTION 2021-047 ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Emily Gorgol, District 6
SECONDER:	Julie Pignataro, District 2
AYES:	Pignataro, Gorgol, Arndt, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, Gutowsky

Mayor Arndt read the Resolution expressing gratitude and appreciation to Ross Cunniff for his contributions to the community as a City Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem.

Adam Eggleston thanked Ross Cunniff for his service and attention to detail.

David Roy congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and commended Ross Cunniff on his intelligence and integrity.

Kathryn Dubiel stated Housing Catalyst was chosen by community members to provide financial support in Ross Cunniff's name to Mason Place and Redtail Ponds. She commended Mr. Cunniff on his service.

Ken Summers commended Ross Cunniff on his commitment to the community and the environment.

Philip Friedman thanked all the outgoing Councilmembers for their service and commended Ross Cunniff on his work for the community.

Gina Janett commended Ross Cunniff on his leadership, responsiveness, and progressive thinking. She encouraged Council to continue his work in protecting the Poudre River.

Michele Haeefe commended Ross Cunniff on his service.

Lisa Poppaw commended Ross Cunniff on his dedication to the community.

Rory Heath commended Ross Cunniff on his dedication and service.

Kristin Stephens commended Ross Cunniff on his commitment to the community and environment.

Talon Nightwalker thanked Ross Cunniff for being accessible and for his service.

Mary Alice Grant thanked Ross Cunniff for his leadership and service.

Jerry Gavaldon congratulated the new members of Council and commended Ross Cunniff on his service and unbiased collaborative efforts.

Sara Rossitor thanked Ross Cunniff for his service and responsiveness.

Melissa Rosas read a statement from Jordan Williams commending Ross Cunniff on his service. She thanked Ross Cunniff for his service and dedication to his constituents and the city.

Tamara Meurer welcomed the new members of Council and commended Ross Cunniff on his commitment, integrity, and transparency.

Elena Lopez thanked Ross Cunniff for his service and leadership.

Kevin Caffrey congratulated the new members of Council and commended Ross Cunniff on his service.

Councilmember Gutowsky commended Ross Cunniff on his commitment to action and on his service.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorgol thanked Ross Cunniff for his service.

Councilmember Ohlson commended Ross Cunniff on being an effective, progressive Councilmember and on being a strong and effective voice for open and good government, neighborhood livability, and fiscal responsibility.

RESULT:	RESOLUTION 2021-048 ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Emily Gorgol, District 6
SECONDER:	Julie Pignataro, District 2
AYES:	Pignataro, Gorgol, Arndt, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, Gutowsky

Mayor Arndt read the Resolution expressing gratitude and appreciation to Wade Troxell for his contributions to the community as a City Councilmember and Mayor.

Ken Summers commended Wade Troxell's legacy of service to Fort Collins.

Adam Eggleston commended Wade Troxell on his service and leadership.

Ross Cunniff commended Wade Troxell on his service.

Philip Friedman commended Wade Troxell on his openness and willingness to listen to all perspectives. He commended Mr. Troxell on his service and leadership during particularly difficult times.

Melanie Potyondy thanked all outgoing members of Council and commended them on their service.

Dylan Lindsay thanked Wade Troxell for his dedication to the community's youth.

Kristin Stephens thanked Wade Troxell for his graciousness and patience and commended him on his service.

Lisa Poppaw commended Wade Troxell on his service to the community.

Rory Heath stated he is glad Wade Troxell's term has ended.

Tom Ellers commended Wade Troxell on his service.

Jerry Gavaldon commended Wade Troxell on his leadership and service.

Martha Zook thanked Ross Cunniff for his service and dedication and thanked Wade Troxell for his service.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorgol thanked Wade Troxell for his service and dedication to Fort Collins.

Councilmember Gutowsky thanked Wade Troxell for his service.

Councilmember Peel thanked Wade Troxell for his encouragement.

Councilmember Ohlson commended Wade Troxell on his service.

Mayor Arndt commented on the statewide admiration of Wade Troxell and commended him on his kindness and service.

RESULT:	RESOLUTION 2021-049 ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Emily Gorgol, District 6
SECONDER:	Julie Pignataro, District 2
AYES:	Pignataro, Gorgol, Arndt, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, Gutowsky

3. **Resolution 2021-050 Making an Interim Appointment to the Platte River Power Authority Board. (Adopted as Amended)**

The purpose of this item is for Council to consider making an interim appointment to the Platte River Power Authority Board until such time as the newly-elected Council makes its new board, committee and liaison appointments.

Alan Braslau reminded Council the organic contract of the Platte River Power Authority gives two seats on the Board to each of the four partnering entities, one is by statute held by the Mayor and the other is intended to represent Council as a whole. He requested Council name a competent citizen to fill this position and recommended Susan McFaddin.

Katie Hoffner commended the new members of Council and stated PRPA's role cannot be understated in how this community and sister communities are going to help address climate change. She opposed Council not considering appointing a citizen to this interim position and recommended Susan MctFaddin.

Nick Mitchell supported appointing Susan McFaddin to this position and suggested it should not be an interim appointment as it is an at-will position.

Philip Friedman supported appointing Susan McFaddin or another equally qualified citizen to this position.

Linda Stanley supported appointing Susan McFaddin to this position.

Councilmember Pignataro requested information from staff why this particular appointment is necessary. City Manager Atteberry replied there is a PRPA meeting this Thursday and the urgency behind this appointment is to ensure there are two Fort Collins representatives present at that meeting. He noted the representation from each of the four member cities has historically been the Mayor and Utilities Executive Director; however, that changed for Fort Collins when Council supported Mayor Pro Tem Horak taking the position over Utilities Executive Director Brian Janonis.

Councilmember Pignataro supported appointing Ross Cunniff for this interim position and stated Council should meet prior to determining a process change that would involve appointing a citizen.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorgol supported appointing Ross Cunniff for the interim position.

City Attorney Daggett confirmed the organic contract for Platte River Power Authority specifies that each of the four member cities designates two members of the Board of Directors with the first being either the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, and the second being appointed by Council and selected for judgement, experience, and expertise which make that person particularly qualified to serve on the Board of Directors.

Councilmember Peel asked about the reason for the current Resolution appointing City Manager Atteberry for the position. City Manager Atteberry replied Mayor Arndt automatically fills the position vacated by Mayor Troxell and his name was selected as the second representative as he has previously served on the Board and the City is currently in the process of beginning recruitment for a new Utilities Director who would likely ultimately fill the position.

Councilmember Pignataro asked if any Councilmember would automatically qualify. City Attorney Daggett replied it is a matter of judgement for Council who would qualify under the definition of the organic contract.

Mayor Arndt noted this will be short interim appointment and suggested not breaking with historical protocol prior to this Council having the ability to further discuss the topic.

Councilmember Peel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-050 as written.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

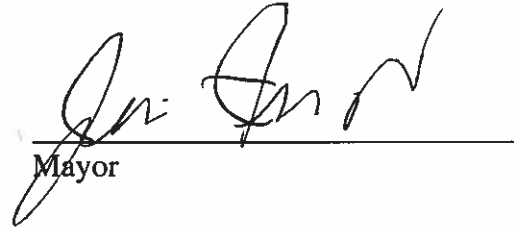
Mayor Pro Tem Gorgol made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Canonico, to adopt Resolution 2021-050 replacing City Manager Darin Atteberry's name with Ross Cunniff.

Councilmember Pignataro supported the motion stating it will help with continuity.

RESULT: RESOLUTION 2021-050 ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Emily Gorgol, District 6
SECONDER: Tricia Canonico, District 3
AYES: Pignataro, Gorgol, Arndt, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, Gutowsky, Stephens

● **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

