

**RESOLUTION 2020-086
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRIENDSHIP
CITIES PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT
COLLINS AND VILA NOVA DE FAMALICÃO, PORTUGAL**

WHEREAS, the City Council believes in the benefit and richness of sharing and learning from others; and

WHEREAS, the City has established a Friendship City Partnership process to assist in the development of more formalized partnerships with international communities; and

WHEREAS, the municipality of Vila Nova de Famalicão, Portugal, has submitted a Friendship City Partnership Application to the City, highlighting the benefits from past interactions and collaboration over an 18-month period through the International Urban Cooperation program; and

WHEREAS, the City and Vila Nova de Famalicão have an interest in strengthening the friendship ties and cooperation that have already been initiated by both parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to support activities and projects that contribute to the social, environmental and commercial development of both parties, including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- sustainable economic development and circular economy;
- climate action;
- active mobility and transit;
- employee health and wellness programs;
- work culture;
- customer service to businesses and residents;
- City as a platform;
- City role in economic health, arts and culture, community engagement, shop local campaigns and affordable housing; and
- any area of cooperation that the parties may agree upon; and

WHEREAS, the parties plan to develop an agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining common goals and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the two cities have developed cooperative activities to be aligned with projects already in implementation or planned for implementation and supported by the human resources already allocated; and

WHEREAS, in the case of new areas of work, the cities will seek grant funding to cover costs and no financial commitment is made by either party in approving this Friendship City partnership, nor shall the MOU contain any financial commitments except as may be budgeted and appropriated by City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that the proposed Friendship City partnership with Vila Nova de Famalicão meets the criteria of the City's Friendship City program, and support of such a partnership is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes any and all determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby declares its support for the establishment of a Friendship City Partnership between Vila Nova de Famalicão, Portugal and the City.

Section 3. That the City Manager is authorized to execute an MOU between the City and Vila Nova de Famalicão with such terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the City, effectuate the purposes herein and are not otherwise inconsistent with this Resolution

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of September, A.D. 2020.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

