

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

## FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 21

DATE: March 4, 2008

STAFF: Marty Heffernan

### SUBJECT

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Resolution 2008-027 Ratifying the Reappointment of John Knezovich to the Fort Collins Regional Library Board of Trustees.

### RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Council ratified the initial appointments to the Library Board of Trustees on March 6, 2007 by Resolution 2007-026. Seven Trustees were appointed to the Board with initial terms ranging from 1 to 5 years. The initial term of Trustee John Knezovich is concluding and he needs to be reappointed to the Board or replaced. The Library Trustee Selection Committee, comprised of Council members Manvel and Poppaw and Commissioners Rennels and Eubanks, unanimously recommends the reappointment of John Knezovich to the Library Board of Trustees. Pursuant to the Board's by-laws, the reappointment is for a four year term.

### BACKGROUND

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In November 2006, voters approved the formation of the Fort Collins Regional Library District. The City Council and County Commissioners formed a Library District Trustee Selection Committee, comprised of two Council members and two Commissioners. The Committee interviewed numerous candidates for the Board of Trustees and recommended seven candidates to the full Council and to the Commissioners for ratification. The candidates were ratified unanimously by both the Council and the Commissioners.

The intergovernmental agreement between the City, County and District sets out the process for appointing Trustees. It provides that a committee comprised of two members of Council and two Commissioners will recommend a candidate for appointment who must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of both the full Council and the Commissioners.

The Committee, comprised of Council members Ben Manvel and Lisa Poppaw and Commissioners Kathay Rennels and Randy Eubanks, met on February 25, 2008. Committee members had spoken with members of the Board of Trustees and learned Trustee Knezovich has greatly contributed to the Board, has been appointed Treasurer and is highly regarded by his fellow Board members.

Committee members noted that the performance of the Board of Trustees in its first year has been impressive. The Board has worked together very well and has undertaken a heavy work load with passion, dedication and a commitment to providing exceptional library services to the community.

The Committee unanimously recommends to the Council and the Commissioners that John Knezovich be reappointed to the Fort Collins Regional Library Board of Trustees for a four year term, as provided in the Board's by-laws.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Letter of support from the Fort Collins Regional Library District.
2. Letter from John Knezovich seeking reappointment to the District Library Board.

**FORT COLLINS REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT**

201 Peterson Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

February 6, 2008

Fort Collins City Council  
300 LaPorte Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

RE: Fort Collins Regional Library District Board of Trustee appointment

Dear City Council members:

The Fort Collins Regional Library District Board of Trustees has asked me to submit a letter of support for the reappointment of John Knezovich to the Board of Trustees. He was appointed on March 7, 2007 for a one year term, with the possibility to be reappointed for a standard four-year term.

John has been a tireless supporter of the Fort Collins Regional Library District during his year on the Board. His expertise has been crucial in providing financial oversight to the District and has served as the District's Treasurer. His knowledge of public finance has been invaluable.

I have attached a letter from John expressing his interest in reappointment. As a Board of Trustees we ask you to strongly consider his request.

Sincerely,

Mary Atchison  
President, Board of Trustees  
Fort Collins Regional Library District

1205 Green Street  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524  
February 4, 2008

Fort Collins Regional Library District  
201 Peterson Street  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

RE: Trustee Appointment

On March 7, 2007 I was appointed as one of seven, initial trustees to the elector-approved Fort Collins Regional Library District. My initial term was for a one-year period which expires on March 6, 2008.

As a certified public accountant, I have been able to assist in the budget process of the District. I also was able to work with both Larimer County and the City of Fort Collins in formulating the now approved Intergovernmental Agreement to structure the regional library district.

I am most interested in seeking re-appointment to a four-year term on the District's Board. I believe my financial background and government operational knowledge can continue to be an asset to the Board as it seeks financial resources to grow and develop the new District.

Thank you for consideration to this position.

Very truly yours,

John B. Knezovich, CPA

RESOLUTION 2008-027  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
RATIFYING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN KNEZOVICH TO  
THE FORT COLLINS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the voters approved a citizen initiative to establish and fund the Fort Collins Regional Library District (the "Library District") pursuant to Sections 24-90-101 to 606 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (the "Library Law"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Library Law, the City Council and Larimer County Commissioners each appointed two of their members to a committee (the "Committee") to fill seven positions on the initial board of trustees of the Library District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Library Law the Council ratified the appointment of seven trustees to the Library Board of Trustees on March 6, 2007, pursuant to Resolution 2007-026; and

WHEREAS, in its first year the Board of Trustees has performed impressively, working well together and undertaking a heavy work load with passion, dedication and a commitment to providing exceptional library services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of Trustee John Knezovich expires on March 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knezovich is highly regarded by his fellow Board members; and

WHEREAS, the Committee met and decided to reappoint Mr. Knezovich to a second term; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bylaws of the Library District Board of Trustees, a trustee may serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms, which are staggered so that one or two trustees are appointed or reappointed every year; and

WHEREAS, Section 24-90-108(2)(b) of the Library Law requires that the Committee's trustee appointments be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the legislative body of each governmental unit participating in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that pursuant to the requirements of the Colorado Library Law, the Council, by a two-thirds majority vote of its members, hereby ratifies the Committee's reappointment of John Knezovich to the Board of Trustees of the Fort Collins Regional Library District for a four year term; provided, however, that such action is contingent upon the Larimer County Commissioners taking similar action.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of March, A.D. 2008.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk