

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

July 18, 2017

City Council

STAFF

Wanda Winkelmann, City Clerk

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 096, 2017, Calling a Special Municipal Election To Be Held In Conjunction With the November 7, 2017 Larimer County Coordinated Election.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to call a Special Municipal Election to be held in conjunction with the November 7, 2017 Larimer County Coordinated Election, and to preserve the opportunity for Council to place initiated or referred issues on the November ballot. If Council decides to place any measures on the ballot relating to Charter amendments, it would need to do so no later than August 29 in order to meet statutory requirements for publication. If Council does not take action by ordinance or resolution before the statutory deadline (September 8) to certify ballot language to Larimer County, the election will be cancelled and the provisions of this Ordinance will be of no further force and effect.

This Ordinance does not submit a specific measure to the November 7, 2017 ballot. Adoption of this Ordinance is a required step in preserving the option for City Council to submit any ballot measures that Council may desire, at the November 7, 2017 Coordinated Election.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 096, 2017
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE
HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017
LARIMER COUNTY COORDINATED ELECTION

WHEREAS, Section 31-2-210, Colorado Revised Statutes, provides that Charter amendments may be initiated by the adoption of an ordinance by the City Council submitting a proposed amendment to a vote of the registered electors of the City of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, the decision to call a special election must be made by ordinance sooner than the deadline to place measures on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, City staff will present to the City Council for consideration in August, proposed Charter amendments that would authorize the City to add communication services as a component of the Electric Utilities services and adding related provisions; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, the City Council wishes to call a special municipal election on November 7, 2017, to be held in conjunction with the Larimer County Coordinated Election, for the purpose of submitting to the electorate of the City any ballot issues approved by the City Council prior to the deadline for certifying ballot content to the Larimer County Clerk and Recorder.

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

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

Section 2. That a Special Municipal Election in the City is hereby called for Tuesday, November 7, 2017, which shall be held in conjunction with the Larimer County Coordinated Election and conducted in such manner as shall be determined by the Larimer County Clerk and Recorder.

Section 3. That the provisions of the Uniform Election Code of 1992 are hereby adopted with respect to the conduct of said election in lieu of the provisions of the Municipal Election Code of 1965.

Section 4. That, subject to any applicable provision in Colorado statute to the contrary, the City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, submit to the voters at said election any citizen-initiated or City-initiated measure that complies with the requirements of the City Charter, irrespective of the nature of such measure.

Section 5. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to certify the ballot content for the Special Municipal Election to the Larimer County Clerk no later than September 8, 2017, for any ballot titles set by the City Council prior to said date.

Section 6. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Larimer County for conduct of the election, pursuant to Section 1-7-116(2) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

Section 7. That, in the event that the City Council does not take action by ordinance or resolution prior to August 29, 2017, to submit any ballot measures to the voters at the November 7, 2017 Larimer County Coordinated Election, the election provided for herein shall be cancelled and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be of no further force and effect.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 18th day of July, A.D. 2017, and to be presented for final passage on the 15th day of August, A.D. 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 15th day of August, A.D. 2017.

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