

AGENDA
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

June 17, 2003

Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL.
3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (limited to 30 minutes)
4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOLLOW-UP:

This is an opportunity for the Mayor or Councilmembers to follow-up on issues raised during Citizen Participation.

5. AGENDA REVIEW: CITY MANAGER

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consists of Item Numbers 7 through 17. This Calendar is intended to allow the City Council to spend its time and energy on the important items on a lengthy agenda. Staff recommends approval of the Consent Calendar. Anyone may request an item on this calendar to be "pulled" off the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Agenda items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be considered separately under Agenda Item #21, Pulled Consent Items. The Consent Calendar consists of:

- 1) Ordinances on First Reading that are routine;
- 2) Ordinances on Second Reading that are routine;
- 3) Those of no perceived controversy;
- 4) Routine Administrative actions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

7. Consideration and approval of the Council meeting minutes of May 6, and May 20, 2003.

8. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 087, 2003, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the General Fund for a Poudre School District Building Survey and Historic Schools Context.

The City of Fort Collins, Advance Planning Department has received a Certified Local Government grant in the amount of \$23,000 from the Colorado Historical Society. Matching funds are not required. This Ordinance was unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 3, 2003.

9. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 088, 2003, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Capital Projects Fund Building Community Choices - Community Horticulture Center Capital Project to be Used for Design and Construction of the Education Room.

Ordinance No. 088, 2003, which was unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 3, 2003, appropriates unanticipated revenue in the Capital Projects Fund Building Community Choices - Community Horticulture Center Capital Project to be Used for Design and Construction of the Education Room.

10. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 089, 2003, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue and Prior Year Reserves in the General Fund for the Purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch System, Records Management System, a Corrections Management System and an Automatic Vehicle Locating System.

This Ordinance, which was unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 3, 2003, appropriates funds to purchase and jointly operate with Larimer County an Emergency Services dispatch, records and correction system that will serve Fort Collins Police Services, the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Poudre Fire Authority, Poudre Valley Health Care Ambulances, CSU Police Department, Estes Park Police Department and Berthoud Police Department.

11. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 090, 2003, Making Various Amendments to the City of Fort Collins Land Use Code.

Staff has identified a variety of proposed changes, additions and clarifications in the Spring biannual update of the Land Use Code. On May 15, 2003, the Planning and Zoning Board voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the proposed changes to City Council. Ordinance No. 090, 2003, was unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 3, 2003, making various amendments to the Land Use Code.

12. First Reading of Ordinance No. 091, 2003, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the General Fund and Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriated Amounts Between Accounts and Projects for the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force.

Fort Collins Police Services and Loveland Police, Larimer County Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Colorado State University Police Department are members of the Larimer County Drug Task Force (LCDTF). For the past 16 years, Fort Collins Police Services, as administrator of the LCDTF has applied to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for Federal Byrne Grant monies to help fund the investigation of illegal narcotics activities. The City has recently received notification of the grant award in the amount of \$271,081. The participating agencies must provide matching funds in the amount of \$426,658. Fort Collins' portion of the match is \$43,664. This match is met via the budgeted salary and fringe benefits of existing Fort Collins Police Services personnel currently assigned to the Drug Task Force. In addition, the City will receive \$3,600 from CSU, to fund their portion of training costs.

13. First Reading of Ordinance No. 092, 2003, Authorizing the Acceptance of Property Donated by Willowood Corporation and Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the General Fund for Said Property Acceptance.

This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to accept the conveyance of approximately 1.54-acres of land to be owned by the City and managed as a natural area by the Natural Resources Department. The parcel is adjacent to the City's Prairie Dog Meadow Natural Area. The habitat is wet meadow and upland grassland. This parcel adds acreage to a currently protected site that is used by prairie dogs, allowing expansion of the colony onto upland habitat and providing additional feeding areas for the prairie dogs. One of the preferred foods of prairie dogs is sedges, which dominate the wet meadow on this tract of land.

14. First Reading of Ordinance No. 093, 2003, Amending Section 23-193 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Governing Certain Conduct in City Natural Areas.

It recently came to the attention of staff that minor changes are needed to Section 23-193 of the Fort Collins City Code (Natural Areas) to accomplish the original intent of the regulations.

Vehicle Access: In February 2002, Ordinance No. 031, 2002, inadvertently changed Sec. 23-193 of City Code (the Natural Areas Regulations) in such a way as to make it impossible to legally allow vehicular access to natural areas for certain desirable and necessary purposes. The Code change at the time also inaccurately indicated "recreation area" (which should have been used in Section 23-203) rather than "natural area" which is the appropriate language for Section 23-193.

The purpose of Ordinance No. 031, 2002, was to exclude electric assisted bicycles from the trails that go through natural areas. Prior to Ordinance No. 031, 2002, the regulations allowed the service area director to grant permits for motor vehicles to be on natural areas in certain situations. In the process of accomplishing the intent relative to electric assisted bicycles, Section 23-193, which governs the use of any motor vehicles, was moved from section (d), which allowed motor vehicles on natural areas only by permit, to section (a), so that motor vehicles are now entirely prohibited on natural areas. This changed the original intent of the provision, which was to allow the service area director to issue a permit for vehicle access to natural areas for certain educational activities and for necessary and unavoidable access needs. An example of educational vehicle

access occurs at Coyote Ridge, where the public is not allowed to drive vehicles on the trail, but, when accompanied by the City's education personnel, vehicles may appropriately be permitted to take groups of persons requiring assistance (e.g., persons in wheelchairs or persons who physically are unable to hike into the site) to the interpretive area about one mile into the site. This allows those groups the opportunity to both enjoy the experiences unique to foothills natural areas and enjoy and learn from the interpretive features on the site.

15. Resolution 2003-078 Adopting the Third Amendment to the City of Fort Collins General Employees' Retirement Plan as Amended and Restated Effective December 31, 2001.

The City has operated the General Employees' Retirement Plan since 1971. For many years, this Plan served the majority of City employees. As of January 1, 2003, there are 362 active members, 116 terminated members with vested benefits, and 123 retirees or beneficiaries in the Plan. Under the current Plan, employees with part-time service that convert to full-time service can receive a benefit that is proportionately greater than full-time employees. The General Employees' Retirement Committee, with assistance from its actuary, Milliman USA, and internal and external legal counsel, has studied this problem for the last four years. The Committee has developed a Plan change that more equitably matches the retirement benefit to actual service and the contributions made in to the Plan. The proposed change does not increase the cost of the Plan.

16. Resolution 2003-079 Adopting Amendments to the Financial Management Policies.

The amendments adopted by this Resolution will become part of the Financial Management Policies of the City. The policies will remain in effect until they are subsequently amended or repealed by Council action.

The two operational policy changes pertain to guidelines regarding the accounting for maintenance and repairs of City Facilities and an investment technique known as securities lending.

17. Routine Easement.

- A. Deed of easement for public access and recreational trail, located at 2908 South Timberline Road. Monetary consideration: \$10.

*****END CONSENT*****

18. Consent Calendar Follow-up.

This is an opportunity for Councilmembers to comment on items adopted or approved on the Consent Calendar.

19. Staff Reports.

Status Report on Council Requests.

20. Councilmember Reports.

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

There are no items scheduled for discussion.

21. Pulled Consent Items.

22. Other Business.

23. Adjournment.