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AGENDA
City Council Election Code Committee
September 20, 2021, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Remote Participation available

Committee Members:
Mayor Jeni Arndt – Vice Chair
Councilmember Tricia Canonico, District 3 - Chair
Councilmember Kelly Ohlson, District 5
Councilmember Julie Pignataro, District 2 (alternate)

Public Participation for Election Code Committee

Watch the Meeting: Anyone can view the Election Code Committee (ECC) meeting live:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://fcgov.zoom.us/j/93910757534>

Meeting ID: 939 1075 7534

Public Comment: Individuals who wish to address the Committee via remote public participation can do so through the link provided above.

The meeting will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday. To participate:

- You need to have a laptop or computer with a microphone and/or headset that includes a microphone.
- You need to have access to the internet.
- Join the Zoom meeting listed above.
- Keep yourself on muted status.

Note:

- If you are unable to participate via Zoom, you may attend the meeting in person (however, we have very limited capacity based on social distancing recommendations).
- Alternatively, you may provide comments to the Committee via email prior to 11:30 a.m. at cityleaders@fcgov.com. Emails will be read by City Leaders; however, not read into the formal meeting record.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment - 30 minutes total (limited to 5 minutes per speaker max)
3. Consideration and approval of the August 27, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion Items:
 - **Campaign Finance provisions** - Staff is seeking clarification on scope.
 - Review of campaign finance requirements and process.
 - Reverting to the State Fair Campaign Practices Act?
 - The Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act was first enacted in 2017. The provisions of the FCPA are focused on state candidates but does also cover local candidates. There are many provisions in the FCPA that are not applicable to local candidates.
 - To eliminate the difficulty in sorting through the FCPA to ferret out the provisions applicable to local candidates, in 2000, the City Council adopted our own campaign finance provisions which were based on the provisions of the FCPA at the time. The Fort Collins provisions have since been modified several times to adjust to local preferences.
 - **Redistricting –**
 - April 4, 2023, Next Election
 - October 6, 2022 - Redistricting needs to be complete at the very latest
 - September 2022 – Should have an Ordinance on the agenda
 - Census release should be available by the end of September 2021
 - Start RFP for Consultant
 - This item is currently in process. Staff will provide periodic updates to the Committee as process proceeds.
 - **November Elections** - Moving from April elections to November elections in even years. Coordinated with Larimer County. Time constraints/timeline:
 - November 2022 election – multiple questions to facilitate transition to November
 - Ballot text must be certified to County by Friday, September 9, 2022 (keep in mind that Charter amendments must be submitted by ordinance)
 - Plan on first reading at the second meeting in July 2022, especially if there are any plans to cancel any meetings in August 2022.
 - November 2023 or 2024 – first coordinated candidate election
 - No election in April 2023?
 - October 18, 2021, meeting for discussion and to detail scope of process.

- **Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)** –
 - November 2022 – question seeking voter approval
 - Implemented November 2023 (earliest date for the County to conduct ranked choice voting for a municipality **IF** the County uses a voting system certified by the Secretary of State for use in an election using RCV) or 2024 if voters also approved moving to November election
 - Implemented in April 2025 if City election remains separate (April 2023 does not allow enough time for planning and implementation). May require RFP/bid process.

- **Public Financing of Elections** – Research is being conducted at this time to gather information related to comparative municipalities and their associated processes to be presented to the Committee later.
 - Suggested timing for scoping, 1st quarter of 2022.

- **Election Oversight Board** – Research is being conducted at this time to gather information related to comparative municipalities and their associated processes to be presented to the Committee later.
 - Suggested timing for scoping, 1st quarter of 2022.

- **Partisan/Non-partisan elections** – Memo forthcoming.

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) August 27, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes

Next Election Code Committee Meeting: 12:00-1:30 p.m., October 18, 2021