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AGENDA
City Council Election Code Committee
November 15, 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 Options:

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.
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- 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.

2021-2022
Main Topics of Discussion in
Priority Order

- 1) Redistricting
- 2) Campaign Finance Provisions
- 3) November Elections
- 4) RCV
- 5) Public Financing of Elections
- 6) Election Oversight Board
- 7) Partisan/Non-Partisan Elections

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment - 30 minutes total (limited to 5 minutes per speaker max)
4. Public Comment Follow-up
5. Consideration and approval of the September 20, 2021, and October 18, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes
6. Consideration of proposal to move to November Elections and related action

- a. Guest: Angela Myers, Larimer County Clerk and Recorder
- Describe how an even/odd number year election might look
 - Allocation of costs for a coordinated election
 - Update regarding RCV implementation at County level

1-7-116. Coordinated elections - definition. (1) (d) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, A STATUTORY CITY OR TOWN OR HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY MAY REFER A MUNICIPAL ELECTION USING INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING TO BE CONDUCTED AS PART OF A COORDINATED ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-7-118. IF REQUIRED BY SECTION 1-7-118, A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL CONDUCT THE ELECTION ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS PART OF THE COORDINATED ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND SECTION 1-7-118.

***Additional staff resources available & present to answer questions regarding the November coordinated election proposal and how the change may impact opportunities for labor questions presented to voters.*

- b. Term transition follow-up
- Shortening/lengthening

	NOVEMBER ELECTIONS							
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
No April Election in 2023 Even Year November Elections		Mayor +18 Months		Mayor ON TRACK		Mayor ON TRACK		Mayor ON TRACK
		Group 1 District 2 District 4 District 6 +18 Months		Group 2 District 1 District 3 District 5 +18 Months		Group 1 District 2 District 4 District 6 ON TRACK		Group 2 District 1 District 3 District 5 ON TRACK

	NOVEMBER ELECTIONS							
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Hold April Election in 2023 for Mayor only Even Year November Elections		Mayor -6 Months		Mayor ON TRACK		Mayor ON TRACK		Mayor ON TRACK
		Group 1 District 2 District 4 District 6 +18 Months		Group 2 District 1 District 3 District 5 +18 Months		Group 1 District 2 District 4 District 6 ON TRACK		Group 2 District 1 District 3 District 5 ON TRACK

7. **Redistricting Update:** The City Clerk's Office is currently pursuing a redistricting consultant. Jason Harder, Technology Director, will attend to give an update as to the issues preventing redistricting from being completed in-house.

8. **Proposed timeline for ballot question approval:**
 - February 22, 2022 Work Session – November Election Discussion
 - March 2022 City Attorney's Office drafts ballot language
 - April & May 2022 Present ballot language to ECC
 - June & July 2022 Present ballot language to Council, Call for Special Election, Sign IGA

9. **Future Election Code Committee dates with scheduling conflicts.**
 - a. January 17, 2022 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day / **Rescheduled to January 10, 2021**
 - b. February 21, 2022 – President's Day / **Rescheduled to February 28, 2021**
 - c. June 20, 2022 – Juneteenth / **Rescheduled to June 27, 2021**
 - d. Remote vs In-person discussion

10. **Other Business**

11. **Adjournment**

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) September 20, 2021, and October 18, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes
- 2) Election Summary
- 3) History of Voter-Considered Tax Measures

Next Election Code Committee Meeting: 12:00-1:30 p.m., December 20, 2021

September 20, 2021

ELECTION CODE COMMITTEE MEETING

12:00 PM

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Arndt, Canonico, Ohlson
STAFF PRESENT: Carrie Daggett, Tammi Pusheck, Rita Knoll
CITIZENS PRESENT: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robbie Moreland commented on two outstanding election complaints and suggested an independent election oversight committee should be formed. She suggested 18 months is a sufficient amount of time to implement ranked choice voting for the April 2023 election if it is approved at the November of 2022 election.

Jody Deschanes supported Ms. Moreland's comments and addressed inaccurate comments about ranked choice voting.

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 27, 2021 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Arndt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ohlson to approve the August 27, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was adopted unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Campaign Finance Provisions

Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll asked about the scope of the review of campaign finance provisions and whether it is separate or in conjunction with considering reverting to the state law.

Vice Chair Arndt asked about the main differences between the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act and the City Code. Knoll replied they were almost identical when Fort Collins wrote its Code with the exception of not addressing state candidates. She stated local provisions were written so they could all be contained in one document.

Vice Chair Arndt stated candidates need more clear guidance on PACs as one example.

City Attorney Daggett noted there are state, but not local, guidelines for independent expenditure committees.

Councilmember Ohlson stated he would like to keep big money out of City elections, and if that is not possible, there should be as much disclosure as possible regarding who is contributing.

b. Redistricting

Chair Canonico noted redistricting must be complete by October 6, 2022 for the April 2023 election.

Interim City Clerk Pusheck noted this process has already begun and funds have been budgeted for a consultant.

Councilmember Ohlson asked about the role of the consultant stating he does not recall a consultant being used for redistricting in the past. He stated the earlier in the process the redistricting can occur, the better, as candidates are contemplating running for office earlier.

Vice Chair Arndt concurred an earlier date for having district boundaries set would be beneficial.

City Attorney Daggett stated this is the first time a consultant has been used as the last redistricting process took much longer than anticipated. She stated the consultant's role will be to help prepare and present options for the best way to determine the cadence for redistricting.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll stated the consultant will be familiar with many different models used in the country.

Vice Chair Arndt asked who sets precinct boundaries. Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll replied the County sets those boundaries and the Code requires City precincts to match County precinct boundaries in order to obtain accurate voter data.

Councilmember Ohlson commented on ensuring an incumbent is not redistricted out of his or her own seat.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll stated it may be difficult to have redistricting occur much earlier if census data is used. She also noted there will be a public outreach component to the consultant's work.

Vice Chair Arndt asked about the City's residency requirements for candidates. Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll replied candidates must have been a registered voter for one year and live in the district at the point of taking office.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll noted the consultant is to assist with different methodologies; however, if there is no desire to change that, a consultant may not be needed.

City Attorney Daggett clarified a candidate must be residing within the district at the time of nomination, not the time of election.

Vice Chair Arndt noted state and federal congressional maps are based on population and that seems to be the metric that makes the most sense.

Chair Canonico asked about the projected cost of the consultant. Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll replied it was between \$80,000 and \$90,000. She stated staff can put together options based on population and the consultant may not be necessary if the methodology is not changing.

Councilmember Ohlson questioned the need for the consultant, particularly at that cost.

City Attorney Daggett noted the scope of work for a consultant has yet to be written. She stated the redistricting triggers per the Code will be outlined and may need to be adjusted.

c. November Elections

Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll discussed time constraints and the timeline around moving elections to November. She noted there are currently no municipal elections in Larimer County in even years. She noted the topic is slated for a more detailed discussion at the next meeting.

Councilmember Ohlson stated there is no reason to change to a coordinated election in odd years and expressed support for coordinated even year elections beginning in 2024.

Chair Canonico asked if there would be anything that would prevent the extension of Council terms should an April 2023 election not occur. City Attorney Daggett replied that would need to be a topic of discussion for the Committee. She stated having the April 2023 election to fill terms could be a possibility and stated the various aspects of the timing could be built into the ballot issue approving any change to a coordinated election.

Vice Chair Arndt and Councilmember Ohlson commented on the benefits of having more voters per election which may result from changing to coordinated elections.

d. Ranked Choice Voting

Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll stated the earliest ballot on which this item could appear would be November 2022 and the earliest it could be implemented, should voters also approve a switch to November elections, would be November of 2023. She noted the use of ranked choice voting could

only occur if the County uses a system certified by the Secretary of State for use in a ranked choice voting election. She noted the November 2022 election would not be certified until about three months after preparations for the April 2023 election would occur.

Councilmember Ohlson stated he would need to see some proof that implementation could not occur by the April 2023 election and stated the consultant funding could be used to hire additional staff if necessary.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Knoll noted candidate guidelines include election information and there would be differences based on which type of election is run, including different certification dates and potentially different vendors.

Committee members and staff discussed certification dates and swearing in dates. City Attorney Daggett noted a specific swearing in date could be set, but it would need to be far enough out to allow for recounts.

Chair Arndt opposed the last timeline for swearing in and the immediately following retreat to determine Council priorities.

Councilmember Ohlson stated the Committee needs to know what resources are needed in order to implement ranked choice voting for the April 2023 election, if approved in November of 2022.

e. Public Financing of Elections

Interim City Clerk Pusheck stated interns are working on collecting data from peer cities and will be returning with information during the first quarter of 2022.

f. Election Oversight Board

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g. Partisan/Non-partisan Elections

City Attorney Daggett asked if the Committee views this as an immediate issue or more of a long-term topic.

Councilmember Ohlson stated he has preferred non-partisan elections; however, he believes those have not occurred in practice in years, therefore, he would rather see partisan elections. He suggested the topic could still be placed on the same ballot with other questions.

City Attorney Daggett noted the main change with a partisan election involves the establishment of political parties to determine who candidates on the ballot would be.

Chair Canonico supported prioritizing ranked choice voting and November elections over changing to partisan elections. Councilmember Ohlson agreed with prioritizing those; however, he suggested they could potentially all move forward simultaneously.

City Attorney Daggett requested a prioritization of the seven items.

Councilmember Ohlson noted redistricting has to be done. Vice Chair Arndt stated she would like to have that done by April.

Councilmember Ohlson suggested the next priority should be campaign financing improvements, followed by November elections and ranked choice voting.

City Attorney Daggett noted the budgeting process will be starting again in March and April and having some direction on public election financing could be beneficial at that time.

Councilmember Ohlson suggested public financing and the election oversight committee would be the next priorities.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:26 PM.

October 18, 2021

ELECTION CODE COMMITTEE MEETING

12:00 PM

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Arndt, Canonico, Ohlson
STAFF PRESENT: Carrie Daggett, Tammi Pusheck, Ryan Malarkey, Kyle Stannert
CITIZENS PRESENT: Robbie Moreland, Owen Perkins (remote)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robbie Moreland thanked staff for bringing in the presenter regarding publicly funded elections. She stated the committee should consider which method would consider more candidates to run for office, which method would engage more residents to vote in municipal elections, and which method is easier to administer. She discussed a voucher program and stated it is a viable method to add to the analysis. She questioned how a group in the April election could raise \$75,000 for a candidate and still not have to disclose its donors, in violation of City Code and the state election code. She also stated she would like to see ranked choice voting on next month's agenda.

Owen Perkins, Clean Slate Now Action, supported Fort Collins looking at publicly funded elections. He stated public financing would give open access to the ballot to a more diverse field, would eliminate wealth as a factor in competing for office, would eliminate the potential for corruption or the appearance of corruption, encourages residents to be engaged in the process, and empowers residents to reclaim the concept of citizen-owned elections.

Vice Chair Arndt stated she has always supported publicly funded elections and limits of \$100 for Mayor and \$75 for Councilmembers. She questioned whether Citizens United incentivizes dark money. Mr. Perkins replied publicly financed elections cannot overturn Citizens United, which is a federal issue. He stated work can be done at the local level to incentivize the small-dollar donor and associated campaigns.

Vice Chair Arndt asked if there is any evidence that pushing the maximum donation amount down so low it has a negative effect. Mr. Perkins replied dark money tends to follow very competitive races rather than correlating to donation limits. He also noted every campaign finance reform that has taken place in recent years in Colorado has eliminated corporate contributions.

3. PUBLICLY FUNDED ELECTIONS – Katie Setty

Katie Setty, Colorado State University Political Science Department Master's Student, provided some municipal-level examples and case studies for publicly funded elections. She stated the motivations behind publicly funded elections tend to stem from two sources: a desire for increased access for candidates and voters, and a desire to limit expenditures of candidates. Ms. Setty outlined the three methods of public funding: matching funds, grants, and the voucher program. She detailed various programs of each of the first two types and discussed Seattle's unique voucher program.

Vice Chair Arndt asked about fundraising caps and the number of candidates. Ms. Setty replied there are limits in most programs which prohibit fundraising after the expenditure limit is reached.

Councilmember Ohlson stated he is very supportive of limits to campaign funding but opposed five-dollar limits. He also opposed making determinations of candidates' personal wealth as it seems to invalidate the entire public financing of elections by giving those who are self-funded a green light. Ms. Setty agreed the determination of personal wealth would be inappropriate and stated Los Angeles has a requirement that candidates must receive 100 five-dollar donations to qualify, though it also allows other donations that qualify as small donor donations.

Chair Canonico suggested the five-dollar donations could be seen as somewhat equivalent to obtaining signatures on a petition.

Kyle Stannert, City Manager's Office, stated one of the remote participants stated the five dollars is not a contribution limit, but is a minimum contribution to qualify for public finance.

Chair Canonico requested additional information regarding Seattle's voucher program. Ms. Setty replied citizens are given vouchers that represent their portion of public funding and those vouchers can be directed to candidates online or physically.

Kyle Stannert noted Mr. Perkins also stated the 20% of personal wealth means 20% of one's campaign funds is the maximum for personal contributions.

4. REDISTRICTING UPDATE

Interim City Clerk Pusheck stated staff is looking to engage the City's IT department to help find a contractor to help with redistricting.

5. NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Interim City Clerk Pusheck noted the Committee was provided information in its packet and asked what additional information would be needed. Vice Chair Arndt asked when necessary Charter changes would go before voters should the Committee recommend this change to Council. Interim City Clerk Pusheck replied the assumption is November of 2022. City Attorney Daggett noted Council could call a special election and put items on the November ballot as well as the April regular municipal election ballot. She discussed possible permutations of a shift from April to November elections noting some type of change in term lengths would be necessary.

Councilmember Ohlson stated lengthening terms would likely be more palatable than shortening them.

City Attorney Daggett commented on other municipalities that have switched to November elections.

Councilmember Ohlson noted the Committee has consistently expressed support for even year November elections. Interim City Clerk Pusheck provided preliminary information related to various scenarios that would result from a change to November elections depending on when that change may occur.

Committee members discussed the current two-year Mayoral term versus four-year Council terms. It was noted that does allow for four seats to be up for election every two years.

Committee members commented on November elections being beneficial due to the higher number of voters despite possible ballot fatigue with longer ballots. Interim City Clerk Pusheck noted there may be some imbalance in that one group of candidates would always be on the ballot with the presidential election whereas the other group would not.

City Attorney Daggett noted the City can currently do TABOR questions during regular municipal elections, and that option would be eliminated if April elections were eliminated. She noted term limits would also need to be addressed in any ballot language.

6. FUTURE ELECTION CODE COMMITTEE DATES WITH SCHEDULING CONFLICTS

Councilmember Ohlson suggested meeting dates with holiday conflicts should be rescheduled. Other members agreed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Interim City Clerk Pusheck requested guidance as to what topics the Committee would like to discuss at the next couple meetings.

Committee members discussed the timing of key topics and Vice Chair Arndt suggested the development of a calendar working backward from any items that would need Charter changes and associated voter approval.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:13 PM.

ELECTION	BALLOTS CAST	REGISTERED VOTERS	TURNOUT	ISSUES/RACES
04-03-79 Regular	14,404	23,584	61.07%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-large Councilmembers • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Limiting issuance of building permits (“moderate growth”) • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Decriminalizing marijuana
02-26-80 Special	11,625	27,510	42.25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Extension of 1% sales tax for indoor pool and ice rink, bike paths, trails • Council Initiated Ordinance - prohibiting extension of sales tax and requiring construction of indoor pool, etc. • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Decriminalizing marijuana • Charter Amendments
03-17-81 Special	329			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of Downtown Development Authority
04-07-81 Regular	7,709	32,732	23.55%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 • Charter Amendments • Council Initiated Ordinance - Issuance of general obligation bonds
03-08-83 Regular	9,744	27,492	35.44%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-large Councilmembers • Charter Amendments • Citizen Referred Ordinance No. 113, 1982 - .75% Sales Tax
05-01-84 Special	22,044	33,933	64.85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen-Lind-Moore Annexation (Anheuser-Busch) • City Initiated Ordinance - .25% Sales Tax for EPIC • City Initiated Ordinance - .25% Sales Tax for Capital Projects • Citizen Initiated Resolution - Nuclear Weapons/Testing
11-06-84 Special	33,087			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Referred Ordinance No. 23, 1984 - Smoking in Public Places
03-07-85 Regular	7,332	42,696	17.17%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 • Charter Amendments
06-18-85 Special	7,701	42,785		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Referred Ordinance No. 27, 1983 - Issuance of DDA Tax Increment Note for Oak Park Residential Project
11-05-85 Special	12,800	44,762	28.59%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Referred Ordinance - Funding Purchase, Maintenance and Development of Fort Collins-Loveland Corridor
11-04-86 Special	25,627			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Referred Ordinance No. 113, 1986 - Robinson-Piersall Plaza Project

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03-03-87 Regular	9,113	45,299	20.11%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-large Councilmembers • District 2 • Charter Amendments • Citizen Initiated Resolution - Moratorium on Nuclear Testing
11-08-88 Special	36,360	55,950		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Initiated Ordinance No. 106, 1988 - Sexual Orientation
03-07-89 Regular	8,291	55,577	14.91%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 (first transition to election by District) • Charter Amendments • City Referred Ordinance No. 8, 1989 - .25% Sales Tax for Street Maintenance • City Initiated Ordinance No. 9, 1989 - .25% Sales Tax for Capital Projects
07-10-90 Special	3,302	52,833	6.24%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Collective Bargaining (Police)
11-06-90 Special	26,525			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter amendment (direct election of Mayor, conversion to 6 districts)
04-02-91 Regular	10,678	43,805	24.37%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor (1st directly elected) • Districts 2, 4 • Charter Amendments • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Second sheet of ice at EPIC • Citizen Initiated Resolution - Peace in the Middle East
11-03-92 Special	38,205	59,534	64.17%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Natural Areas • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Zoo and Horticultural Center
04-06-93 Regular	9,684	54,062	17.91%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor • Districts 1, 3, 5, 6 • Charter Amendments
04-04-95 Regular (Mail Ballot)	22,489	53,456	42.07%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor • Districts 2, 4, 6 • Citizen Initiated Sales Tax - Parks and Second Sheet of Ice
11-05-96 Special	46,671	69,367		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Initiated Ordinance No. 100, 1996 - Retention of Excess Revenue
04-08-97 Regular (Mail Ballot)	17,831	71,199	25.04%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor • Districts 1, 3, 5 • Charter Amendments • City Initiated Ordinances (3) - Building Community Choices Sales Tax • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Citizen Review Board
11-04-97 Special	15,266			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excess Revenue Retention/De-Brucing

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11-03-98 Special				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Referred Ordinance No. 21, 1998 (Human Rights Ordinance) • Citizen Referred Ordinance No. 22, 1998 (Human Rights Ordinance-Sexual Orientation)
04-06-99 Regular (Mail Ballot)	28,536	82,354 (48,799 active 33,555 inactive)	34.65% (based on 82,354) 58.48% (based on 48,799)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor • Districts 2, 4, 6 • City Initiated Ordinance - .36% Sales Tax for Transport and Traffic Control System • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Mulberry-Lemay Crossing P.U.D. (Wal-Mart)
11-02-99 Special	18,377	85,098	21.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Initiated Ordinance - Location of Truck Route outside UGA • Charter Amendments
11-07-00 Special	54,038	92,272	58.56%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter Amendments
04-03-01 Regular (Mail Ballot)	20,745	81,694 (58,926 active 22,768 inactive)	35.21% (based on active)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter Amendments
11-06-01 Special (Mail Ballot)	60,125 (Entire County)	140,375 (Entire County)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (3) Citizen Initiated Ordinances - Performing Arts Center/Museum Improvements
11-05-02 Special (Coordinated)		86,938		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of Open Space Tax • Transportation Tax • Charter Amendment - Initiatives
04-08-03 Regular (Mail Ballot)	26,010	89,269 (50,738 active 38,531 inactive)	51.26% (based on active)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor and Districts 2, 4, 6 • Transportation Tax (.25%) • 1% Construction Tax to Fund Transportation Capital Projects
08-10-04 Special (Coordinated w/Primary)	16,471			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective Bargaining
04-05-05 Regular (Mail Ballot)	31,498	72,477 (active)	43.46%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor and Districts 1, 3, 5 • Citizen-initiated ordinance repealing sales tax on grocery food • Citizen-initiated ordinance eliminating fluoride in water • City-initiated measure extending .25% tax for street maintenance

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11-01-05 Special (Coordinated)		88,565		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City-initiated measure extending .25% BCC tax for capital projects (BOB) • Timberline/Prospect Special Improvement District No. 94 • Charter Amendment - Publication of Ordinances • Charter Amendment - Replace Election Board with Canvass Board
09-12-06 Special	18,326	65,908 (Active)	27.81%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter Amendment - Collective Bargaining (w/binding arbitration)
11-07-06 Special (Coordinated)		72,053		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDA Bonds • City-initiated measure repealing citizen-initiated Ordinance No. 142, 1999 pertaining to the proposed relocation of the Colorado Highway 14 truck route
04-03-07 Regular (Mail Ballot)	21,164	56,898 (Active)	37.20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwest Enclave Annexation referendum • Charter Amendment - Composition of Election Board • Charter Amendment - Allow Leases in Excess of 20 Years
06-10-08 Special (Mail Ballot)	19,624	66,718 (Active)	29.41%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter Amendment - Collective Bargaining for All Employees/Binding Arbitration
04-07-09 Regular (Mail Ballot)	25,169	80,250 (Active)	31.36%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates (Mayor, Dist 1, 3, 5)
11-02-10 Special (Coordinated)	53,498	75,876 (Active)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional .85% sales/use tax (Jan 1, 2011-Dec 31, 2020) to fund street mtce, other street/transportation needs, police services, fire protection and other emergency services, parks mtce and recreation services, and community priorities other than those listed above
04-05-11 Regular (Mail Ballot)	28,093	62,260 (Active)	45.12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates (Mayor, Dist 2, 4, 6) • City-initiated Charter Amendment - Redistricting based on population • Citizen-initiated Ranked Voting • Citizen-initiated Library Park building footprint
11-01-11 Special (Coordinated)	37,053	71,251	52.00%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban on Medical Marijuana Businesses
11-06-12 Special (Coordinated)	80,595	93,075 (Active)	86.59%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstatement of Medical Marijuana Businesses

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04-02-13 Regular (Mail Ballot)	26,044	89,356 (88,185 Active plus 1,171 Inactive- Failed to Vote)	29.15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates (Mayor, Dist 1, 3, 5)
11-05-13	42,767 (votes cast)	96,824		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fracking moratorium
04-07-15	34,081	92,259 active voters in the initial mailing	36.94%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates (Mayor, Dist 2, 4, 6) • Extension of .25% sales and use tax for capital projects • Extension of quarter cent sales tax for street maintenance • Charter amendment - Initiative/ referendum provisions • Charter amendment - Nominating petition provisions • Charter amendment - Recall provisions • Charter amendment - Definition of service area
11-03-15	30,276	94,910	33.09%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband
11-08-16	85,570 (votes cast)	123,641		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep and spend all “Keep Fort Collins Great” sales and use tax revenue approved by voters in 2010
04-04-17	29,908	105,868	28.25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates (Mayor, Dist 1, 3, 5) • Charter amendment - election certification date • Charter amendment - cancelling a Council meeting • Charter amendment - conflict of interest clarification • Charter amendment - appointment of Municipal Judges
11-07-17	38,097 (highest number of votes cast of the 2 questions)	118,082	32.26%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter amendment - telecommunications utility (Broadband) • Authorizing Council to make amendments to voter-approved medical marijuana licensing provisions
04-02-19	32,799	105,407	31.12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates (Mayor, Dist 1, 2, 4, 6) • Keep Fort Collins Great renewal with .25% being for 10 years and .60% being permanent • Charter amendment - Council compensation tied to the Fort Collins Area Median Household Income

ELECTION	BALLOTS CAST	REGISTERED VOTERS	TURNOUT	ISSUES/RACES
04-06-21	42,283	112,686	37.52%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates (Mayor, Dist 1, 3, 4, 5) • Charter amendment - clarifying that the election of the Mayor Pro Tem shall occur at the meeting at which newly-elected Councilmembers take the oath of office and providing for selection of a new Mayor Pro Tem in the event of a resignation from that position • Charter amendment - removing the prohibition on campaign contributions and expenditures and instead providing that Council establish prohibitions by ordinance • Charter amendment - concerning City Council appropriations • Charter amendment - increasing the time for publication of a summary of the annual audit to seven (7) months after the end of each fiscal year • Charter amendment - changing "Municipal Judge" to "Chief Judge" • Council-referred Ordinance - regulating the use of disposable bags by (a) prohibiting large grocers from providing disposable plastic bags; and (b) requiring payment of a disposable bag fee of \$0.12 for disposable paper bags • Citizen-initiated Ordinance - zoning of former Hughes Stadium property and City acquisition of property

HISTORY OF VOTER-CONSIDERED TAX MEASURES IN FORT COLLINS (1970 - April 2, 2019)

Date of Election	Issue	Votes For	Votes Against
No tax measures between January 1970 and February 1973			
February 20, 1973	Additional 1% sales and use tax (April 1, 1973 through March 31, 1980) for capital improvements and acquisitions in accordance with the master plan recommended by the DT ² Committee	4,596	4,072
February 26, 1980	Extending the 1% sales tax approved by voters on February 20, 1973 until December 2, 1981, for the construction of a 50-meter indoor swimming pool and ice rink, bicycle paths, trail system, and acquisition of additional greenbelt (Citizen-initiated)	4,644	6,523
March 8, 1983	Additional .75% sales tax to provide financing for the City's existing and projected capital projects (effective December 31, 1982)	2,092	7,418
May 1, 1984	Additional .25% sales and use tax (January 1, 1985 through December 31, 1989) for EPIC (Citizen-initiated)	12,284	9,516
	Additional .25% sales and use tax (July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1989) to raise revenues to acquire and complete capital projects (street projects, intersection improvements, computer aided dispatch, library remodel, new concession/bathhouse for outdoor pool, repair and improve streets and parking area at City Park and Spring Creek Park, open space and trails)	12,259	9,483
November 5, 1985	Additional .25% sales and use tax (January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1990) for the purchase of the area known as the Fort Collins-Loveland Corridor (to be preserved as open space with uses to include farming, natural areas, and active and passive recreational development)	3,914	8,815
March 7, 1989	Additional .25% sales and use tax (July 1, 1989 through December 31, 1997) for the purpose of obtaining funds for the maintenance of the City's street system (Council Referred)	5,848	1,744
	Ordinance imposing a new .25% sales and use tax for a period of eight years (commencing January 1, 1990) for the purpose of obtaining funding for the construction of capital projects (Choices95)	5,964	2,076
April 2, 1991	Additional .25% sales and use tax by .25% (July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1993) to fund the addition of a second indoor ice rink and accessory facilities at EPIC to be completed by December 31, 1992 (Citizen-initiated)	4,163	6,206

Date of Election	Issue	Votes For	Votes Against
November 3, 1992	Additional .25% sales and use tax (January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1997) to fund the acquisition of land for public trails, wildlife habitat, and natural areas (Citizen-initiated)	20,088	17,902
	Additional .25% sales and use tax (January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1995) to fund the acquisition of land for a zoo, horticultural center, and adjoining natural areas and open space (Citizen-initiated)	8,380	29,825
April 4, 1995	Additional .25% sales and use tax (July 1, 1995 through June 30, 2020) for Parks and Ice Arena (Citizen-initiated)	9,381	12,666
November 5, 1996	Retention of 1995 Excess Revenue	31,627	11,589
April 8, 1997	Extension of .25% sales and use tax (January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2005) for natural areas and parks projects (Building Community Choices)	12,296	5,109
	Extension of .25% sales and use tax (January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2005) for streets and transportation projects (Building Community Choices)	12,456	4,833
	Extension of .25% sales and use tax (January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2005) for community enhancement projects (Building Community Choices)	11,337	5,852
November 4, 1997	Retention of 1996 Excess Revenue/De-brucing	8,763	6,503
April 6, 1999	Additional .36% sales and use tax (July 1, 1999 through December 31, 2009) for Transfort and traffic control system	10,929	17,123
November 6, 2001	Additional .29% sales and use tax (January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2021) for the acquisition, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a new performing arts center, a new main library, and museum facilities (Citizen-initiated)	10,291	14,518
	Authorizing issuance of sales and use tax revenue bonds to finance and/or refinance the acquisition, construction and installation of a new performing arts center and improvements to theaters in the CSU Center for the Arts to accommodate joint use with the City (Citizen-initiated)	10,099	14,523
	Authorizing the issuance of sales and use tax revenue bonds to finance and/or refinance the acquisition, construction and installation of a new main library and land for a new southeast branch library (Citizen-initiated)	11,794	12,685

Date of Election	Issue	Votes For	Votes Against
November 5, 2002	.25% increase in city sales and use taxes (January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2022) and a proposed 1% construction excise tax (April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2023) to fund certain transportation capital improvement projects	19,498	19,505
	Extension (from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2030) of existing .25% sales and use tax for trail systems, wildlife habitat, natural areas and certain park projects to be used to acquire, operate and maintain open spaces, community separators, natural areas, wildlife habitat, riparian areas, wetlands and valued agricultural lands and to provide for the appropriate use and enjoyment of these areas by the citizenry, through land conservation projects (Citizen-initiated)	25,842	13,754
April 8, 2003	Additional .25% sales and use tax (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2013) to fund certain transportation capital improvement projects	11,886	13,893
	1% construction tax (October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2013) to fund certain transportation capital improvement projects	12,226	13,571
April 5, 2005	Repeal of sales tax on grocery food (Citizen-initiated)	8,652	22,642
	Extension (from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2015) of existing .25% sales and use tax for street maintenance program	22,537	8,555
November 1, 2005	Extension (from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2015) of existing .25% (Building Community Choices) sales and use tax for capital projects (Building on Basics)	23,652	9,237
November 2, 2010	Additional .85% sales and use tax (January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2020) to fund street maintenance and repair (33%), other street and transportation needs (17%), police services (17%), fire protection and other emergency services (11%), parks maintenance and recreation services (11%), and community priorities other than those listed above, as determined by Council (11%), and providing that the increase in use tax does not apply to manufacturing equipment	32,055	21,443
April 7, 2015	Extension (from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2025) of existing .25% capital projects sales and use tax for the purpose of obtaining revenue for the "Community Capital Improvement Program" capital projects and related operation and maintenance	26,700	6,457
	Extension (from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2025) the expiring quarter-cent sales and use tax used to fund the City's Street Maintenance Program	28,237	5,168

Date of Election	Issue	Votes For	Votes Against
April 2, 2019	<p>Renewing the Keep Fort Collins Great .85% sales and use tax, which expires on December 31, 2020, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .25% shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2030, and shall be used to fund municipal operations and maintenance and for any other public purposes; and • the remaining .60% shall not expire and shall be used to help sustain public safety service levels and fund municipal operations and maintenance, and to fund any other public purposes, except 15.5% of the revenues shall be used to fund the fire protection and emergency services being provided by Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) under the City's existing agreement with the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District (District), or in such other amount as the City and District may agree, but absent an agreement between them for PFA's services, the revenues may be used as determined by City Council. <p>The .85% tax rate shall not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items now exempt under the City Code from the City's sales and use tax; • Food for home consumption; and • Regarding the use tax only, manufacturing equipment <p>All tax revenues, and investment earnings thereon, are to be collected, retained, and spent as voter-approved revenue change notwithstanding the spending and revenue limitations in Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the Colorado Constitution.</p>	19,931	12,561

- **In 1979, via Ordinance No. 140, 1979, Council approved a 1% sales and use tax increase (for a total of 2%) effective March 31, 1980.**
- **In 1981, via Ordinance No. 149, 1981, Council approved a .25% sales and use tax increase (for a total of 2.25%) effective January 1, 1982.**