



City Council Organizational Meeting Agenda

January 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Jeni Arndt, Mayor (Current/Elect)	City Council Chambers
Susan Gutowsky, District 1	300 Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins &
Julie Pignataro, District 2 (Current/Elect)	via Zoom at
Tricia Canonico, District 3	https://zoom.us/j/98241416497
Shirley Peel, District 4 (Current)	Cablecast on FCTV
Melanie Potyondy, District 4 (Elect)	Channel 14 on Connexion
Kelly Ohlson, District 5	Channel 14 and 881 on Comcast
Emily Francis, District 6 (Current/Elect)	
Carrie Daggett	Kelly DiMartino
City Attorney	City Manager
	Anissa Hollingshead
	City Clerk

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(Special Meeting called by the Council on December 19, 2023)

Reading of the City of Fort Collins Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was guided by the Native Nations Community Advisory Panelist team to recognize Indigenous peoples and their connection to the land on which Fort Collins resides.

A) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C) ROLL CALL

D) OATHS OF OFFICE - Newly Elected Mayor and Councilmembers

- Mayor Jeni Arndt
- District 2 Councilmember Julie Pignataro
- District 4 Councilmember Melanie Potyondy
- District 6 Councilmember Emily Francis

Newly Elected Mayor and Councilmembers are seated.

E) DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council Consideration of Motion to Elect a Mayor Pro Tem.

The purpose of this item is to consider a motion to elect a Mayor Pro Tem.

F) ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

Anissa Hollingshead, City Clerk
Carrie Daggett, City Attorney

SUBJECT

Council Consideration of Motion to Elect a Mayor Pro Tem.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to consider a motion to elect a Mayor Pro Tem.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council proceeds with this item.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Under Article II, Section 1(d), the Charter states that the terms of the Mayor and other members of Council begin when they take the oath of office, which should occur as the first order of business at a special Council meeting on the second Tuesday of January after the election.

Under Article II, Section 4, the Council elects a Mayor Pro Tem for a two year term to act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor.

The proposed process for electing the Mayor Pro Tem is as follows:

1. Mayor describes the responsibilities of the Mayor Pro Tem:
 - a. Under the Charter, serves in absence of the Mayor.
 - b. Under the Code, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem confer with City Manager on preparation of the agenda for each Council meeting.
 - c. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem provide direction to the City Manager and the City Attorney regarding the initiation and development of ordinances and resolutions.
 - d. Becomes the Acting Mayor if the office of Mayor becomes vacant prior to the next regular election.
2. Mayor recommends process for electing Mayor Pro Tem:
 - a. Citizen input.
 - b. Individual Councilmembers announce interest in the position.
 - c. Mayor requests a motion to elect a candidate.

- d. If motion is seconded, discussion and vote.
 - e. Process continues until a candidate gets four votes.
3. If there is an objection to the proposed process, other Councilmembers can suggest an alternative. If objection is seconded, a motion and vote on the alternative occurs. If alternative passes, that becomes the process that will be used to select the Mayor Pro Tem. If no alternative is approved by majority vote, the Mayor's proposed process is used.