



CITY OF FORT LUPTON
CITY COUNCIL/ENTERPRISE BOARDS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:00 PM
130 South McKinley Avenue

Chris Ceretto, Mayor
Valerie Blackston, Ward 1
Bruce Davis, Ward 2
Michael Sanchez, Ward 3
David Crespín, Ward 1
Claud Hanes, Ward 2
Bruce Fitzgerald, Ward 3

You may join in person or join remotely by clicking on:
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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Persons to Address Council - This portion of the Agenda is provided to allow members of the audience to present comments to the City Council. The City Council may not respond to your comments this evening, rather they may take your comments and suggestions under advisement or your question may be directed to the appropriate staff member for follow-up. Please limit the time of your comments to three (3) minutes - Mayor Ceretto

Approval of Agenda

Review of Accounts Payables

a. February 17, 2026 Account Payables

Consent Agenda - Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. There will be no separate discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which case the item may be removed/moved from the Consent Agenda.

- a. February 3, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-1198 Amending Chapter 18 Building Regulations of the Fort Lupton Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference
- c. AM 2026-030 Approving the Purchase of 29 Dell Pro 16 Systems for an Amount Not to Exceed \$52,059.06, Allocated from the General Fund's IT Department
- d. AM 2026-031 Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Miguel Iraola to Provide Spanish Translation Services for the Fort Lupton Municipal Court
- e. AM 2026-032 Approve the Engagement of Clinger Hagerman LLC to Perform an Independent Audit of the City's Year End Financial Statements for December 31, 2025 through December 31, 2029
- f. AM 2026-035 Approving the Purchase of a Dell Powervault Storage System for an Amount Not to Exceed \$39,683.91, Allocated from the IT Department General Fund
- g. AM 2026-036 Approving a Resolution Ratifying the Appointment of Dez Packard as a Member of the Fort Lupton Urban Renewal Authority to Serve as the School Board Member for a Term Expiring February 17, 2031
- h. AM 2026-038 Renew Agreement with Williams and Weiss Consulting, LLC, Ecological Resources Consultants and J&T Consulting to Provide Water Engineering Services for the City of Fort Lupton for an Amount of \$135,766 from the Utility Fund and Water Sales Tax Funds

Public Hearings - Public Hearings allow members of the audience to present comments and questions to the City Council on the item being presented. Comments and questions may be limited to three (3) minutes- Mayor Ceretto

- a. AM 2026-029 Approving a Resolution to Increase the Sewer Reg85 Fee \$.70 per month per Single Family Residential Equivalent (SFRE), Effective February 17, 2026
- b. AM 2026-034 Approving a Resolution Updating the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Lupton and the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Regarding the Provision of Emergency Services

Action Memorandum

- a. AM 2026-033 Award of Contract to Vector Disease Control International, LLC for Integrated Mosquito Management Services for a Period of Three Years for an Amount Not to Exceed \$21,956.98 for the 2026 Season, Allocated from the Public Works Shop General Fund
- b. AM 2026-037 Approving a Resolution of the Recreation Board of the City of Fort Lupton Increasing Fees at the Recreation Center Effective June 1, 2026

Information Memorandum

- a. IM 2026-002 Prairie Dog Pros, LLC (DBA Old Town Pest Control) Will Provide Prairie Dog Mitigation Services During the 2026 Season for an Amount Not to Exceed \$16,000.00 from the Public Works Shop General Fund
- b. IM 2026-003 Grant Acceptance from The Great Outdoor Fund for the Renovation of Koshio Park for an Amount of \$200,000

Staff Reports

Mayor/Council Reports

Future City Events

- a. March 4, 2026 Coffee with a Cop, Fort Lupton Recreation Center, 203 S. Harrison Ave., 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
March 28, 2026 Easter Egg Hunt, Fort Lupton Recreation Center, 203 S. Harrison Ave., 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- a. February 24, 2026 Town Hall Meeting, City Hall, 130 S. McKinley Ave. 6:00 p.m.
March 3, 2026 City Council Meeting, City Hall, 130 S. McKinley Ave. 6:00 p.m.
March 10, 2026 Town Hall Meeting, City Hall, 130 S. McKinley Ave. 6:00 p.m.
March 17, 2026 City Council Meeting, City Hall, 130 S. McKinley Ave. 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
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The City Council of the City of Fort Lupton met in a regular session at the City Complex, 130 South McKinley Avenue, the regular meeting place of the City Council, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Mayor Chris Ceretto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and invited everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Kaela Dunston, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor Chris Ceretto, Councilmembers, Bruce Davis, Bruce Fitzgerald, Valerie Blackston, and David Crespin, Councilmember Michael Sanchez participated remotely.

Also present were City Administrator, Chris Cross, Deputy City Clerk, Kaela Dunston, City Attorney, Andy Ausmus, Public Works Director, Roy Vestal, Recreation Director, Doug Cook Planning Director, Todd Hodges and Chief of Police, William Carnes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There was no one to address the Mayor or Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Bruce Fitzgerald and seconded by David Crespin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Council reviewed the February 17, 2026 payables; there were no questions or comments from the Mayor or Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by David Crespin and seconded by Valerie Blackston to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the following items:

- February 3, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-1198 AMENDING CHAPTER 18 BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE FORT LUPTON MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE
- AM 2026-030 Approving the Purchase of 29 Dell Pro 16 Systems for an Amount Not to Exceed \$52,059.06, Allocated from the General Fund's IT Department
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- AM 2026-035 Approving the Purchase of a Dell Powervault Storage System for an Amount Not to Exceed \$39,683.91, Allocated from the IT Department General Fund
- AM 2026-036 Approving Resolution 2026R015 RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEZ PACKARD AS A MEMBER OF THE FORT LUPTON URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY TO SERVE AS THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 17, 2031
- AM 2026-038 Renew Agreement with Williams and Weiss Consulting, LLC, Ecological Resources Consultants and J&T Consulting to Provide Water Engineering Services for the City of Fort Lupton for an Amount of \$135,766 from the Utility Fund and Water Sales Tax Funds

Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

AM 2026-029 Approving a Resolution to Increase the Sewer Reg85 Fee \$.70 per month per Single Family Residential Equivalent (SFRE), Effective February 17, 2026

Mayor Ceretto opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Chris Cross, City Administrator, stated staff is proposing to increase the Reg85 fee \$.70 per month per Single Family Residential Equivalent (SFRE) which would total to \$8.40 a year. He provided Council with a breakdown of what the increase would look like for larger taps. The Reg85 fee is the only fee that will be increasing this year, there isn't a water rate or storm sewer increase.

Mayor Ceretto asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak for or against the proposal.

Eric Rickman, Fort Lupton resident and business owner asked if the Reg85 increase will affect commercial rates. Mayor Ceretto responded stating yes. Mr. Cross explained that a ¾" commercial tap will increase by \$1.40 a month.

Hearing no more questions, Mayor Ceretto closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

It was moved by Claud Hanes and seconded by David Crespino to approve Resolution 2026R012 to Increase the Sewer Reg85 Fee \$.70 per month per Single Family Residential Equivalent (SFRE), Effective February 17, 2026. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

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AM 2026-034 Approving a Resolution Updating the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Lupton and the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Regarding the Provision of Emergency Services

Mayor Ceretto opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Chris Cross, City Administrator, provided an overview of what the intergovernmental agreement entails. The City of Fort Lupton and Fort Lupton Fire Protection District have been working on an updated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to replace the current agreement that has been in effect since 2006. The main purpose of the agreement is to demonstrate and outline the continual coordination between the City and the Fire District to provide emergency services and protect the health, safety, and welfare of Fort Lupton residents in an efficient and effective manner. This updated agreement includes language regarding the Fire District's duty in providing emergency services, coordination on applicable fire codes, enforcement procedures, and development review, and provisions for the inclusion of properties into the jurisdiction of the Fire Protection District when a property is within City limits and/or annexes into the City.

Mayor Ceretto asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak for or against the proposal. Hearing none, Mayor Ceretto closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

It was moved by Bruce Fitzgerald and seconded by David Crespino to Approve Resolution 2026R013 Updating the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Lupton and the Fort Lupton Fire Protection District Regarding the Provision of Emergency Services. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

AM 2026-033 Award of Contract to Vector Disease Control International, LLC for Integrated Mosquito Management Services for a Period of Three Years for an Amount Not to Exceed \$21,956.98 for the 2026 Season, Allocated from the Public Works Shop General Fund

Mosquito operations are a specialized service that requires training, knowledge and a methodical approach to effectively and economically balance the city's needs and environmental issues.

The VDCI program will handle all aspects of the City's program with added technology and information assistance to our residents. VDCI has provided this program for the City since 2020.

Program begins in May with larval surveillance with completion in September. Services include larval control, weekly adult insecticide applications, trap monitoring, mapping and reporting.

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Comparison of previous year's 3-year agreements

Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
2024	\$20,698.52	\$21,526.46	\$22,387.52		
2025		\$21,112.49	\$21,745.86	22,398.24	
2026			\$21,956.98	22,615.68	23,294.15

There was no advantage to 3-year contracting last year. This year's proposal includes a 3% increase for years 2027 and 2028.

It was moved by Valerie Blackston and seconded by Bruce Fitzgerald to Award Contract to Vector Disease Control International, LLC for Integrated Mosquito Management Services for a Period of Three Years for an Amount Not to Exceed \$21,956.98 for the 2026 Season, Allocated from the Public Works Shop General Fund. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

AM 2026-037 Approving a Resolution of the Recreation Board of the City of Fort Lupton Increasing Fees at the Recreation Center Effective June 1, 2026

The Recreation Department has provided (2) Proposals for fee adjustments for daily, monthly and annual memberships as well as facility and room rental fees. Staff compared cost with Brighton and Carbon Valley. See attachment C for fee proposal comparison. Youth, Adult and Senior memberships are currently offered and will remain the same.

Proposal #1 Summary (attachment A) – Proposal is to eliminate the resident and non-resident daily drop-in fee. Because the daily drop-in fee is the same for everyone, staff will no longer need to check IDs, utility bills, or verify home addresses for those paying the daily drop-in rate. Resident and non-resident distinction will still remain for monthly and annual memberships.

Proposal #2 Summary (attachment B) – Proposal is to continue offering resident and non-resident rates for daily drop-in, monthly and annual memberships. The City utilizes property tax to subsidize the operation and maintenance of the recreation center facility. Residents help pay for the operation and maintenance upfront through property taxes, while non-residents do not, making the higher fee a buy in for the service.

Please note the following:

- Both Proposal #1 and Proposal #2 increase for monthly and annual memberships are the same.
- Both Proposal #1 and Proposal #2 facility and room rental fees are the same.
- Family and Couple membership definition has been updated on both Proposal #1 and Proposal #2.
- The Recreation Center has not increased membership fees since 2022.
- The Recreation Center facility and room rental fees have not increase since 2014.
- Either fee proposal option would take place beginning June 1, 2026.

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Estimated annual financial increase based on last year's numbers:

Proposal #1: \$90,000 increase (Daily Drop-In \$67K; Monthly \$12K; Annual \$11K)

Proposal #2: \$69,000 increase (Daily Drop-In \$46K; Monthly \$12K; Annual \$11K)

It was moved by David Crespín and seconded by Michael Sanchez to approve Resolution 2026R014 of the Recreation Board of the City of Fort Lupton approving Proposal 2 to Increase Fees at the Recreation Center Effective June 1, 2026. Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 3 no votes from Councilmember Claud Hanes, David Crespín, and Bruce Davis.

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Pest control operations are a specialized service that requires training, knowledge and a methodical approach to effectively and economically balance the city's needs and environmental issues.

The Prairie Dog Pros program will handle all aspects of the City's program to include fumigation services, notifications, area mapping and placard marking. The company is Fort Collins based and A+ rated with the Better Business Bureau. Many local Cities and Towns contract with them.

Priority treatment areas of concern are the Golden Pond area, Public Works shop railroad ROW lease area and railroad ROW lease area near the Community Center. Scope includes monthly follow-up in each area.

Program will continue immediately.

IM 2026-003 Grant Acceptance from The Great Outdoor Fund for the Renovation of Koshio Park for an Amount of \$200,000

The Great Outdoors Fund was established as a charitable organization dedicated to finding resources and make visible investments in recreation infrastructure through public-private partnerships for the benefit and enjoyment of all people. The Parks & Recreation Department applied to The Great Outdoor Fund in the Fall of 2025 and was approved by Occidental Petroleum (private partnership) in January 2026.

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STAFF REPORTS

Doug Cook, Recreation Director, reported that Friday February 20, 2026 the recreation center will host an open house for community members to share ideas for the Parks and Trails Master Plan. He also shared that the recreation center had three different engagement opportunities beginning in December 2025 for individuals to share their ideas. He reported they received a lot of participation.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

There were no reports from the Mayor or Council.

FUTURE CITY EVENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Submitted by,



Maricela Peña, City Clerk



Approved by City Council,



Chris Ceretto, Mayor