

# CityWorks 101

## Form of Government And Boards and Commissions



# Fort Collins Fast Facts

- 53.38 sq.mi.
- Population: 137,200
- Median age 29.4 yrs.
- 48.2% 4+ yrs. of college
- 280+ miles of bike & pedestrian trails
- 300 days of sunshine



# The City

## Municipal Government

- Formed by citizens
- Provides services
- Establishes policies and laws

## Governing Documents

- City Charter
- City Code



# Form of Government

- Council-Manager

- Your Council



# Mayor and City Council

## Roles and Functions

- T F The Mayor makes some policy decisions on his/her own, without Council.
- T F A Council member can make a policy decision about his/her district without the full Council's consent.
- T F The Mayor hires the City Manager.



# Mayor and City Council

## Roles and Functions

- Legislative Body
- Quasi-Judicial Body
- Set a two-year “Policy Agenda”
- Adopt a two-year budget



# Mayor and Council

## Conduct of Business

1. Regular Council meetings and Work Sessions are typically held on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ must be posted for all Council meetings and all Board and Commission meetings.
3. Council Executive Sessions are \_\_\_\_\_ to the public.
4. Council Executive Sessions can only be held to address the following matters: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.



# Mayor and Council

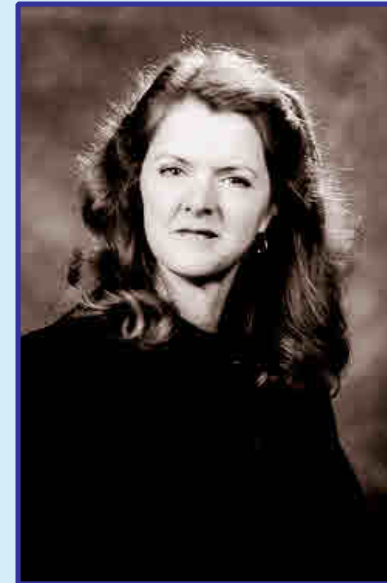
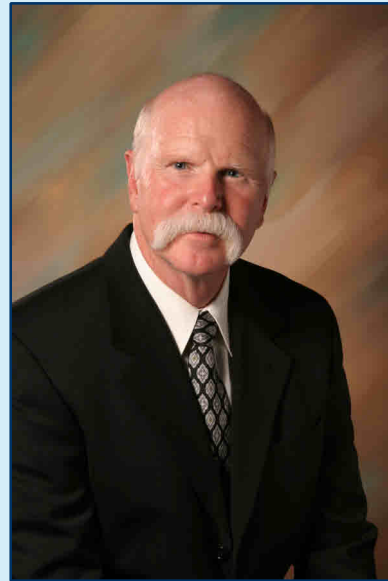
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2. A public notice must be posted for all Council meetings and all Board and Commission meetings.
3. Council Executive Sessions are closed to the public.
4. Council Executive Sessions can only be held to address the following matters: personnel, legal, and water or real property sales and acquisitions.



# Form of Government

- Council Appointed/Direct Reports



# City Services

- Police/Fire
- Electricity and water
- Parks & golf courses
- Bike trails
- City buildings & vehicles
- Web site
- Council meetings



# City Services

- 24/7 operation
- Administration
- Maintenance
- Accounting
- Planning/  
Development Review
- Infrastructure
- Computer  
programming
- Safety training



# How We Provide Service – The Budget



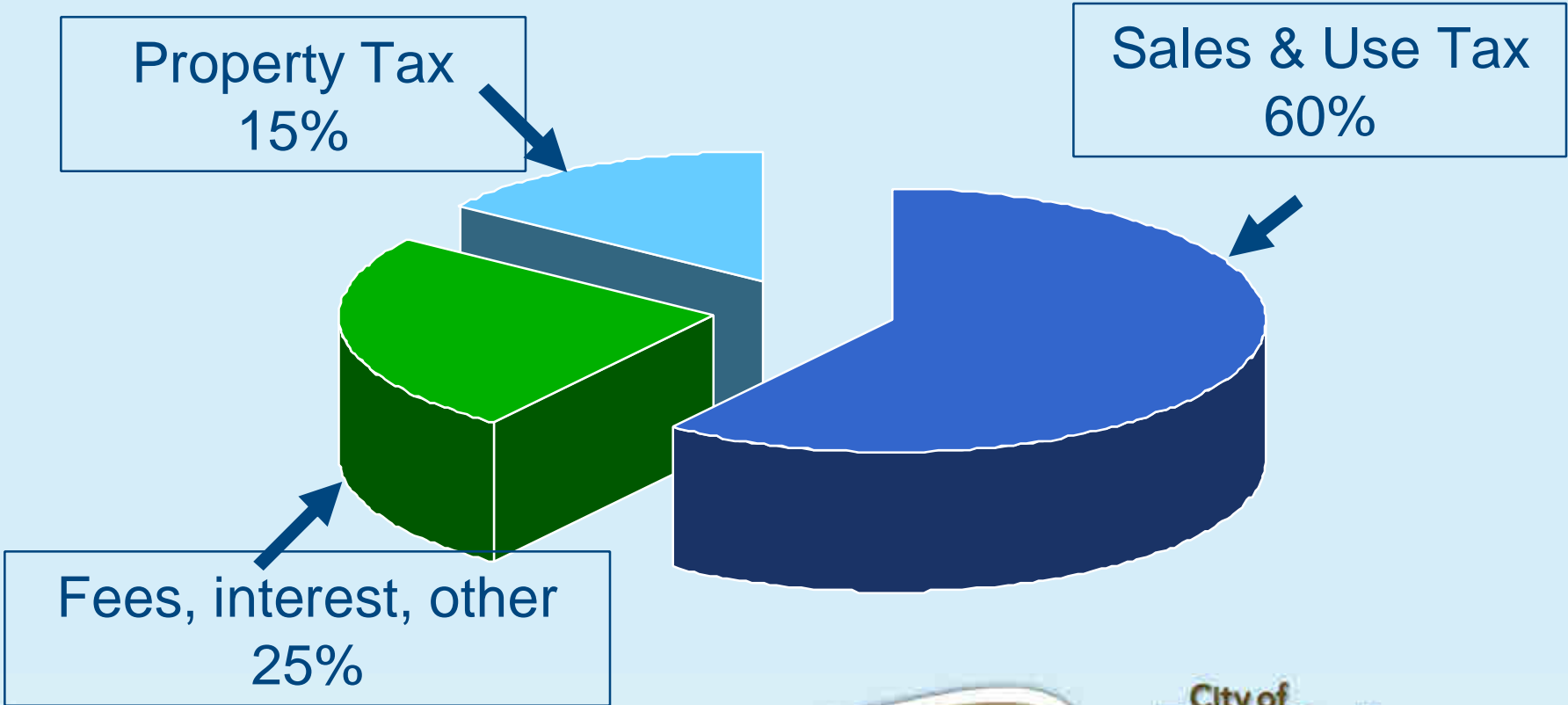
- A blueprint for the type and mix of services
- Carries out our vision
- Two-year (biennial) budget
- Balanced

# CITY SOURCES OF REVENUE

- Restricted
- Unrestricted (General Fund)
- Reserves



# General Fund Revenue Sources



# Stretching a Dollar

## Strategic Partnerships

- Colorado State University
- Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Downtown Business Authority
- Downtown Development Authority
- N. Colorado Economic Development Corporation
- Poudre School District
- RMI<sup>2</sup>



# Boards and Commissions

## Roles and Responsibilities



- Citizen volunteers appointed by City Council
- Review issues and provide recommendations
- Some exceptions