

**AIR QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

DATE: Tuesday, September 4, 2012
LOCATION: 215 N. Mason Conference Room 1-A
TIME: 5:30 – 8:30 pm

For Reference Greg McMaster, Chair - 484-3348
Ben Manvel, Council Liaison - 217-1932
Lucinda Smith, Staff Liaison - 224-6085

Present: Scott Groen, Nancy York, John Schroeer, Denny Georg, Lucinda Smith, Rich Fisher, Greg McMaster, Hugh Mackay

Absent: Michael Lynn, David Dietrich

Staff present: Lucinda Smith, Kathy Collier

Develop Recommendation on Proposed 2013/2014 City Budget

Lucinda Smith provided a summary of air quality-related budget offers in the Environmental Health area that are recommended for funding and those that are not. The core offers were funded. The enhancements were not. These enhancements included: ongoing outreach and education for sustainability to replace AARA grant, increasing multifamily recycling efforts, and funding an intern or half time person support for the Healthy Sustainable Homes program.

The AQAB then discussed and crafted a recommendation to City Council prior to the September 11 work session.

Discussion:

- Greg McMaster began the meeting by presenting a draft recommendation to Council regarding items the AQAB would like to recommend the Council fund in the BFO process.
- Dennis Georg presented his ideas for funding and suggested adding language to adjust the funding in the Environmental Health section to:
 - Fund expanded carbon accounting services
 - Better carbon accounting would help the City to invest more wisely in the future.
 - Support, the .5 FTE Healthy Sustainable Homes Volunteer Coordinator
 - John Schroeer pointed out the Healthy Sustainable Homes program deals with indoor air quality that is also under the purview of this board and equally important as outdoor air quality.
 - Support the Climate Wise enhancement 104.3.
 - More technical help and direction for the program in a consulting mode would help get more participants in ClimateWise.
 - To fund these items, Dennis proposed to reduce the following items in the Environmental Health budget by 15% for 2013 and 2014:
 - Community solar gardens,
 - Fort Collins Solar Gardens,
 - Electric vehicle charging stations.

- These reductions would be \$130,000 in 2013, and 190,000 in 2014 and would exactly fund the items suggested to be funded.
 - Because technology is constantly advancing and the costs decreasing, waiting to invest in solar gardens and EV charging stations would result in improvements in future purchasing power.
 - Dennis stated his selections are a reminder to Council that it approved the Climate Action Plan and the Air Quality Plan and the suggested items should be funded because they support the goals in those air quality plans.
 - The group agreed that any suggested reductions should come from the Environmental Health area only.
- Hugh Mackay stated he noted that the percentage of increase in BFO items for Environmental Health were lower than in the other 6 areas of the budget.
- To answer Dennis Georg, Lucinda Smith stated Dan Weinheimer was hired as the legislative lobbyist for the City. Up until December, 2012, he is also coordinating the process to develop land use code and other recommendations and public outreach that Council will adopt regarding oil and gas development.
- Rich Fisher felt it is important for the City to establish relationships with the oil and gas industry and work with them to understand our challenges and objectives. He felt the proposed staff position needed right now is less of a technician and more of a person that can establish a credible relationship with the oil and gas industry.
- Greg McMaster described his concern that the pre-Labor Day spraying for West Nile Virus did not follow established procedure to make a properly-informed decision to spray. He suggested the AQAB recommend that Council support BFO offer 127.1 to fund backyard inspection program and storm drain management programs.

Dennis Georg moved and John Schroer seconded a motion to send the following recommendation to Council:

The AQAB recommends that Council adjust BFO funding as follows:

FUND: 9.3 Carbon accounting;
 9.6-Healthy Sustainable Homes;
 104.3-Climate Wise Keep Fort Collins Great funds

To pay for these elements funding should be reduced by 15% for the following 3 items for both 2013 and 2014:

REDUCE: 110.3-Solar garden;
 110.4 FC Solar Program;
 113.1 EV Charging station

The AQAB also supports that Council fund BFO offer 127.1; adding back \$7,500 for Backyard Inspection Program and Storm Drain management programs for West Nile Virus.

The AQAB also recommends funding of an oil and gas liaison should be funded at a higher level to accomplish the City's objectives

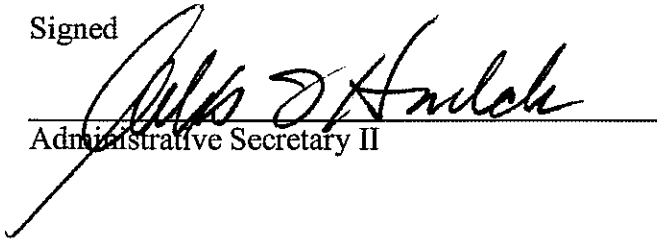
Motion passed unanimously

- Greg McMaster will draft a letter to Council with the above motion and clarifying text

Greg McMaster adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Approved by the Board on October 15, 2012

Signed


Administrative Secretary II

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