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WORK SESSION

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after the Adjourned Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Colorado Department of Transportation Presentation Regarding the Design for I-25 from Carpenter Road/SH 392 to Mulberry Street/SH 14. (staff: Kathleen Bracke, Amy Lewin, Mark Jackson; CDOT Representative: Myron Hora, District 4; 30 minute discussion)

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is embarking on the design for I-25 from approximately Carpenter Road/SH 392 to approximately Mulberry Street/SH 14. CDOT staff will provide a brief review of the North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Preferred Alternative and proposed Phasing; information on the current design project, including project team and schedule; and will solicit input from City Council and request guidance for continued staff and Council participation.

3. Housing Authority Fee Waiver Policy. (staff: Diane Jones; 30 minute discussion)

For many years, the City has waived fees for Housing Authority projects under a state law that exempts housing authorities from fees and taxes, and a local ordinance that defines the particular fees that are to be waived. For the most part, the projects for which fees were waived by the City have been relatively small.

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In 2011, the Housing Authority partnered with CARE Housing, a non-profit agency, on an affordable housing project in the Provincetown subdivision. While the interest of the Housing Authority in the project was small (technically a .001% partner but guaranteed up to \$1.4 million of unanticipated costs), a waiver of City fees for the CARE Housing Provincetown Project was requested and granted by the City Council. The fee waiver totaled \$557,378.

Council asked staff to examine the fee waiver policy for the Housing Authority and provide some options for future projects, especially those in which the Housing Authority has only a minor interest.

This work session is to review the options staff has considered and to discuss with City Council a recommended approach.

4. Natural Areas Department Update: Overview, Budget, Land Conservation. (staff: John Stokes; 1 hour discussion)

The Natural Areas Department is celebrating its 20th birthday this year. There have been many remarkable achievements including land conservation and stewardship, the provision of outstanding recreation enhancements, and excellent outreach programs. The Department is in good financial condition, but faces a significant long-term challenge due to the potential 2018 expiration of Larimer County's *Help Preserve Open Space* quarter-cent sales tax. The County resource provides about one-third of the total revenues to the Department and is vital to its operations. This agenda item summary provides an overview of the long-term budget and associated challenges. It also provides a brief overview of the Department's activities as well as a description of the Department's approach to land conservation.

5. Other Business.
6. Adjournment.