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WORK SESSION

January 8, 2013

6 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Midtown Plan. (staff: Bruce Hendee, Megan Bolin; 1 hour discussion)

The Midtown Plan will complement existing and forthcoming investment by developing a vision and associated tools to guide the design of future redevelopment, and also identify opportunities to enhance streetscapes and multimodal connectivity. The Plan directly supports *City Plan* Policy 5.2 – Target Public Investment along the Community Spine. Midtown includes a significant portion of College Avenue and the Mason Corridor, making it the “highest priority for public investment in streetscape and urban design improvements...to promote the corridor’s transition to a series of transit-supportive, mixed-use activity centers” (*City Plan*, pg. 52).

Work began to develop the Plan in spring 2012, and included extensive public outreach to understand how Midtown functions today. The second phase of the project is now underway and the following preliminary design concepts have emerged from the public process:

- Character Areas: distinguish three segments of the corridor using design to reinforce a theme

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- Circulation: enhance multimodal circulation to, through, and within Midtown
 - Create a pedestrian and bike promenade adjacent to MAX
 - Repurpose frontage roads to better accommodate pedestrians and bicycles
- Design: create an urban environment through site, building, and streetscape design
 - Encourage well-designed structured parking
 - Distinguish gateways and key intersections with design and public art
- Parks, Plazas and Open Space: add outdoor space for people to rest and/or play

The purpose of this work session is to present these emerging concepts and receive feedback. These concepts will continue to be developed through additional public outreach, with the goal of adopting a completed Plan by June 2013.

3. Rocky Mountain Innosphere (RMI) History, Building Financing, and Current and Future Activities. (staff: Bruce Hendee, Josh Birks; 45 minute discussion)

The City Council Leadership Planning Team has requested an update and review of Rocky Mountain Innosphere (RMI). The presentation will cover four topic areas: (1) a review of the history of the RMI; (2) an explanation of the financial agreement involved with constructing the RMI building; (3) an update on the current status of RMI; and (4) an overview of the future of RMI.

4. Other Business.
5. Adjournment.