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## **WORK SESSION**

**January 22, 2013**

**6 p.m.**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Railroad Quiet Zone Study Update. (staff: Amy Lewin, Mark Jackson; 30 minute discussion)

Train horn use is governed by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), which allows for establishing Quiet Zones in which train horns are not routinely sounded. This agenda item provides an update on the City's analysis of what it would take to implement Quiet Zones in Fort Collins.

3. Incentives Benchmarking. (staff: Josh Birks, SeonAh Kendall; 1 hour discussion)

Since 2009, City Council has reviewed four business assistance package requests for primary employers ranging in value of \$75,000 to \$4.5 million. Currently, the City of Fort Collins uses the case-by-case approach to developing assistance packages. City Council has, during recent conversations relative to business assistance packages, indicated a more formal approach to package development would be preferable moving forward. As a result, the Economic Health Office (EHO) sought a review of best practices and industry standards to begin development of a formal business assistance

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policy and procedure. The incentives framework study was performed in fall 2012 of peer communities and focused on evaluating the utilization and development of incentives. Staff has begun working on improving and formalizing the overall business assistance policy and procedures based in part on this study. Staff is seeking direction from Council in regard to the development of a formal policy and procedure for business assistance.

4. Should the City Council submit a ballot measure for the April 2, 2013 Municipal election asking voters to ban hydraulic fracturing treatment in the City of Fort Collins and/or on City-owned lands? (staff: Laurie Kadrich, Dan Weinheimer, Wanda Nelson; 90 minute discussion)

In December 2012, City Council authorized a moratorium preventing any further drilling of oil and gas well in the city limits or on City-owned lands until July 31, 2013. Since that time, citizens asked the Council to consider banning hydraulic fracturing in the city. Hydraulic fracturing treatment or “fracking” is defined under the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission rules as “all stages of the treatment of a well by the application of hydraulic fracturing fluid under pressure that is expressly designed to initiate or propagate fractures in a target geologic formation to enhance production of oil and natural gas.”

5. Other Business.
6. Adjournment.