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City Council Work Session January 28, 2014 (after the City Council Adjourned Meeting)

● **CALL TO ORDER.**

1. 2013 Flood After Action Report. (staff: Ken Sampley, Jon Haukaas, Kevin Gertig, Mike Gavin; 20 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to provide an early retrospective on the 2013 Fort Collins Flood while identifying programs and activities that worked well, areas needing improvement, and suggested improvement actions. The event demonstrated that flooding can and will occur along the Poudre River or in our other drainage basins such as Spring Creek, Old Town and Dry Creek if significant rainfall events occur. There were many reasons why the damages were not more severe along the Poudre River. Had this type of rainstorm occurred within the City limits instead of to the west, there would have been significant flooding damages and increased risk to life safety. The September 2013 flood in Fort Collins was caused by a convective rain storm over Fort Collins and the Poudre River watershed that delivered in certain locations up to nearly 12 inches of rain from September 9 through September 16, 2013. The High Park Fire burn area west of Fort Collins received the highest precipitation in the lower Poudre watershed, which contributed substantial amounts of debris and sediment to the Poudre River channel. Much of this debris washed into Fort Collins. This report has been categorized as follows:

- Flood Event Overview;
- Context of the Flood;
- What Went Well;
- Areas Needing Improvement;
- Suggested Improvement Actions; and,
- Support Needed.

The formal "After Action Review" will be developed and presented to the State of Colorado Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It will be used as a tool to assist the City of Fort Collins in Emergency/Disaster Management and assist in the acquisition of state and federal mitigation funding.

2. Boxelder Basin Regional Stormwater Authority Update. (staff: Jon Haukaas, Ken Sampley; 30 minute discussion)

Boxelder Basin Regional Stormwater Authority (BBRSA) was formed by Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in 2008 with the purpose of funding and implementing regional stormwater improvements. BBRSA Members include Fort Collins, Larimer County, and Wellington. Timnath is a financial partner by separate IGA with the BBRSA.

There are three remaining projects scheduled for completion by July 2015 with an estimated total cost of \$11.75 million: (1) Construction of a detention facility on the east side of I-25; (2) a flood control crossing of the Larimer & Weld Canal; and (3) improvements to CR52 to prevent road overtopping.

The BBRSA has received low interest loans from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) that can be used for property acquisition and regional stormwater project design and construction costs.

A new IGA is required between Fort Collins, Larimer County and Timnath to fund a portion of the costs associated with improvements at County Road 52. The three parties have agreed to share equally in splitting the estimated (\$1.04 Million).

The updated Benefit/Cost Ratio for the BBRSA projects is 3.95. Such a high B/C ratio demonstrates the dramatic benefits of these regional improvements.

3. Water Shortage Management Action Plan Update. (staff: Laurie D'Audney, Lisa Rosintoski, Donnie Dustin; 45 minute discussion)

The purpose of this work session is to provide Council with an update about the 2013 Water Shortage Management Action Plan (WSMAP). The WSMAP is a comprehensive planning document that was used to guide the key activities as water restrictions were implemented as outlined in the Water Supply Shortage Response Plan. The WSMAP combines water supply monitoring (which determines the water restriction level), violation management, communications and public engagement to provide a roadmap for successful implementation of the water restrictions. The work session discussion will include the outcomes of Fort Collins Utilities' implementation of the 2013 WSMAP and next steps for updating the Water Supply Shortage Response Plan, and associated changes to the Municipal Code.

- **OTHER BUSINESS.**
- **ADJOURNMENT.**