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City Council Work Session September 30, 2014

(Revised 9/26/14-new item added)

After the Urban Renewal Authority Board Meeting, beginning at 6:00 PM

● **CALL TO ORDER.**

1. Renewal of the ¼-Cent Community Capital Improvement Program and the ¼ Cent Street Maintenance Tax. (staff: Ginny Sawyer, Mark Jackson; 10 minute presentation 10 minute presentation; 30 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to update Council on public outreach efforts and to seek direction on key elements of both the Building on Basics (BOB) 2.0 renewal and the Street Maintenance Program renewal.

2. Commercial Water Allotments. (staff: Donnie Dustin, Lance Smith, Carol Smith; 15 minute presentation; 45 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to seek direction from City Council for potential changes to commercial water allotments. A water allotment is a maximum amount of water that can be used annually without a surcharge rate being applied. Revenues from the surcharge are used to acquire or develop additional water supplies, but the surcharge can be avoided by providing additional water rights or cash. All commercial customers who have filed a water service permit since 1984 have an annual water allotment, but this only applies to one-third of the approximately 2,600 current commercial customers. Therefore, there is an unintended economic inequity between customers with and without commercial water allotments since those with an allotment pay more for water use over the City's standard allotment. Staff is recommending this inequity be addressed by establishing an annual allotment for all commercial customers for the 2015 calendar year.

3. Construction of a New Utilities Administration Building in Block 32 on LaPorte Avenue and Renovation of 700 Wood Street. (staff: Mike Beckstead, Kevin Gertig)

The purpose of this item is to provide funding for the construction of a new Utility Administration Building within Block 32 on LaPorte Avenue, as well as renovation of the existing Utility Service Center at 700 Wood Street. The total combined project costs are \$23,411,000 with \$4,500,000 already appropriated from Light and Power reserves, leaving \$18,911,000 to be appropriated with this ordinance.

A Utility Building Team comprised of internal staff and external subject matter experts has worked with the architectural firm RNL and Adolfson and Peterson Construction to assess the best way to address the current building performance and space issues facing Fort Collins Utilities' ongoing and future business operations. Balancing the city-wide goal to have high-performing office buildings with the need to be fiscally prudent has led the Building Team to recommend the appropriation request being made in this ordinance to address the current space and infrastructure needs of Fort Collins Utilities.

The four Utility Enterprise Funds (Light and Power, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater) will share the costs of the projects. All appropriations will come from the existing reserves in these four funds.

OTHER BUSINESS.

- **ADJOURNMENT.**