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City Council Work Session February 26, 2019

(After the Adjourned Council Meeting, which begins at 6:00 PM)

Amended February 25, 2019

● **CALL TO ORDER.**

1. Platte River Power Authority Organic Contract and Power Supply Agreement. (staff: Tim McCollough, Kevin Gertig; 10 minute presentation; 20 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to seek direction from Council on the request by Platte River Power Authority (Platte River) to extend and amend the Organic Contract between Fort Collins, Loveland, Longmont, and Estes Park (the "member cities"), along with amending and extending the Power Supply Agreement between Fort Collins and Platte River.

2. Digital Billboard Regulations. (staff: Noah Beals, Tom Leeson; 10 minute presentation, 20 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to further discuss the replacement of static billboards with digital billboards.

3. Utilities and Innosphere Laboratory Partnership Project. (staff: Carol Webb, Lance Smith, Jill Oropeza; 20 minute presentation; 20 minute discussion)

The purpose of this work session is to discuss the terms of a Partnership with the Innosphere on the construction of a new combined laboratory facility.

The City proposes to construct a new facility that will house the Utilities Water Quality Laboratory, Pollution Control Laboratory, and the Watershed Program (collectively the Water Quality Services Division). Utilities currently operates two separate laboratories which are in separate buildings and which have not been significantly renovated since the 1980s. Costs associated with construction of the new facility would be split evenly between the Water Fund and the Wastewater Fund.

The proposal for a new facility stems from the completion of a laboratory master plan funded in the 2017/2018 Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) process. Construction of a new facility is currently included in the Utilities Capital Improvement Plan at a cost of \$20 million. Preliminary design of the facility is included in the 2019/2020 City Council adopted budget.

The Master Plan considered several potential locations for the new facility, ultimately identifying the Drake Water Reclamation Facility (DWRF) as the preferred location. Separately, the City received a proposal to construct a new facility in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Innosphere (a high-tech incubator) on a parcel adjacent to and west of the Innosphere's current facility, located at 320 E. Vine. A subsequent cost-benefit evaluation of these two alternatives indicated that the partnership with Innosphere offers the highest cost-benefit to the City, and also benefits the Innosphere.

The expected cost of a laboratory in partnership with Innosphere based on conceptual design is \$13.5M. Prior appropriations reduce the necessary future appropriations to \$10.5M, with \$4.25M from the Water Fund and \$6.25M from the Wastewater Fund.

This proposal was presented to Council Finance Committee on January 28.

4. Occupancy Limit Enforcement and Chronic Nuisance Properties Update. (staff: Justin Moore, Eric Keselburg, Tom Leeson, Ginny Sawyer; 15 minute presentation, 45 minute discussion)

The purpose of this is to provide an update on the current occupancy enforcement program, including process, approach, proactive efforts, outreach and education, and improvements over time; current processes for increasing occupancy limits; and an update on chronic nuisance properties.

- **OTHER BUSINESS.**

- **ADJOURNMENT.**