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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Ann Turnquist, Policy and Project Manager
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THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
 Diane Jones, Deputy City Manager *DJ*
 John Stokes, Director of Natural Resources

RE: **Work Session Follow-up: Trash Services Study, December 9, 2008**

DATE: December 11, 2008

On December 9, City Council and staff met in work session to review a number of alternative actions that Council can consider about trash services in Fort Collins. Council was presented with a variety of regulatory changes which were aimed at addressing either the impact of trash trucks on neighborhoods or improving recycling diversion rates.

Council discussed each alternative and provided staff with direction regarding regulatory measures which Council would like to take action on in the coming months.

Council also discussed three Market Strategies under which trash collection services could occur in Fort Collins.

I. Additional Regulatory Requirements	Council Interest in Pursuing
A. Additional requirements to improve recycling:	
A-1 Pay-as-You-Throw Ordinance Enhancements (examining the base rate formula)	High
A-2 Require haulers to offer yard waste collection service	Medium
A-3 Require haulers to offer large, single-stream recycling totes	High
A-4 Establish a recycling education partnership with haulers (focus on education, not "Oops" notices)	Medium
A-5 Ban the disposal of corrugated cardboard from the waste stream	Medium
A-6 Licensing Fee Increase	Low
A-7 Recycling Program Fee per trash account	Low



Continued.....	Council Interest in Pursuing
B. Additional requirements to limit impact of vehicles	
B-1 Establish fleet specifications which minimize the impact of vehicles on residential streets	Medium
B-2 Establish a system for monitoring vehicle loads for solid waste hauling vehicles (focus on data and enforcement of weights)	High
C. Additional requirements to improve oversight	
C-1 Establish additional reporting requirements for residential haulers	High
C-2 Additional Enforcement	Medium
C-3 General Regulation Changes	Medium
II. Market Options	
Market Option A: Open Competitive Market (Status Quo)	Low
Market Option B: Districted Trash Service	High
Market Option C: Single Hauler, Exclusive Contract	Low
Council added Alternative:	
Districting Pilot Project: Create a district in an area of the community where few contracted trash agreements exist to test the districted system and determine if it should be pursued City-wide	High

Staff will begin to develop a work plan for implementing Council's highest priorities. Since the Districted Pilot Project has not been analyzed by staff, this will be a high priority for evaluating and developing a proposal for implementation. Significant administrative issues will need to be addressed as soon as possible. Staff will also begin to draft code changes for Council's consideration which will implement the highest priority regulatory changes of interest to Council Members.

Follow-up issues:

Staff will follow-up on a number of issues over the coming weeks. Questions to be addressed include:

1. Working with Larimer County:
 - What are the total projected costs of adding scales to the Larimer County landfill? What information would the City be able to collect if scales were in place? Could weight violations be tracked or enforced if scales were in place?
 - Can the City work with Larimer County to establish a composting facility?



- Can the City require haulers to use the Larimer County landfill?
2. What number of customers currently use Gallegos' yard waste program?
 3. Provide more information on states that ban yard waste, including a map of those states.
 4. Has the City looked into recycling "kiosks" around town for easier recycling drop-off?
 5. Why is single stream recycling a good idea? Should it be continued?
 6. How can the City ensure that the proposed "minimal charge" for large recycling totes doesn't work against the PAYT pricing structure?
 7. Do other communities recover a specific amount of the cost of hauler licensing through fees?
 8. The City should consider lobbying for a statewide ban on E-waste from landfills.
 9. What options might the City have for helping establish voluntary neighborhood associations for trash collection?
 10. How do we know what will happen to customer costs for trash service if districts are created. Staff says other communities have seen prices go down; haulers say they will go up. Which will it be in Fort Collins? To what extent will results from a pilot be generalizable?
 11. Review recycling diversion rates and verify the 24% diversion rate.
 12. Many existing multifamily units don't have recycling available. What can the City do about multi-family recycling opportunities?

On-going Information Needs:

Council Members asked to be kept up to date on two issues that will evolve in the future:

- Council wants regular updates on pursuing emerging technologies for solid waste management such as waste to energy.
- Council wants to be kept up-to-date on recyclable materials commodities markets.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 2008

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Pete Wray, Senior Planner *PW*
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THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
Diane Jones, Deputy City Manager *DJ*
Jeff Scheick, Executive Director, Planning Development and Transportation *JS*
Joe Frank, Director of Advance Planning *JF*

RE: December 9, 2008, Work Session Summary – Mt. Vista Subarea Plan Update

1. What feedback does Council have regarding the options presented on the Plan alternatives?

Staff was not asking Council to select a preferred alternative, but rather to offer general comments on the Plan options presented. The following Council comments were heard by staff:

- Supporting market and transportation modeling analysis to justify changes to land use and street network is important to document in preferred plan.
- Concerns of interface between existing County development and planned City growth.
- Clarification on criteria to support expansion of Industrial and Employment land uses and impacts on amount of residential, and jobs/housing balance community-wide
- Coordination with property owners is important, but focus on providing best planning options for City of Fort Collins
- Why are some of the street alignments shown to connect and others are not in the alternatives such as Conifer Street and Turnberry Road?
- Make sure that existing natural areas and wetlands shown on the 1999 Plan are identified in Plan update
- What is the street classification of Conifer if the Enhanced Travel Corridor designation is moved to the realigned Vine Drive?
- Make sure transit elements are fully integrated into Plan

- What types of retail and services would be a part of the Community Commercial District?
- How will the grade separated crossings affect the timing of future development?
- Clarification if the residential land use densities are consistent with City Plan.
- What are the criteria and policies for determining regional trail alignments?
- The new Gateway design standards are important and staff is encouraged to bring this implementation item to Council for consideration at time of Plan adoption if possible.
- Staff may need to consider an additional work session for preferred plan.

2. Are there other issues not mentioned that staff needs to address?

Staff received general direction from Council that we are on track on working towards a preferred Plan. No further issues were identified to include in the process.

3. Is there any additional information that is needed prior to or along with agenda materials that would be presented at the time a decision is considered by the Council?

The following specific requests for additional information were received:

- Data to support appropriate Jobs/housing balance.
- Need to explore potential funding options for future public infrastructure improvements.