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MEMO

DATE: May 15, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *D.*
 Jeff Mihelich, Deputy City Manager *J.M.*
 Bruce Hendee, Chief Sustainability Officer
 Lucinda Smith, Environmental Services Director

FROM: Susie Gordon, Sr. Environmental Planner *SG*

RE: Disposable Bags Ordinance: Follow-up from May 13 Council Work Session

Attendees:

City Council: Mayor Pro-tem Gerry Horak, Lisa Poppaw, Wade Troxell, Gino Campana, Bob Overbeck, Ross Cunniff

City Staff: Lucinda Smith, Susie Gordon

This memo summarizes input provided by Council about adopting a local ordinance requiring grocery stores to charge for disposable plastic and paper shopping bags at the checkout stand.

Council asked questions about the number of plastic bags being used in Fort Collins per year. The table below provides an explanation. It equates to roughly one plastic bag per person per day.

Table 1. Disposable Bag Use Estimates

<u>Location</u>	<u>Bags Per Person Per Year</u>
Seattle, WA	630
San Jose, CA	452
Washington, DC	449
Aspen, CO	398
Boulder, CO	342

Because Boulder is a near-neighbor to Fort Collins, we used 342 bags/person/year as the number used to calculate our usage of disposable bags. Our population was nearing 150,000 when the Triple Bottom Line Evaluation was written. If you calculate: 150,000 X 342 you get 51.3 million bags per year. Staff has rounded to 50 Million.

Feedback from Council:

1. Proceed with developing an ordinance for adoption by City Council that would require grocers to charge 10 cents per disposable plastic and paper shopping bag.
2. All proceeds from the sale of disposable shopping bags will be retained by grocers.
 - o Grocers must use a portion of the proceeds for City-designated purposes. Staff will prepare a provision in the ordinance for at least half (50%) of the money from sales of disposable bags to be used by grocers for specific purposes.
 - o Most importantly, grocers should use the money from sales of disposable bags to make low-cost (or free) durable bags available for customers.
 - o A palette of other options will be suggested for how grocers may use some portion of the money charged for disposable bags, including training for employees.

Summary:

Staff will be prepared to bring an ordinance to Council for adoption as early as July 1, with an effective date of January 2015, allowing grocers time to prepare for implementation and for the City to increase outreach promoting use of durable bags.

Staff will continue to be in contact with grocery industry representatives about the proposed ordinance and will discuss the City's interest in providing citizens with a creative, unique-to-Fort Collins shopping bag, to help create a "cool" culture of re-use in the community.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2014

TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers

Through: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *hi*
Jeff Mihelich, Deputy City Manager *J.M.*
Bruce Hendee, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Mary Atchison, Social Sustainability Department *MA*

RE: Work Session Summary—May 13, 2014 re: Social Sustainability Gaps Analysis

On May 13 Social Sustainability Director Mary Atchison, Assistant City Manager Bruce Hendee, and Ben Herman from Clarion Associates presented the results of the Social Sustainability Gaps Analysis to Council. Councilmembers present included Mayor Pro Tem Gerry Horak, Ross Cunniff, Wade Troxell, Gino Campana, Lisa Poppaw and Bob Overbeck. City Manager Darin Atteberry was also present.

Major discussion points included the following:

- The City's role on the issues discussed in the Gaps Analysis report should be that of collaborator, coordinator, convener, catalyst, strategic partner. We should look for partnership opportunities and complementarity with what we are already doing.
- We should avoid providing services to community members.
- Include the faith community in developing solutions and solving problems.
- Social Sustainability should work to inform the work being done across the City.
- Make sure Social Sustainability is working with TransFort to design and inform transit to best meet the needs of challenged populations.
- Issues the Department should engage with are local foods, income disparity, and affordable housing, particularly when paired with environmentally sustainable building.
- Solutions that are developed for social systems should include a regional focus.
- The Department should actively participate in influencing funding policy.
- It is critical to work with Economic Health to increase focus on mid-level jobs to strengthen the middle class. This could include helping to grow local businesses.
- USDA Local Agriculture grants exist, and the local contact is CSU Extension.

Follow up Item: Locate the amount of federal funding used each month to cover housing vouchers, Section 8 housing vouchers, and other types of HUD-supported rent and ownership programs.



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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Lance Smith, Strategic Financial Planning Manager *LS*

THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *D*
Kevin Gertig, Interim Utilities Executive Director *KG*

RE: May 13, 2014 Work Session – Time of Use Pilot Project for Electric Rates

Several possible rate structures now available for residential rates were presented by Lance Smith. Light & Power Operations Manager, Steve Catanach, addressed operational questions and the upcoming web portal deployment. Mayor Pro Tem Horak and Councilmembers Campana, Cunniff, Overbeck, Poppaw and Troxell were present.

Utilities staff gave a brief presentation outlining six possible residential rate structures. Specific attention was given to comparing the current tiered rate structure to the proposed time-of-use (TOU) rate structure and two variations of the TOU structure. The presentation included staff's recommendation to launch a pilot TOU rate to assess customer interest and behavior response to the TOU rate structure.

Utilities staff addressed specific questions regarding the functionality of the upcoming web portal deployment to support more of the possible rate structures and the associated conservation price signals.

In general, Council feedback was supportive of staff's efforts to look at additional rate structures, which may be more effective at encouraging conservation than the current tiered rate structure, including the concept of doing a pilot rate study. Some supported a pilot study on the TOU rate structure and others indicated support for the TOU with surcharge rate structure. More specific Council feedback and direction included:

- Determine costs of enhancing web portal functionality to support more of the possible rate structures
- Continue outreach to other community boards
- Council expressed interest in the TOU and the TOU with surcharge rate structures as alternatives to the current tiered rate structure



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THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *D.*

FROM: Jeff Mihelich, Deputy City Manager *J.M.*
Dan Weinheimer, Policy & Project Manager

RE: May 13, 2014 Work Session Summary: Trans Pacific Partnership and "Fast Track"

Deputy City Manager Jeff Mihelich presented a summary of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (international trade agreement) and the "Fast Track" provision. Mayor Pro Tem Gerry Horak and City Councilmembers Overbeck, Poppaw, Campana, Troxell, and Cunniff were present.

The goal of the Partnership is to expand markets for U.S. goods and formalize trade with growing economies.

Staff sought direction on two questions:

1. Does Council wish to consider a resolution seeking that our Congressional representatives reject "Fast Track" for the Trans-Pacific Partnership?
2. Does Council wish to consider a resolution seeking that our Congressional representatives reject the Trans-Pacific Partnership?

Council discussions focused on the "Fast-Track" provision. Several Councilmembers suggested that Council should stay away from international laws and acts.

Staff advised Council that Congress will not consider this Act until the fall. With this in mind, Council directed staff to discuss "Fast Track" and the Act with Colorado Municipal League (CML), the National League of Cities (NLC), and our national legislative delegation and to bring the findings to the Legislative Review Committee within the next 90 days.

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