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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 30, 2015

TO: Mayor Weitkunat and Councilmembers

FROM: Kraig Bader, Standards Engineering Manager 

THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager 
Kevin R. Gertig, Utilities Executive Director 

RE: March 24, 2015 Work Session – Update on Advanced Meter Fort Collins

An update on the Advanced Meter Fort Collins project was presented by Light & Power Electrical Standards Manager, Kraig Bader. He addressed an update on the project and answered questions regarding deployment and next steps. Mayor Weitkunat, Mayor Pro Tem Horak and Councilmembers Campana, Cunniff, Overbeck, and Troxell were present.

In general, City Council was supportive of the project. More specific Council feedback and direction included advice to leverage the system to provide a value proposition for the customer so that they will have encouragement to help Fort Collins accomplish our Climate Action Plan goals. Staff was reminded to keep Platte River Power Authority in mind as programs are developed to leverage the system towards these goals.

Council members also reminded staff that it is important to maintain vigilance on the return on investment for the project. Staff agreed that this is important and will develop a consistent reporting practice to continue to share this information with Council. Staff understands that Council has concerns with the way that CO₂e savings were reported in the presentation, and would like to assure Council that the reported value was representative of steps towards a goal and not a goal statement.

Council members had concerns about the user-friendliness of the Web portal, and asked Staff to look into the issue. Council also suggested that Staff include information on the utility bill that highlights and promotes the Web portal. Council would also like some additional information on privacy and security audits that have been performed on the system.






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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 26, 2015

TO: Mayor Weitkunat and City Councilmembers

THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager 
Jeff Mihelich, Deputy City Manager 
Karen Cumbo, Director of Planning, Development & Transportation 
Laurie Kadrach, Community Development & Neighborhood Services Director

FROM: Cameron Gloss, Planning Manager 

RE: **Work Session Summary – March 24, 2015 re: Addition of Permitted Use (APU)**

Attendees:

Cameron Gloss presented an account of the APU process and regulatory changes made during the last 18 months, an overview of outstanding issues raised by citizens and regulatory options available, and responded to questions from Council. All City Council members except Lisa Poppaw were present.

Discussion Summary

- Uncertainty about the location and type of APU applications appears to be the principal concern of some neighbors. Further, neighbors don't want to be a "watchdog" for APU applications.
- Neighbors are seeking both compatibility and flexibility with any regulatory solution.
- The City needs to do a better job of identifying neighborhood boundaries and enhancing the public notification and coordination with neighborhood groups.
- In many older neighborhoods, the City takes the place of the Homeowner's Association (HOA), so neighbors are looking for regulations that protect their interests.
- It may be advantageous for non-residential and higher intensity uses to be located along arterial streets as they can provide a buffer and transition between residential areas and busy roadways.
- Some Council members suggested that the APU process is the appropriate regulatory tool since it provides a degree of flexibility needed with our highly prescriptive Land Use Code, and that the Planning and Zoning Board has taken appropriate action on APU applications.
- APU is a tool that can help implement the policies of *City Plan*.
- Recent Land Use Code changes strengthening the APU review process have been beneficial.
- There was an assertion that residential neighborhoods might "shrink" if commercial and other non-residential uses become too prevalent.
- One member noted the possible negative impact of infill and redevelopment projects on solar access.
- Some Council members expressed an overall citizen concern about the type and amount of infill development occurring.
- A technique where uses are specifically limited by type and location might provide the right regulatory balance.

Follow-up Items:

Council requested that staff consider changes to the Land Use Code that would provide greater land use certainty within residential areas. Specific suggestions included:

- Consider how we can better limit the location for specific uses within residential areas that will protect neighborhood interests. The Boarding House standards were cited as a specific example of regulations that appear to be working well.
- Comprehensively map neighborhood boundaries and setup a database for neighborhood contacts.
- Consider additional performance standards for non-residential APU applications.
- Consider how, if at all, property values are impacted by APU approvals.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 2015

To: Mayor and City Councilmembers

Through: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
Mike Beckstead, Chief Financial Officer *MB*

From: Jessica Ping-Small, Revenue and Project Manager *JPS*

RE: March 24, 2015 Work Session Summary – Broadband Strategic Plan

Councilmembers present: Mayor Weitkunat, Mayor Pro-Tem Gerry Horak, Wade Troxell, Bob Overbeck, Gino Campana, and Ross Cunniff

Staff present: Mike Beckstead, Jessica-Ping-Small

Discussion Summary:

- General support for Broadband Strategic Plan as presented by staff
- Discussion related to the high level of interest by the community
- Dialogue surrounding the need for thorough community engagement including hard to reach citizens and the importance of providing a safe and secure solution
- Discussion regarding the need to consider all options for providing Broadband service and that it isn't necessarily an "either/or" solution
- General comments regarding the importance of understanding the need for service and the concept of leveraging the City's existing infrastructure
- Comments related to the need to address SB152 at the appropriate time
- Unanimous support for direction of project as presented

Next Steps:

- Staff will proceed with the project plan
- Staff will continue the internal dialogue relating to SB152 to determine the appropriate timing of a possible ballot initiative
- In addition, staff committed to reporting back to City Council on a regular basis including the prescheduled July and December work sessions

