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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 17, 2019

TO: Mayor Troxell and City Councilmembers

THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
Jeff Mihelich, Deputy City Manager *J.M.*
Dean Klingner, Deputy Director of PDT *DK*

FROM: Tom Leeson, CDNS Director
Cameron Gloss, Long-Range Planning Manager

RE: May 14, 2019 Work Session Summary – Harmony Gateway Update

At the May 14th Council Work Session, Cameron Gloss and Tom Leeson presented draft concepts for an update to the Harmony 'Gateway Area', which is a component of the Harmony Corridor Plan.

Councilmembers present at the Work Session were Mayor Wade Troxell, Ross Cunniff, Susan Gutowsky, Julie Pignataro, Mayor Pro Tem Kristin Stephens and Ken Summers.

Council Comments and General Direction:

Staff will incorporate the following additional comments into the public process and future drafts of the Harmony Corridor Plan Update for the 'Gateway Area':

- **Land Use Intensity:** Staff is being requested to further explore alternative land use and development pattern scenarios with lesser intensity. Each of the alternatives should consider impacts to transportation and natural features. The majority of Council expressed pursuit of a 'middle pathway' that would make the Gateway Area more inviting, but not too developed. Some members suggested that the proposed DRAFT changes were tantamount to an up-zoning.
- **Design Character:** While there was acknowledgement that proposed design standards include naturalistic elements based on the Poudre River valley character, it was suggested by some members that the design parameters do not

fully take into account the existing open character of the area and that Natural Areas and Nature in the City concepts could be incorporated more clearly. Some elements of the design standards, particularly the I-25 and Harmony landscaped edges, regional trail, and sign limits, were viewed positively.

- **Review Process:** General support was expressed for the Gateway Plan Update community engagement process used to date. It was suggested that more time and public discussion is needed to examine alternative scenarios, vet the ideas, and to receive comments from the Transportation Advisory Board and the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board.

Next Steps & Adoption Schedule:

Overall, Council expressed reservations about the project schedule and requested that staff work through the community engagement process and delay Council adoption.

Staff will prepare a land use and design alternatives analysis that will be shared with the community, Planning and Zoning Board, Natural Resource Advisory Board, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board, and the Transportation Advisory Board prior to returning to City Council for its consideration at an undetermined future date.



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 Jeff Mihelich, Deputy City Manager
 Jackie Kozak Thiel, Chief Sustainability Officer *JKT by mg*
 Lucinda Smith, Environmental Services Director *LS by mg*

FROM: Cassie Archuleta, Air Quality Program Manager *CA*

RE: **May 14, 2019 Work Session Summary:
 Outdoor Residential Wood Burning**

Attendees

Jeff Mihelich and Cassie Archuleta presented an update regarding public outreach, implementation and enforcement related to new rules adopted for outdoor residential wood burning, and presented options for 24-hour complaint response. All Councilmembers except Councilmember Gorgol were present.

Discussion Summary

Staff requested direction regarding options for 24-hour complaint response. In summary, Council:

- Supported the recommended option to leverage existing non-emergency response resources for immediate health or safety concern related to smoke from an active fire.
- Supported promotion of alternative options available to a complainant, including resources to support neighbor-to-neighbor interactions, and resources to file a nuisance complaint
- Suggested that an outreach brochure be included with utility bills.
- Suggested further consideration of an incentive program.
- Supported additional neighborhood/HOA scale engagement.
- Asked that the first season evaluation include an assessment of the time of the curfew (e.g., 11pm vs. 10pm).

Staff Follow-Up

Staff has already begun supporting compliance with the new code. For the first season of implementation, staff will:

- Provide quarterly updates to Council.
- Explore considerations for a potential incentive program that encourages alternatives to wood fires.

Following the first season, staff will evaluate the program and return to Council in 2020 with a summary and further recommendations, if necessary.



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Date: May 20, 2019

To: Mayor and City Councilmembers

Thru: Darin Atteberry, City Manager
Tom DeMint, PFA Fire Chief

From: Kirsten Howard, Budget & Finance Supervisor

Re: May 14, 2019 Work Session Summary: Poudre Fire Authority 2018 Annual Report

On May 14, 2019, City Council, the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District Board (PVFPD), and staff from the Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) met in work session to discuss PFA's governance, PFA's 2018 Annual Report including 2018 performance measurements and metrics, financial position, and a focus on issues moving forward. The 2014 Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the PVFPD and the City of Fort Collins, establishing the PFA, stipulates that the Authority will provide a report to the City and District annually. Chief DeMint reflected on the progress of continuous improvement efforts and data-informed, outcome-based decision making. The 2018 Annual Report can be viewed at <https://pfaannualreport.com>.

Highlights of the report included:

- 300% increase in cardiac survival rates due to updated and improved clinical protocols, standardized equipment, training, and interoperability between northern Colorado agencies.
- Non-traditional Community Risk Reduction efforts including participation in the Hoarding Task Force and Community Service Action Teams, PulsePoint App and teaching hands-only CPR, as well as traditional efforts such as construction plans review, fire code adoption, and building inspections.
- 96.67% of the time PFA interceded before Flashover. By containing a fire to its room of origin through rapid response, fire sprinklers or fire containment (interceding before flashover), fire loss and injuries can be reduced.
- Funding – 96.7% of PFA's revenue is intergovernmental, funded by PFA's "parent organizations" (City of Fort Collins and PVFPD).
- Projected 2018 underspend of 2.7% of budget, or \$910,000, which is returned to PFA's reserves for future allocation.
- Future looking issues include community growth, regionalization of services, human services oriented Community Risk Reduction, future funding, and right-sized response (looking at methods that challenge traditional response models to emergencies).

Discussion at the Council work session centered on major challenges over the next 20 years; how the Authority provides services that are regionally beneficial to both "parent organizations"; the Roving Alternative Medical (RAM) Unit and right-sized response; how the train that runs through the center of the City affects PFA response; why multiple emergency vehicles respond to incidents; PFA's low firefighter per capita ration and PFA's volunteer firefighter program; and, that the Office of Emergency Management has transitioned from PFA to the City Manager's Office.