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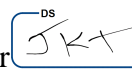

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

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 30, 2020

**TO:** Mayor Troxell and City Councilmembers

**THRU:** Darin Atteberry, City Manager   
 Jacqueline Kozak-Thiel, Chief Sustainability Officer   
 Theresa Connor, Interim Utilities Executive Director 

**FROM:** John Phelan, Energy Services Senior Manager   
 Molly Saylor, Senior Sustainability Specialist 

**RE:** November 24, 2020 Work Session Summary: Our Climate Future Planning Update

**Councilmembers present virtually:** Troxell, Stephens, Summers, Gorgol, Cunniff, Pignataro, Gutowsky

**Topic Summary:**

Staff summarized the Our Climate Future planning process and sought feedback from Council regarding proposed Big Moves, next steps towards Council consideration and the integration of the three plans.

Our Climate Future has proceeded with an intentionally different approach to updating planning documents. The integration of updating three plans in one process acknowledges the interconnections between waste, energy, and climate and identifies opportunities for connected solutions. Centering the planning process and strategies in community-defined priorities will result in increased buy-in to meet goals *while* simultaneously positively impacting other Fort Collins priorities.

Staff presented the fifteen Big Moves that describe in plain and accessible language the outcomes which will lead to the achievement of Fort Collins climate, energy and waste goals while simultaneously positively impacting other community priorities.

**Councilmembers generally expressed:**

- Support for the Our Climate Future planning project and acknowledged its alignment with Council priorities, importance from a triple bottom line perspective and for the changes in approach for community engagement.
- Support for the Big Moves presented with emphasis on supporting connections and helping the community understand linkages.
- Recognition that the community-centered planning approach has resulted in a very broad and interconnected set of Big Moves.
- Recognition of the historical disparities in community outcomes based on race and ethnicity and support for continued focus on equity.



- Eagerness to hear details of specific strategies and tactics (aka Next Moves).

**Additional councilmember comments included:**

- Confusion about the basis for leading with race when it comes to planning and implementation models which are centered in equity and a request for more data about local inequities;
- Questions about the carbon savings results for specific programs and their impact on the community carbon inventory;
- Concern that the plan would not include specific goals for waste;
- The need to continue engagement with the business community;
- The importance of a focus on innovation and solutions which support the local economy;
- The importance of integrating walkable community concepts as a model;
- The importance of continuing with a human-centered approach to climate action;
- How transportation systems are changing fundamentally and need to be incorporated into thinking about 2030 and 2050 objectives, and
- That they did not see Big Move objectives targeting thermal energy.

**Next steps**

- Staff will be sending a follow-up Council memo summarizing program carbon savings and how the annual community carbon inventory tracks progress.
- Proceed with development of a single integrated Our Climate Future plan which also includes specific goals for waste, in addition to those for climate and energy.
- Proceed with analysis of the Next Moves in preparation for the February 9<sup>th</sup> work session.