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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 27, 2021  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**THRU:** Darin Atteberry, City Manager <sup>ds</sup>  
Caryn Champine, Planning, Development and Transportation Director <sup>u</sup>  
Paul Sizemore, Interim Community Development and Neighborhood Services Deputy Director <sup>ps</sup>  
**FROM:** Kelly Smith, Senior Environmental Planner <sup>ks</sup>  
**SUBJECT:** January 26, 2021 Work Session Summary: Oil and Gas Siting Options

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**Attendees**

Caryn Champine, Kelly Smith and Cassie Archuleta presented the results of public engagement and regulatory options for oil and gas operations, which is a Council priority. All City Councilmembers were present.

**Discussion Summary**

Staff requested feedback regarding zoning and setback options related to new oil and gas development. In summary:

- There was agreement that there are currently limited options for additional oil and gas development within City limits.
- There was some concern that local regulations are not warranted given limited development space and known mineral resources.
- There was some support to further explore other pollution sources in the City, such as gas filling stations.
- Several Councilmembers expressed support for defining oil and gas development in Code as a use that is restricted to the Industrial Zone District.
- Several Councilmembers expressed support for 2000' setbacks.
- Several Councilmembers also expressed interest in further exploring protections for City owned Natural Areas outside City limits.

**Staff Follow-Up**

Staff will initiate additional public engagement around operational and development standards and follow up with a Council work session in Summer 2021. Staff anticipates another Council work session in Fall/Winter 2021 for additional discussion around specific code language. In addition:

- Staff will continue to provide updates to Council, particularly if a new development interest or proposed change to existing operations arise.
- Staff will collaborate with Larimer County to develop potential strategies for review and standards for land within the GMA and on City-owned land outside City limits.
- Staff will coordinate with the existing operator to explore updates to the Operator Agreement.