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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2021
TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Abbye Neel, Interim Water Conservation Manager ^{DS} 
Liesel Hans, Interim Utilities Deputy Director ^{DS} 
THROUGH: Darin Atteberry, City Manager ^{DS} 
Kelly DiMartino, Deputy City Manager ^{DS} 
Theresa Connor, Interim Utilities Executive Director ^{DS} 
RE: May 11, 2021 Work Session Summary – Water Supply Requirements and Allotments

Summary: The purpose of this item was to receive feedback on a proposal to update the methodology for calculating Fort Collins Utilities Water Supply Requirements. Staff presented the drivers for the proposal, how the proposed calculations compare to the current system and other water providers’ systems, impacts to the community, and opportunities for future improvements.

Attendees: All Councilmembers were present and participated remotely via Zoom. Utilities staff included Abbye Neel, Liesel Hans, and Theresa Connor.

Questions to Council:

1. What feedback does Council have regarding the proposed concepts for the Water Supply Requirement calculations?
2. Is this item ready for a formal Council consideration in September of 2021?

Key Discussion Points:

- The presentation provided a concise and clear overview of the proposed changes and impacts.
- City Council supports the proposal, timeline, and that calculations be reviewed every two years to allow for modifications or improvements that reflect new development practices or better methodologies (e.g. examining if number of bedrooms continues to be the best predictor of indoor water use in residential and multifamily settings).
- Questions included details on how taps are sized, examples of alternative compliance scenarios, what input Staff received from Developers, and how the changes impact the



Development Review process. Additionally, Council asked for clarifications around how Water Supply Requirements are scaled for low versus high-water use landscapes and how the calculations work for a mixed landscape.

- City Council requests that Staff consider how Water Supply Requirements can align and support goals outlined in City plans, including the Housing Strategic Plan and Climate Action Plan.

Next Steps:

- Outreach and education will continue through the Fall. Staff plans to return to Council for formal consideration in September and, if adopted, changes would be implemented starting January 2022.
- Staff will provide a written response to the Mayor's question regarding water conservation efforts across City-owned facilities and operations.

CC: Donnie Dustin, Water Resources Manager