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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 18, 2013  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Wanda Nelson, City Clerk  
**RE:** Leadership Planning Team Meeting

Mayor Karen Weitkunat, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Ohlson, City Manager Darin Atteberry, Deputy City Manager Diane Jones, Assistant City Manager Wendy Williams, Deputy City Attorney Carrie Daggett, and City Clerk Wanda Nelson met on Monday, March 18, and the following summarizes the discussions that began at 12:41 p.m.

### March 18 Adjourned Meeting

As noted on the agenda, Agenda Item #3 Related to Woodward Inc. is postponed. City Manager Atteberry noted that Item #4 regarding the conveyance of easements to Woodward Inc. will not be heard this evening. Both of these items will be rescheduled for first reading on March 26, and second reading on April 2.

Agenda Item #5 enacts the water rates for the water supply shortage response levels. The ordinance also changes the definition of "water fountain" to "water feature," encompasses both public and private water features, and excludes water features that are part of a swimming pool. The proposed restrictions allow the use of both public and private water features at Level 1 and 2 Response Levels, and prohibit them for Level 3 and 4.

Agenda Item #6 is a discussion to review the level of regulation protecting life and property within the Poudre River Floodplain.

### March 19 Regular Meeting

Five proclamations will be presented this evening.

Under Consent Calendar follow-up, staff is asked to provide Mayor Weitkunat with a brief summary of the importance of the pre-sedimentation basin (Item #17), particularly as it relates to the City's fire mitigation efforts and the efforts of House and the Senate to provide resources under Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) to reduce the negative effects of the High Park Fire on the City's watershed.

On the Consent Agenda, an ordinance will be considered that amends the Master Covenant for Provincetowne Condominium Development (Item #19). Deputy City Manager Jones explained

that while the revised covenant eliminates the requirement that purchasers must be low-income buyers, the FHA maximum purchase price would keep the townhomes priced affordably for low income households, and still require the unit be owner-occupied (not rental). The income restriction has been a problem for FHA in making loans on these properties, and problematic for sellers finding credit/loan qualified, purchasers; and, many believe the impact of the income restriction has resulted in several of the townhomes going into foreclosure. The Affordable Housing Board unanimously supported the revised covenant.

Fort Collins Light & Power is partnering with Platte River Power Authority, the Town of Estes Park, the City of Loveland, and the City of Longmont in hiring a consultant to perform a comprehensive compensation study for certain power utility positions (Item #20). The results of this study will provide valuable market analysis, furthering the efforts to attract and retain key positions within the electric industry.

Items relating to an Operator Agreement with Prospect Energy will be considered under Discussion Item #28. Staff is asked to provide a detailed map that will show the area discussed in the Agreement, and provide additional detail as to what the Operator is doing in these areas. Deputy City Attorney Daggett reported that a revised ordinance will be forthcoming that exempts the Operator from the City's moratorium and ban on hydraulic fracturing, but only as it relates to these areas/properties. The second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for April 16.

To ensure the item is heard on March 19, Item #29 Adopting a Policy for Developing Primary Employer Business Assistance Packages will be heard before Item #28 mentioned above.

Regarding Agenda Item #30 regarding the appeal of sign modification for the Foothills Mall, staff is asked to present their original recommendation that went before the Planning and Zoning Board.

#### Six Month Calendar

As noted earlier, the Woodward Inc. business assistance package first reading will be heard on March 26 and second reading on April 2.

Items related to the Foothills Mall TIF Metro District originally scheduled for March 27 have been postponed; however, March 27 will remain on the calendar as an Adjourned Meeting for Council to consider those items carried over from March 26. Once the Foothills Mall item is rescheduled, a thirty-day notice must be sent to affected parties.

#### Additional Information

City Clerk Nelson reported a successful "Logic and Accuracy" test of the voting equipment used to count the ballots. This test confirms ballots will be tabulated correctly.

Calls have been received from citizens inquiring why political parties are not listed next to candidate names on the ballot. The City's municipal election is non-partisan, and therefore political parties are not included on the ballot.

Some ordinances refer to the recommendations and actions of the Council's advisory boards that may have reviewed the policy proposal. Staff is asked to review this practice and determine if the "whereas" clauses should or should not include advisory board and commission positions/actions regarding the proposed ordinance.

City Manager Atteberry is having conversations with local water providers about the possibility of shared treatment services. He will follow up with members of Council to explore this option further.

City Manager Atteberry reported that the Alliance for Innovation has selected the City's sustainability services model as an award recipient for its innovation efforts.

The revised signs for the Prospect Street Closure which clearly indicate that local businesses are open and accessible are spectacular and should be used for all construction projects where road closures, limited access and detours are called for. As an example, a local business in the vicinity of the Shields/Rolland Moore Bridge project said that its business dropped 40% when detour signs were put up, yet access to these local businesses was available.

Meeting ended at 2:22 p.m.