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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 23, 2013
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Wanda Nelson, City Clerk
RE: Leadership Planning Team Meeting

Mayor Karen Weitkunat, Mayor Pro Tem Gerry Horak, Deputy City Manager Diane Jones, City Attorney Steve Roy, and City Clerk Wanda Nelson met on Monday, September 23, and the following summarizes the discussions that began at 8:11 a.m.

September 24 Work Session

The first item on the Work Session is an update on the **Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) Strategic Planning** activities. Jackie Sargent, General Manager of PRPA, will provide the update. Staff is asked to provide background information on the dark fiber network in terms of its value to our community and the quarterly payments received.

A discussion on the proposed **2014 Rate and Fee Adjustments** will be the second item presented. Electric development fees are proposed to increase in 2014, while water and wastewater rates are proposed to be reduced for standard connections.

The need for a **Water Right Utilization Fee (WRUF)** will be presented at the Work Session. In order to meet the water needs of new development or redevelopment within the Water Utility service area, developers are assessed a Raw Water Requirement (RWR). Many of the water rights accepted by the Water Utility require storage in order to provide that water supply throughout the year. The WRUF would result in an increase in water development fees, and provides the capital associated with developing storage.

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) adopted minimum statewide floodplain regulations in January 2011, with the requirement that communities adopt the new standards by January 2014. The fourth item on the Work Session, **Colorado Water Conservation Board Floodplain Regulation Adoption and other Minor Policy and Clean-up Items**, brings Fort Collins into compliance with the state-mandated regulations.

October 1 Regular Meeting

On the Consent Agenda are items relating to the **Fort Collins – Loveland Water District Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)**. This specifically relates to the amount of water that can

be passed through the transmission system. After the Regular Meeting adjourns, City Council will meet as the Water Utility Enterprise and consider the IGA from the Enterprise' perspective.

The first discussion item is Council's consideration of a resolution in support of the construction of a new County office building in Loveland. This item is on the November ballot as the building is proposed to be constructed using accumulated sales tax and reserves. Commissioner Lew Gaiter will be present to join the discussion.

For Council's consideration, staff has been asked to present resolutions in support of and in opposition to the citizen-initiated ballot measure on a moratorium of hydraulic fracturing activities within the City of Fort Collins.

Also on October 1 is the **Adoption of the Midtown Plan**. The purpose of this item is to create a long-term vision that will complement current and forthcoming investments to revitalize the corridor along College Avenue between Prospect Road and Fairway Lane.

Six Month Calendar

Poudre River Plans and Projects will be discussed at the October 8 Work Session. Staff is asked to address the following:

- How current storm water capital projects withstood the impacts of the 2013 flood.
- What happened to the BAVA area and the Woodward site?
- What has the current flood experience taught us?
- Suggestions about future mitigation projects and/or approaches.

At the September 16 Leadership Planning Team meeting, a conversation was held concerning the need to keep the **yearly evaluations of the City Manager, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge** on a separate evening to permit enough time for discussion. Therefore, the update on **Retail Marijuana** will be held on November 26, and the Work Session on November 12 will be solely dedicated to the yearly evaluations.

An introductory **Strategic Plan Review** which includes a review of the Key Outcomes and definitions and initial strategic objectives supporting the upcoming 2015-2016 budget work will be scheduled for early February. As has been done in the past, staff will work with Council's schedule to determine which Saturday would best be suited for this off-site review. Sarah Kane will be contacting members of Council to schedule the special meeting.

Other Discussion Items

City Council received an email from a citizen with concerns about conflicting information given during the flood on the safety of the water supply. Staff has been asked to ensure this information is accurately posted on the appropriate websites.

The October 3 CML District Meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Estes Park; however, due to the flood, this event has been cancelled and may be rescheduled for another time this fall. The CML Board meets this Friday and is expected to discuss whether to cancel or reschedule for this fall.

Included in Council's "Thursday Packet" were two letters from citizens. Staff is asked to clarify if and how a response is sent.

The PRPA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. at 2000 East Horsetooth Road.

Also on September 26 is the 3rd Annual Soup Supper hosted by the Homeless Prevention Initiative. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.homelessnessprevention.net/>.

Deputy City Manager Jones reported that staff is meeting later this month to discuss possible amendments to the Municipal Code to permit mobile food vendors to hold "food roundups," where multiple vendors are located on a single site as part of a special event or funding-raising activity. Interest has been expressed by mobile food vendors in holding a special rally to raise money for the flood victims.

Mayor Weitkunat reported that the Fort Collins-Loveland Airport is still trying to be a part of a pilot study that utilizes a towerless system to manage its airspace.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.