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WORK SESSION

March 23, 2010

6 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. "Plan Fort Collins: Innovate, Sustain, Connect" - Phase 1. (staff: Joe Frank, Kathleen Bracke, Scott Weeks; 90 minute discussion)

"Plan Fort Collins: Innovate, Sustain, Connect" is the name given to the planning process to review and revise *City Plan*, the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the *Transportation Master Plan*. This project will result in new long-range plans that will address short-term goals and shape the future of the City for the long-term.

Phase 1: "Understanding of Plan Fort Collins" is currently underway. The important components of this phase include: reviewing existing City goals and policies; researching and examining key trends; conducting community dialogue about future challenges and opportunities; beginning to research best practices in other communities; and beginning to identify topics for future phases of the planning process.

3. Resourcing Our Future. (staff: Darin Atteberry, Mike Freeman; 2 hour discussion)

The City of Fort Collins has pressing, immediate needs and a long-term vision for a stronger, sustainable community. Over the last five years, the City has eliminated lower-priority services and aggressively pursued ways to make our local government more efficient. We have cut nearly \$24 million of planned and existing expenses, including eliminating more than 140 jobs.

The City has implemented ongoing systems and tools to ensure that our local government is transparent and accountable to the taxpayers of Fort Collins for the long-term. The commitment to cost-effective government is a permanent way of doing business. We will systematically seek new and improved ways of delivering service with the least amount of resources.

Despite these efforts, City revenues are not keeping pace with the demand for basic City operations and services. Fort Collins' current City sales tax rate is the second lowest among comparable Front Range cities and our base sales tax rate has not been changed for almost 30 years. Staff has identified \$16.2 million in immediate needs to maintain services in Police, Fire, streets maintenance, parks maintenance, and recreation – basic services the City provides.

The Fort Collins community has the choice of either supporting additional resources or continuing to face significant further reductions in services in light of stagnating City revenues.

4. Other Business.

5. Adjournment.