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## **WORK SESSION**

**October 25, 2011**

**6 p.m.**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Cache La Poudre River Floodplain Regulations. (staff: Jon Haukaas, Ken Sampley, Marsha Hilmes-Robinson, Brian Varella; 1 hour discussion)

A component of the Stormwater program review requested by City Council in October 2008 included a review of the level of regulation protecting life and property for areas within the Poudre River floodplain. Floodplain regulation options have been presented and discussed at three (3) Council work sessions. At the February 22, 2011 Work Session, Council expressed interest in further investigation of the Adverse Impact Review (AIR) approach. Specific direction to staff was to:

- Continue development of the AIR criteria, standards and review process with an expanded Working Committee
- Perform additional public outreach
- Bring the item for Council review at a future date.

Based on further research, continued public outreach, and the results from a technical analysis completed at the request of the Working Committee, staff is recommending a

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modified approach that will incorporate key aspects of AIR with the current floodplain regulations. This approach provides the benefit of addressing life safety and property damage considerations while avoiding the cost and time impacts associated with requiring additional detailed floodplain analyses focused on determining increases in flood elevations and velocities.

3. The City of Fort Collins' Current, and Potential Future, Involvement in Supporting the Provision of Social Services to the Citizens of the Community. (staff: Ken Waido; 1 hour discussion)

Many lower income citizens of Fort Collins need help in achieving the most basic human needs of food and water for survival and clothing and shelter for protection from the elements. But, there are other human needs beyond those physiological needs for survival, including friendship and family, health, employment, self-esteem, morality, and respect. When low income citizens lack the financial resources to meet these needs, public support in providing affordable housing and social services is especially important for survival and life enhancements. Most of the time, non-profit agencies and organizations provide the needed housing and social services in the community with the City of Fort Collins participating in a supporting role.

The City of Fort Collins has a history of allocating financial assistance to a variety of agencies and organizations that provide the direct, hands-on social (public and human) services to lower income people of the community. This work session will review what the City is currently doing regarding supporting the provision of social services in the community. Information will be presented as to the other entities currently involved in providing, or supporting social services, such as Larimer County, the United Way of Larimer County, Poudre Valley Health Systems, the Poudre School District, and Colorado State University. A review of what other communities are doing will lead the discussion as to whether the City's current involvement is adequate or not, and if the role is to change, what additional actions should the City undertake.

4. The City of Fort Collins' Current and Potential Future Involvement in Early Childhood Care and Education. (staff: Joe Frank, Tess Heffernan; 1 hour discussion)

Increasingly, communities across the nation are recognizing the many "triple bottom line" benefits of accessible, affordable, and quality early childhood care and education. Quality child care benefits the social and financial needs of parents, the educational and development needs of children, the economy, and many other community development goals. City Council asked for more information to help clarify the direction that it would take in regard to the City's role and potential strategies in regard to early childhood care and education. This issue is part of Council's 2011/2012 Work Plan.

5. Other Business.
6. Adjournment.