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WORK SESSION

September 24, 2013

6 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Platte River Power Authority Strategic Planning Update. (staff: Brian Janonis; 45 minute discussion)

Ms. Jackie Sargent, General Manager of Platte River Power Authority (Platte River) will provide an update on the work she has been doing with Platte River staff and the Board of Directors related to strategic planning.

3. Proposed 2014 Rate and Fees Adjustments. (staff: Steve Catanach, Kevin Gertig, Jon Haukaas, Lance Smith; 45 minute discussion)

The purpose of this work session presentation and discussion is to provide City Council with a prelude of the proposed rate and fee adjustments for 2014, before consideration of First Reading of the Rate Ordinances on October 15th.

The proposed rate increases are consistent or less than what was anticipated during the 2013-14 Budget process.

| 2014 Proposed Rate Adjustments | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Utility | Original 2013-14 Budget | Current Proposal | Fees to Be Adjusted? |
| Electric | 3.5% | 2.0% | Yes |
| Water | 4.0% | 4.0% | Yes |
| Waste Water | 3.0% | 3.0% | Yes |
| Storm Water | 0.0% | 0.0% | Yes |

Electric development fees are proposed to increase in 2014. Reductions in water and wastewater rates are proposed for certain rate classes. Water and wastewater plant investment fees are proposed to be adjusted downward for standard connections due to reduced average usage per customer although the per gallon per day charges are proposed to be increased. A new development fee, the Water Right Utilization Fee (WRUF), is proposed for the Water Fund to provide sufficient funding to fully utilize accepted water rights throughout the year. An increase in the permit fees associated with the Stormwater Utility to better reflect actual costs for reviewing those permits is also proposed.

4. Proposed Water Right Utilization Fee. (staff: Donnie Dustin, Kevin Gertig, Lance Smith; 30 minute discussion)

The purpose of this work session presentation and discussion is to provide City Council with an explanation of the need for a Water Right Utilization Fee (WRUF) and how this fee is determined.

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 and during drought years. The WRUF would result in an increase in water development fees, but provides the capital associated with developing storage to utilize the water rights that are provided through the current RWR.

5. Colorado Water Conservation Board Floodplain Regulation Adoption and other Minor Policy and Clean-up Items. (staff: Jon Haukaas, Ken Sampley, Marsha Hilmes-Robinson, Brian Varrella; 1 hour discussion)

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) adopted minimum statewide floodplain regulations in January 2011. All communities must adopt these new standards by January 2014. The City of Fort Collins already has adopted many of these standards. Therefore, there are relatively few changes needed to meet the CWCB statewide regulations. The key areas where changes are needed include:

- Additional critical facilities to be regulated;
- Higher freeboard for additions and substantial improvements;

- Additional items to be included in substantial improvement cost determinations for City Basin Floodplains;
- Hardship provisions for variance requests; and
- Elimination of waivers for properties in areas where capital projects are under construction and reduce the floodplain in City Basin Floodplains.
- New Section Heading for Division 5 entitled “FEMA Basin and City Basin Floodplains” combining the regulations for FEMA Basin floodplains and City Basin floodplains into one division.

In addition, the current regulations were reviewed for recommended policy or procedural changes. Items proposed for revision include:

- The definition of abandoned;
- Escrow procedures;
- Mapping criteria;
- Emergency Response Preparedness Plan Requirement for LOMR-Fill areas; and
- LOMR- Fill criteria for properties annexed into the City.

Additional minor clarifications are also proposed.

6. Other Business.

7. Adjournment.