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City Council Work Session October 28, 2014

(After the Adjourned Council Meeting, which begins at 6:00 PM)

● **CALL TO ORDER.**

1. Utilities On-Bill Financing Pilot Program Review and Recommendations. (staff: John Phelan; 15 minute staff presentation; 30 minute discussion)

The purpose of the On-Bill Financing pilot program (also known as the Home Efficiency Loan Program) is to provide residential utility customers with low-cost financing for energy efficiency, solar photovoltaic, and water conservation improvements to support the outcomes adopted in City of Fort Collins policies and plans, such as the Climate Action Plan, Energy Policy and Water Conservation Plan.

For the October 28 City Council work session, staff will present a review of program results to date and recommendations to enhance the program. The recommendations focus on simplifying the application and program processes, improving the loan terms, and revising the structure to address residential rental and business lease properties. Staff will also present the requirements, resources and schedule for implementation of the recommendations, including City Council actions.

2. Climate Action Plan - Strategies. (staff: Lucinda Smith, Bruce Hendee; 15 minute staff presentation; 30 minute discussion)

The purpose of this work session is to review progress on identifying greenhouse gas reduction strategies and tactics, and seek Council feedback. The work session will also outline progress in considering financing models, and public engagement plans.

In April 2014, City Council asked that an ad hoc committee be formed to develop a proposed updated Climate Action Plan that describes how the community could achieve a greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal of 20% below 2005 levels by 2020, 80% below 2005 by 2030, and carbon neutrality (a 100% reduction in net greenhouse gas emission) by the year 2050. This work session is the second of four planned work sessions to review progress to date.

3. Nature in the City (staff: Lindsay Ex, Bruce Hendee; 10 minute staff presentation; 45 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to request feedback from Council on Nature in the City, specifically on the results from the project's Inventory and Assessment (Phase One), the proposed direction for the Strategic Plan (Phase Two), and the initial list of implementation actions (Phase Three) identified based on public engagement. Staff also will review anticipated timing of deliverables to City Council and seek feedback.

Nature in the City is a project approved by Council in the 2014 Annual Appropriations Ordinance and is designed to develop a 25-year vision for how all residents can access high-quality, natural experiences within a 10-minute walk from where they live and work. The project was initiated in January 2014, and staff expects to bring the final Strategic Plan to Council for consideration of adoption in early 2015.

4. Economic Health Strategic Plan Update. (Josh Birks, Bruce Hendee; 15 minute staff presentation; 45 minute discussion)

The purpose of this agenda item is to review a proposed update to the Economic Health Strategic Plan approved by City Council on June 26, 2012 (Resolution 2012-044; Vote: 7-0 in favor). The update responds to a City Council request to evaluate changes to the existing strategic plan and seeks alignment with the objectives of the Sustainability Service Area (formed in 2012). The update introduces five themes around which to organize the City's economic health activities:

- Embracing the Climate Economy
- Shared Prosperity
- Grow Our Own
- Think Regionally
- Place Matters.

- **OTHER BUSINESS.**

- **ADJOURNMENT.**