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City Council Work Session Thursday, March 10, 2016 6:00 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER.**

1. Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2020 Strategic Plan - Planning and Implementation Update. (staff: Lindsay Ex, Jackie Kozak-Thiel, Jeff Mihelich, Lucinda Smith, Mike Beckstead; 20 minute staff presentation; 90 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to solicit Council's feedback on the series of initiatives designed to achieve the City's 2020 climate action goal of a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels. A total of 31 initiatives have been assessed in terms of cost and impact (via a model) and three potential pathways to achieve the 2020 goals have been identified. Staff will seek Council's feedback on the potential to invest in seven initiatives that are shovel-ready, impactful, and provide critical resources necessary to achieve the 2020 goals. Finally, staff will seek direction from Council on the willingness to explore a separate electricity rate structure for Fort Collins (to include a more diversified energy mix) with Platte River in order to achieve the City's goals.

In March 2015, City Council unanimously adopted some of the most ambitious goals in the nation to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions: 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2020, 80 percent by 2030, and carbon neutral by 2050. To achieve these goals, the 2015 Climate Action Plan (CAP) Framework lays out a number of high level strategies in the areas of Buildings, Mobility, Energy Supply and Waste Reduction. Since then, a significant amount of time and resources have gone into the development of a roadmap to reach the 2020 goals with many positive results: an in-house model to quantify the cost/benefit of the various initiatives, three potential paths to reach the City's 2020 goals, executive and interdepartmental teams to support implementation, significant public engagement, and initiatives that Council can invest in immediately.

2. Old Town Planning Projects. (Staff: Cameron Gloss, Seth Lorson, Pete Wray; 15 minute staff presentation; 20 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the progress of three long-range planning projects that are taking place simultaneously in the greater Old Town Area. Updates will be provided for the *Downtown Plan*, *Old Town Neighborhoods Plan*, and the *Old Town Neighborhood Design Guidelines*. The last City Council update on these ongoing projects was provided at the August 11, 2015 Work Session.

3. West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor Plan. (Staff: Laurie Kadrach, Amy Lewin, Emma Belmont; 10 minute staff presentation, 20 minute discussion)

The purpose of this item is to update Council on the West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor Planning effort and to request feedback on key questions that will influence the next steps for the project. The project team developed four Design Approaches to test out potential concepts for the corridor: (1) Tweak and Tune, (2) Transportation Systems Management, (3) Traffic Calming, and (4) MAX on West Elizabeth. In addition, staff has developed an evaluation process which has led to a preliminary set of recommended design elements and proposed phasing, which incorporates design elements from all four Design Approaches. This project addresses Strategic Initiatives 5.6 and 6.1-6.6 related to improving travel for all modes in support of the Climate Action Plan goals.

- **OTHER BUSINESS.**

- **ADJOURNMENT.**