City of Fort Collins

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City Council Work Session
April 26, 2016
After the Special Meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER.**

1. <u>Broadband Strategic Plan Update-Market Demand Overview.</u>   (staff: Seonah Kendall, Mike Beckstead; 15 minute staff presentation; 1 hour discussion)

   The purpose of this item is to provide City Council an update on the Broadband Strategic Plan and review the recent findings of the Broadband Market Demand Study, formation of the Broadband Citizen Committee and Expert Review Committee, and next steps.

2. <u>Mountain Vista Area Open Lands Preservation Scenario.</u>   (staff: Cameron Gloss; 10 minute staff presentation; 45 minute discussion)

   The purpose of this item is to evaluate an open land preservation scenario for the Mountain Vista area that maintains the area's overall projected jobs and housing, but configures future development patterns to conserve more land for local food production, access to nature, and innovative housing opportunities.

3. <u>Refreshing Fort Collins Parks.</u>   (staff: Kurt Friesen, Mike Calhoon; 10 minute staff presentation; 1 hour discussion)

   The purpose of this item is to inform Council about refreshing Fort Collins parks. Fort Collins parks are aging and in need of improvements in order for them to adequately meet the growing demands of today's users. Currently, there are two programs in place for construction and infrastructure replacement in parks, the park build-out and park life cycle programs. These programs provide funding for construction of new parks in the city and replacement or restoration of existing park components. Both of these programs have inadequate funding. Currently there is not a program in place for adapting parks to meet the changing needs of park users. There are numerous reasons to

refresh parks. These include keeping pace with changing trends in recreation, adapting to changing community needs, providing equitable park experiences city wide, connecting people with nature, and replacing and improving antiquated infrastructure.

A proposed process for refreshing parks has been identified, and is currently being implemented at City Park. The steps for this process include project goal identification, preparation of initial concepts, gathering community input, master plan development, phase I project identification, and phased construction based on available funding. The focus of the park refresh program should be on community parks, as these typically are more programmed than neighborhood parks. It is estimated that approximately 50 million dollars are needed to refresh 4 aging community parks. There are numerous benefits to parks, including economic benefits as illustrated by studies completed by the National Recreation and Parks Association and Trust for Public Land.

- **OTHER BUSINESS.**

- **ADJOURNMENT.**