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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 27, 2024

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Kelly DiMartino, City Manager <sup>DS</sup>  
 Tyler Marr, Deputy City Manager <sup>DS</sup>

**FROM:** Ginny Sawyer, Lead Project Manager <sup>DS</sup>

**RE:** **May 14, 2024 Work Session Summary: Council Priorities**

Mayor Arndt, Mayor Pro Tem Francis and Councilmembers Canonico, Pignataro, Potyondy, Gutowsky, and Ohlson were present. Staff presented an overview of each of the identified Council Priorities along with associated work streams, resources, engagement, and partners.

Below are the priorities, discussion highlights, and next steps.

### **Operationalize City Resources to Build and Preserve Affordable Housing**

- Councilmembers discussed the importance of addressing the entire housing spectrum, noting that a focus on both market-rate and deed-restricted affordable housing is needed. Staff clarified that the Housing Strategic Plan and its strategies are intended to address the full spectrum of housing needs, from homelessness through home ownership.
- Councilmembers requested clarity in future dialogues about what type(s) of housing are being addressed in policy decisions. Some Councilmembers suggested using terms like “attainable” housing or something similar to distinguish from “capital-A” affordable housing. Generally, staff refers to “market-rate” and “deed-restricted” housing to differentiate and will continue to explore other options for clear terminology.
- Desire to ensure that the next Land Use Code changes come before this Council.
- Interest in tracking how any state legislation, and tax credits in particular, may impact housing locally. Councilmembers continue to express interest in understanding the specific ways in which state-level action is likely to impact Fort Collins’ housing strategy.
- Question on meaning of “at Council direction.”
  - These items denote potential initiatives that staff would not want to start engaging the public without clear direction that Council is in support and requesting this activity.

### **Improve Human and Social Health for Vulnerable Populations**

- Suggestion to include religious minority groups in the definition.
- Questions on:
  - Progress on Equity Indicators
  - Low-income program support, qualification, and participation
  - Mobile Home Park (MHP)
  - support and code enforcement.
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Follow-up:

Staff will be providing memos and reporting on the Equity Indicators, the phased approach and progress on MHP work, and low-income qualifying programs.

#### **Pursue an Integrated, Intentional Approach to Economic Health**

- Clarified that there is no intent to stand up a new department.
- Suggestion to offer/leverage the use of business navigators to improve the experience of starting/expanding businesses.
- Question on supporting region, attraction, and workforce training programs.
  - Clarification offered that focus is on intentional attraction and balancing an incentive-based approach.

#### **Advancing a 15-minute City by Igniting our Neighborhood Centers**

- Question on meaning of “placed-based.”
  - Clarification that the intent is to understand the dynamics of the people and the businesses in targeted area.
- Recognition of tension between the intent of regulations and the desire to update areas.
- Questions and suggestions on utilizing improvement districts and partnership opportunities.
- Clarification sought on redevelopment thresholds and the intent of “growth mindset” language.
  - “Growth mindset” language came from active modes plan and is intended to highlight tensions and tradeoffs that are inherent in achieving these goals.

Follow-up:

Staff will ensure project scoping meets the desired needs and intent.

#### **Accelerate Zero Waste Infrastructure and Policies**

- Note that plastic recycling is getting harder and that reduction of single-use plastic bottles could be a work stream.

#### **Reduce Climate Pollution and Air Pollution Through Best Practices, Emphasizing Electrification**

- All work and recommendations are in alignment.

#### **Protect Community Water Systems in an Integrated Way to Ensure Resilient Water Resources and Healthy Watersheds**

- All work and recommendations are in alignment.
- Appreciation for calling out ditch companies and work to improve in this space.

#### **Advancing a 15-minute City by Accelerating our Shift to Active Modes**

- All work and recommendations are in alignment.
- Suggestion to offer more opportunities that are not overly programmed.
- Request to improve more meaningful metrics i.e. reducing distance to schools vs. sidewalk improvements.

#### **Develop a Use Plan for the Hughes Property**

- Reiterated desire for all voices being heard and participating in an outreach process.

Next steps:

June 11, 2024 work session planned. Staff will provide visuals/overlays of park sizes to provide perspective.



### **Make Government more Accessible, Approachable & Fun**

- Desire for residents to interact with City beyond “doing business.”
- First Fridays on Linden a good example of providing unprogrammed opportunities.
- Pooch Plunge called out as an example of something unexpected and fun.
- Suggestions for using IG Reels, providing more block trailer opportunities, and other neighborhood pop-up events.
- Encouragement to be more spontaneous; don't need to take ourselves so seriously.

### **Modernize the City Charter**

- Anticipate this work can be completed for low dollars and in time to educate the public.

Next steps:

Staff will bring forward an appropriation and begin work.

### **Tracking and Reporting**

Staff will develop a quarterly tracking report. Information from report will be highlighted in City Manager Quarterly report and included on website. Staff also recommends (and will schedule) a mid-cycle check-in and update in late January/early February 2025.





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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 16, 2024

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

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**FROM:** Sylvia Tatman-Burruss, Sr. Project Manager <sup>DS</sup> [Signature]  
Ginny Sawyer, Lead Project Manager <sup>DS</sup> [Signature]

**RE:** **Work Session Summary – May 14, 2024, Occupancy and HB 1007 Compliance**

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Mayor Arndt, Mayor Pro Tem Francis and Councilmembers Canonico, Pignataro, Potyondy, Gutowsky, and Ohlson were present. Staff presented an overview of HB 1007 and next steps to amend the Land Use Code and the Municipal Code.

### Discussion included:

- An interest in how other communities/states without occupancy limitations address issues.
- A question on the difference between the current occupancy enforcement process and utilizing health and safety standards through the Building Code. Current enforcement is based on a number and does not require interior inspection of a home.
- It was clarified that occupancy enforcement will continue through early June.

### Next steps:

- Staff will attend the Planning and Zoning commission meeting on June 20, 2024 to review code amendments.
- An ordinance will be brought to Council to make necessary code amendments. The Leadership Planning Team will discuss desired date in June for first reading.