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DRAFT MINUTES WATER COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

January 19, 2023, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hybrid in person at 222 LaPorte Ave and online via Zoom

EXCERPT FROM UNAPPROVED MINUTES

6. NEW BUSINESS

d. Regular Items

(Attachments available upon request)

i. City of Fort Collins Urban Lakes Water Quality Management Policy and Guidance Update

Richard Thorp, Watershed Program Manager, Utilities Water Quality Services

The project manager met with Water Commission on September 16, 2021 to provide an update on the development of the City's Urban Lakes Water Quality Management Guidance and to seek feedback on the project team's Urban Lakes Water Quality Policy development approach. Mr. Thorp used Water Commission's feedback to inform development of the final draft policy. This follow-up presentation provided an overview of the project team's policy development approach and shared final drafts of the policy and guidance. Staff requested Water Commission recommend City Council formally adopt the policy. Council is scheduled to address this item on March 7.

Discussion Highlights

Mr. Thorp mentioned the formation of an interdepartmental team of Utilities, Parks and Natural Areas departments to review and exchange information and discuss common problems such as algal blooms.

Commissioners commented and on inquired about various related topics including: emphasizing the need for clear expectations of which staff will manage the project and ensure accountability; suggestion for a letter of support from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)(staff responded that CPW was consulted); Rigden Reservoir is one example of a project managed by more than one department (Utilities and Natural Areas); One Water approach; budget for mitigation (no funding at this time; Water Quality Services Director Jill Oropeza stated this is the first step in acknowledging issues of public health concerns, expressing commitment to addressing them, and assessing priorities; etc.

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Commissioner Kahn moved that the Water Commission recommend City Council approve the Urban Lakes Water Quality Management Policy.

Commissioner Radin seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion: it passed unanimously, 9-0

This is an excerpt from draft unapproved meeting minutes that will be approved by the Water Commission on Feb. 16, 2023.