

## Excerpt from February 17, 2021 Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### **A. Citizens' Climate Lobby Presentation**

*Board Member Reed recused himself from the following discussion to his volunteer involvement with the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL).*

*Ginny Black introduced herself and briefly explained who the Longmont Chapter of CCL is. She presented an overview of a House Bill entitled, "The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act," which would create a carbon fee and dividend policy in the United States. That policy would put a fee on carbon emissions from fossil fuels at the source that would grow over time. Collected fees would be placed in a trust fund that would be later paid out in equal, monthly shares to individuals, both adults (1 share) and children (1/2 share). The proposed policy contains incentives for rewarding individuals who use less carbon. Ms. Black stated that the CCL believes that though the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is not perfect, it would contribute to building "political will" among legislatures to pass effective laws that drive the transition to renewable energy. The CCL requested a recommendation to City Council from the Board to support this Act, as they believe it would accelerate local climate initiatives.*

*Discussion with the Board ensued, after which the Board agreed they would like more time to research and review the information shared during the presentation before making a decision on a recommendation to Council. Vice Chair Metcalf suggested that the Board revisit the CCL's request at the next meeting and the rest of the Board concurred. They agreed to submit any additional questions they had to staff within the following two weeks so that they could coordinate with CCL to get those questions answered and then revisit a decision at their March meeting.*

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### 8. OTHER BUSINESS

#### **B. Citizens' Climate Lobby Resolution Decision**

*Staff Member Knoblauch reminded the Board of their decision at the February meeting to postpone a vote on a request brought to them from the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) to recommend that City Council adopt a resolution supporting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA). Board Member Reed reminded the Board of his involvement with CCL as a volunteer and recused himself from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest. **Vice Chair Metcalf moved, seconded by Board Member Musgrave, to recommend forwarding the request to City Council. The motion carried 3-2, with Board Member Vollmayer and Board Member Lin dissenting.** Board Member Musgrave noted that the quickly decreasing prices in renewable energy sources and free market adaptation could prove the Act unnecessary, but was still willing to support it.*

*Board Member Lin expressed great concern over the onerous nature of this additional tax on small and specialized businesses and Board Member Vollmayer added her concern for impacts on the overall economy.*