

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
February 4, 2008**

Mayor Nancy McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:35 PM. All Council except Mary Lindsey was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Brent McFall; Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers; Municipal Court Judge John Stipech; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Deputy City Manager Matt Lutkus; Court Administrator Carol Barnhardt; Public Information Officer Katie Harberg; Public Works Director Mike Smith, Water Resources and Treatment Manger Mike Happe; Water Resources Engineering Coordinator Josh Nims; Plant Operator IV Ken Anderson; and Management Intern II Phil Jones.

The guest in attendance was Nissa LaPoint with the Westminster Window

Judge's 4th Quarter/Annual Update & Report

Municipal Court Judge John Stipech gave a presentation of the annual report for 2007. The Judge highlighted an 18% decrease in filings for 2007 (3,800 decrease) including a decrease in traffic tickets and a decrease in 'no proof of insurance' citations. Collections are taken care of by a collection agency that charges defendants and has no cost to the city. We have increased jury trials substantially due to domestic violence cases, and have the capacity to accommodate the jury trials.

The Judge also spoke about inmate housing and alternative sentencing options to reduce the need for jail time at a county facility, and our successful prisoner transports.

Security in the court has been enhanced through the installation of cameras, new security tools, and more. The judge highlighted confiscation numbers and gave a report about the Court's customer service through the provision of a fair trial. The court provides interpreters for Spanish, Russian, Hmong, Chinese, etc. so that defendants can be fully aware of the court proceedings.

Council was appreciative of the Judge's report and presentation.

Water System Update

Mike Smith, Mike Happe and Josh Nims gave a presentation on Westminster's water system.

Josh Nims outlined the water system for supply, reclaim use, and storage areas and Mike Happe shared information on the water system function, the water portfolio of the city, and our water rights assets which total over \$500,000,000.

Council was appreciative of the presentation and effort put forward by the Water Resources and Treatment staff, and suggested a future tour of water facilities.

Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 8:10 PM.