

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session  
March 7, 2005**

Mayor McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:44 PM. All Council was in attendance except for Sam Dixon and JoAnn Price who are out of town for the ECA Conference/NLC Conference.

City Staff in attendance included: Acting City Manager Steve Smithers; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Water Resources Engineering Coordinator Dan Strietelmeier; Water Resources Analyst Stu Feinglas; Director of Public Works & Utilities Jim Arndt; Community Development Program Coordinator Vicky Bunsen; Director of Community Development John Carpenter; and Administrative Secretary Melissa Salazar.

The guests in attendance were Rob Larimer with the Westminster Window and Mike Litzau, member of Westminster's Environmental Advisory Board.

**Water Supply Update**

Jim Arndt introduced Dan Strietelmeier and Stu Feinglas who were present to update Council on the City's Water Supply. Westminster's current water supply outlook is excellent; Standley Lake is anticipated to fill during spring runoff and no water use restrictions are anticipated for Westminster in 2005. City Staff are continuing to build on the conservation ethic developed during the 2002 drought. This includes expanding customer education, continuing current water-saving appliance rebate programs, developing additional conservation programs, and implementing the new landscape regulations; and the City continues to acquire agricultural shares as they become available and recently purchased 1.25 shares of Farmers' High Line canal and Reservoir Company stock.

This was an informational only presentation. No direction from Council was necessary.

**Cultural Services Initiative – Consultation with Artspace USA**

John Carpenter gave a brief introduction and turned it over to Vicky Bunsen, who was present to provide Council with information and to answer question about the Artspace consulting visit. Due to the current availability of historic structures that are being studied for adaptive re-use feasibility, one of the avenues pursued by Staff is whether these resources could be used to support the cultural needs of the community. A well-known developer and consultant in this area, Artspace USA of Minneapolis, has been hired to provide a two-day intensive study of the needs and resources of the residents of Westminster and make recommendations as to how these needs can be met and whether the available historic buildings are suited to help meet these needs.

Staff concurred with Staff's recommendation.

Steve Smithers led a short briefing on the hotel situation in Washington DC, the Legislative meeting schedule, and the Walmart meeting regarding the 72<sup>nd</sup>/Sheridan situation.

Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 7:44 PM.