

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
July 18, 2005**

Mayor McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:38 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Brent McFall; Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Director of Parks Recreation and Libraries Bill Walenczak; Director of Community Development John Carpenter; Police Chief Dan Montgomery; Fire Chief Jim Cloud; Director of Public Works and Utilities Jim Arndt; Abel Moreno, Kent Brugler, Tim Woodard; Assistant City Manager of Administration Matt Lutkus; Director of Finance Tammy Hitchens; Environmental & Administrative Officer Rachel Harlow-Schalk; Assistant to the City Manager Barbara Opie; Management Analyst Emily Moon; Public Information Specialist Joe Reid; Fleet Manager Judy Workman; Mike Happe; and Administrative Secretary Kim Farin.

The guests in attendance were Mike Litzau, a candidate for City Council and Evie Hemphill with the Westminster Window.

Proposed Ambulance Fee Schedule

This item was consented by City Council.

Proposed 2004 Carryover

Brent McFall introduced Steve Smithers and Barbara Opie who reviewed the items proposed to be funded with fiscal year 2004 carryover funds. Council directed staff to bring forward an ordinance to appropriate these funds as noted.

Please note, there were changes to the Staff Report. The changes are:

- Page 1) the total funding is \$15,684,332 not 15, 928,850 and the Expenditure Required amount also changes to \$15,684,332 from 15,928,850;
- Page 8) General Capital Improvement Fund total changes to 4,691,869 from 4,936,387;
- Page 10) the GCIF Parks and Recreation CIP Reserve account figure changes from 356,996 to 112,478.

Big Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and Expansion: Overall Project Update and Scope Review

Brent McFall introduced Jim Arndt who, along with Kent Brugler, Abel Moreno, Mike Happe, and Tim Woodard gave a brief overview of the project. Staff discussed the construction cost and recommended that staff proceed with work to present the contract to Council at its next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Council concurred with the recommendation of bringing the contract back to Council for official action and directed that the \$125,000 recreational vehicle dump station amenity be added to the project and included in the contract.

Discussion of the Transit Alliance

Dave Davia briefed Council on concerns regarding the Transit Alliance (TA). The TA is exploring ways to change its mission and scope into federal lobbying, TOD development consultation, front-range rail, etc. Lakewood, Arvada, and Denver also share our concerns. Lakewood has announced that it will not be a member of the TA next year and Councillor Davia posed the same question to Westminster's City Council. The city's combined TA membership and advocacy contribution costs approximately \$9000. After further discussion, Council directed Staff to not pay the 2006 dues and thereby end the City's association/membership in the Transit Alliance. Council also directed Staff to take a pro-active approach and to inform Transit Alliance that we won't be renewing our dues.

Discussion of the North Metro Arts Alliance

Sam Dixon informed Council that the director of the arts alliance is leaving and the organization needs someone to answer the phones. Council directed staff to investigate the feasibility of the school district, Hyland Hills or the City taking the responsibility.

Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 8:05 PM to enter into an executive session to discuss a Rocky Flats legal update.