

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
October 18, 2004**

Mayor McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:37 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included: Acting City Manager Steve Smithers; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Economic Development Manager Susan Grafton, Economic Development Program Coordinator Becky Johnson, Acting Director of Public Works and Utilities Abel Moreno, Capital Projects Coordinator Dan Strietelmeier, Director of Community Development John Carpenter, Planning Manager Dave Shinneman and Administrative Secretary Kim Farin.

The guests in attendance were Preston Gibson and Debbie Woodward with the Jefferson Economic Council; Lee Johnson with Carlson, Hammond and Paddock; and Rob Larimer with the Westminster Window.

Jefferson Economic Council Briefing

Susan Grafton, Economic Development Manager, introduced Preston Gibson and Debbie Woodward of the Jefferson Economic Council. They gave an overview of JEC's various committees, support of transportation initiatives, and business attraction and retention activities.

Boards & Commissions Applications

Steve Smithers, acting City Manager, led Council in a discussion to set a date for interviews of the new applicants for the Boards and Commission pool for 2005. Also, there are 14 citizens, from last year's pool, who would like to be considered again this year. The dates of November 9 and 12 were chosen for the interviews between 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Establishment of the Church Ditch Water Authority

Abel Moreno introduced Dan Strietelmeier who discussed Staff's recommendation of creating the Church Ditch Water Authority. Water Attorney Lee Johnson discussed the legal issues. Creating this Authority would allow the ditch to be operated more efficiently, would streamline the rate setting process, and would clean up many of the easement and property ownership issues. Council agreed with Staff's recommendation and asked for this to be brought back to Council for formal action on October 25.

Discussion of DRCOG 2030 Plan

Steve Smithers, John Carpenter and Dave Shinneman gave an overview of DRCOG's Metro Visions 2030 Plan. Council directed Staff to bring back a recommendation at a future Study Session.

Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 8:30 PM to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a South Westminster economic development item and performance appraisals for the City Attorney and Presiding Judge.