

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session  
November 21, 2005**

Mayor McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:34 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Brent McFall; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Public Information Officer Katie Harberg; Open Space Coordinator Ruth Becker; Director of Public Works & Utilities Jim Arndt; Police Chief Dan Montgomery; Neighborhood Services Administrator Janice Kraft; Animal Management Supervisor Mary McKenna; Judge John Stipech; Court Administrator Carol Barnhardt; and Administrative Secretary Melissa Salazar.

The guests in attendance were Evie Hemphill with the Westminster Window and Mike Litzau with the Environmental Advisory Board.

**Council Appointments to the Board of Directors of the Broomfield-Westminster Open Space Foundation, Inc.**

Brent McFall introduced Ruth Becker who briefed Council on the specifics of an approved intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the creation of the Broomfield-Westminster Open Space Foundation. The Agreement provides that the Foundation's Board of Directors shall be comprised of an equal number of directors appointed by each City, and one additional impartial director selected by Broomfield and Westminster. The Foundation's Board is comprised of the Mayor of Broomfield, the Mayor of Westminster, the City and County Manager of Broomfield, the City Manager of Westminster, one councilor of Broomfield, one councilor of Westminster, and the additional jointly selected member. Staff has asked Council to appoint one Councilor to be a member and one to be an alternate of the Board

Council has selected Mary Lindsey as the Board Member and Scott Major as the alternate. This item will be brought back to a City Council Meeting for official action.

**Specific Dog Breed Ban**

Brent McFall introduced Chief Montgomery, Janice Kraft and Mary McKenna who briefed Council on the specifics for amending the existing ordinance enforced by the Animal Management unit of the Police Department as it relates to vicious dogs. Staff surveyed eleven cities concerning how vicious animals are handled by their animal management units and which cities have adopted specific dog breed bans. Only three of the eleven cities surveyed, Denver, Aurora, and Commerce City, have adopted a ban of a specific dog breed commonly known as pit bulls. Staff wants to avoid an ordinance that will ban a specific breed. Staff is recommending that City Council not ban specific dog breeds, but that the existing code concerning vicious animals be strengthened to deal with the specific violator, the specific animal involved, and the specific circumstances of the incident.

Council has concurred with Staff recommendation to prepare an ordinance for City Council action amending the existing ordinance.

Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 6:56 PM to enter into an Executive Session regarding an Update on Water Supply.