

**STUDY SESSION NOTES
CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**

August 16, 2010

Mayor DiTullio called the Study Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present: Joyce Jay, Joe DeMott, Tracy Langworthy, Wanda Sang, Davis Reinhart, Karen Berry and Mike Stites. Also present: City Manager, Patrick Goff; Interim Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; Community Services Director, Kenneth Johnstone; Public Works Director, Tim Paranto; Police Chief, Dan Brennan; Parks and Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring; Staff and interested citizens.

Council Members Adams was absent.

Item 2 was heard first to accommodate guests who were present to speak on the matter.

1. Staff/Council Report(s)
 - a) 2nd Quarter Budget Update

Mr. Goff provided a summary of a Staff analysis of the City's revenue and expenses through the second quarter of 2010. Revenues from Sales Tax showed a growth of 4.2% over the same 2009 period and total revenues were 10% over those projected for the period and for the same period in 2009. Total expenditures were 91% of projected levels for the period.

Council Members expressed support to purchase a table at the 25th Annual Crystal Ball on November 6th at the Arvada Center where this year's honorees will be the Jeffco Law Enforcement school officers.

2. Financial Checkup Report – Clifton Gunderson

Christine Harwell and *Sarah Hunsche* of Clifton Gunderson were in attendance to present their findings of the Financial Stability Plan, outlining numerous indicators of economic conditions and their recommendations for long-term health.

3. Storm Water Ordinance Revisions

Mr. Paranto summarized the results of the audit of the City's Stormwater Management Plan by the State Health Department, outlining its findings and required actions to the City's Stormwater Ordinance and Management Plan. Staff has drafted the necessary changes to the City Code, Program procedures and materials, which will be submitted to the Health Department for review before Council considers adoption in October or November of this year.

4. Economic Development Program Discussion

Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Goff provided a summary of observations and analysis of the Economic Development team which includes the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager as Urban Renewal Director, the Community Development Director and the Economic Development Specialist. Staff recommends upgrading the Economic Development Specialist position from entry-level to mid-level manager and finding office space within City Hall to house that position, while making recommended organizational changes.

The majority of Council expressed support to hire the new Economic Development Manager as a mid-level manager position which would report directly to the City Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54p.m.



Michael Snow
City Clerk