

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

October 18, 2010

Mayor DiTullio called the Study Session to order at 7:46 p.m. Council Members present: Joyce Jay, Tracy Langworthy, Joseph DeMott, Wanda Sang, Karen Adams, Karen Berry, Davis Reinhart, and Mike Stites. Also present: City Manager, Patrick Goff; Interim Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; City Clerk, Michael Snow; Police Commander, Jim Lorentz; Parks and Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring; Public Works Director, Tim Paranto; Community Development Director, Kenneth Johnstone; Municipal Court Director, Karen Armstrong; Staff and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Staff Reports

No staff reports were given.

2. Budget Retreat – Review Proposed 2011 Budget

Council discussed the Legislative budget, agreeing to appropriate \$1,500 rather than \$3,000 for each Council Member for Conference & Meetings, plus an additional \$1,500 for each Council Member for Outreach. Council Members are to request transfers between these two accounts during the year, when necessary, throughout Janice Smothers.

Council agreed to support the Wheat Ridge Business District with an initial budget of \$40,000. Additional amounts needed must be requested and considered throughout the year.

Britta Fisher, Director of Wheat Ridge 2020, answered Council questions and provided information on their funding requests in the 2011 Budget. Council unanimously supported \$106,000 funding, stipulating that no more than 6% of this be used for administrative expenses and the rest be used solely for grants and loan programs. A majority of Council was in support of providing an additional \$25,000 for staff and outreach for the Community Revitalization Partnership Program implementation on 38th Avenue and \$20,000 support for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program on condition these funds be reinvested in Wheat Ridge.

Council supported the reinstatement of the Large-Item Pickup program with \$5,000 funding in 2011.

With respect to the City's vehicle replacement program, Council resolved to maintain the staff recommended budget for automobile replacements.

Discussion ensued regarding possible cutbacks for the Connections Newsletter and eventually decided to continue producing it internally and to maintain the current schedule based on the limitations of any other dependable or affordable public or private publications that reach the whole City.

The majority of Council supported elimination of step salary increases for all personnel in 2011 yet to consider one-time bonuses equal in value dependent on the 4th Quarter, 2010 revenue performance results.

3. Market Cost Analysis

No additional discussion took place after considerations for the Connections Newsletter budget took place during the previous item.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Michael Snow
City Clerk