

STUDY SESSION NOTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

Council Chambers
7500 W. 29th Ave.

July 18, 2011

Mayor DiTullio called the Study Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council Members present: Karen Adams, Karen Berry, Joseph DeMott, Joyce Jay, Tracy Langworthy, Davis Reinhart, Wanda Sang and Mike Stites. City Staff present: City Manager, Patrick Goff; Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Community Development Director, Kenneth Johnstone; Public Works Director, Tim Paranto; Economic Development Manager, Steve Art; Planner II, Sarah Showalter. Also Present: Deputy City Clerk, Bruce Roome; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; and City Attorney, Gerald Dahl.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Staff Report(s)

- Mr. Goff sought clarification for the upcoming meetings of July 25th and August 1st. There are only a couple of items on the July 25th Council Meeting agenda so Mr. Goff would like to adjourn to a short study session to discuss bus stop shelters and have a presentation of the City's customer service action plan. August 1st is a Study Session and Council has been invited to hold the session at the Senior Resource Center to tour the new facility as well as the Ye Olde Firehouse. Council advised Mr. Goff to proceed with this plan.
- Mr. Dahl gained consensus approval from Council to draft a provision in the annexation portion of the Code of Laws providing for de-annexation of property.

2. Employee Compensation

Mr. Goff discussed with Council the three compensation increase options outlined in the materials. The first is to take no action. The other two options both implement salary increases for employees.

Consensus was sought to use the \$145,000 budgeted for raises in 2011 for a one-time bonus payment to all employees now and to have staff prepare the 2012 budget with a 3% increase for non-sworn employees and step increases for sworn personnel. It was determined that since this has been budgeted already, it will not be necessary to come back to Council for further approval.

3. Redevelopment vision for southwest corner of 38th Ave. and Wadsworth Blvd.

Mr. Johnstone and Ms. Showalter presented several possible options for the redevelopment of the area.

Mayor DiTullio left the meeting at approximately 7:50 pm.

Consensus was gained from Council to support the vision that the Community Development staff has developed for this area which includes a combination of mixed-use redevelopment that has a strong retail component and also encourages multi-story buildings and pedestrian friendly streets and blocks.

4. Amendments to Section 5-45, Chapter 26, Article 4 – Public Improvements

Mr. Paranto discussed several proposed Code changes.

Consensus was reached to have staff make changes to the City Code regarding requirements of construction curb, gutter and sidewalks in association with certain building permits and land use actions.

Consensus also reached to reduce the need to obtain grading permits and to update some of the technical requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.



Bruce Roome
Deputy City Clerk