

STUDY SESSION NOTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

Senior Resource Center
3227 Chase Street

August 1, 2011

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

Council Members present: Joseph DeMott, Joyce Jay, Tracy Langworthy, Wanda Sang and Mike Stites. City Staff present: City Manager, Patrick Goff; Parks & Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring.

Also Present: City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; staff and citizens.

Council Members Karen Adams, Davis Reinhart and Karen Berry were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Staff Report(s)
 - a) Off-leash Dog Park Volunteer Committee

Mrs. Manwaring updated Council that she planned on holding a meeting with the original task force members and interested residents to discuss possible organizational structures of a permanent committee to preside over the dog park. Based on their input, she will decide how the committee should be structured. Mrs. Manwaring prefers this to be an informal advisory committee.

Council Member Berry arrived at 6:50pm.

2. Tour of Seniors' Resource Center

John Zabawa, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Senior Resource Center (SRC), guided the Mayor and Council on a tour of the new Resource Center expansion.

3. Ye Olde Fire House

Mrs. Manwaring provided the Mayor and Council a brief tour of the Ye Old Fire House facility.

Mrs. Manwaring presented a staff proposal for the City to transfer the title of Ye Olde Fire House to the SRC. She believes this option makes sense because of the proximity of the facility to the SRC in that it is bound on three sides by the SRC and that they are the primary user of the Fire House. They use it at no cost so it would make sense for them to also maintain the facility. Currently the use is as a community room that is

available to the community for rent for a nominal fee. SRC staff indicated that the Fire House will remain available for rental by community members.

Council was unanimous in support of staff preparing an Ordinance facilitating the transfer of title of the Ye Olde Fire House to the Senior Resource Center.

4. Storm water & Street Utility

Because several Council members were absent, the present Council decided to postpone hearing this item.

5. Update of Exempla Sales and Use Tax Agreement

Mr. Goff discussed his memo to Council in regards to the City's current Sales and Use Tax agreement with Exempla Lutheran Hospital. After further research of Lutheran's activity and similar agreements that other Cities have with hospitals in their jurisdictions, Mr. Goff recommends that Council take no action regarding a possible Sales and Use Tax rate adjustment.

6. USA Pro Cycling Challenge

Mr. Goff reviewed with Council his memo and stipulated that because of the broad impact of this event and its relative short time span, staff would like Council direction on a couple items that would require additional staff time or expenditures if and when the race returns in subsequent years. These include: marketing, right of way maintenance, and closure notification to Wheat Ridge citizens.

Council unanimously agreed to have staff investigate possible marketing ideas for the City. Staff will also perform extra right-of-way maintenance and street cleaning to ensure the route is safe and clean for future events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Michael Snow
City Clerk