

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

October 3, 2011

Mayor DiTullio called the Study Session to order at 6:34 p.m. Council Members present: Tracy Langworthy, Joyce Jay, Wanda Sang, Davis Reinhart, Joseph DeMott, Karen Adams, Karen Berry and Mike Stites. Also present: City Manager, Patrick Goff; Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; Parks & Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring; Public Works Director, Tim Paranto; Chief of Police, Dan Brennan; Police Commander, Joe Cassa; staff and interested citizens.

1. Staff Report(s)

a) Citywide Emergency Medical Services

The current Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the City of Wheat Ridge expires in January, 2012 and is not renewable. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was developed, together in cooperation with the four fire districts providing fire and EMS services to the corporate limits of the city. Chief Brennan and Commander Cassa described the results of that process including the resulting IGA which includes enhancements through the provision of monetary penalties for non-compliance with contracted response times.

An action item will be brought to Council for approval of the IGA with Rural/Metro of Central Colorado, Inc.

2. 38th Avenue Corridor Plan

Mr. Johnstone and Ms. Showalter summarized the specific recommendations and implementation steps for the corridor plan, which is designed to guide the revitalization of the area over the next two decades and to establish a "main street" area for the city. The 2012 implementation steps include the restriping of 38th Avenue between Upham and Depew Streets to a three-lane model which is designed to enhance pedestrian, landscape and parking amenities.

3. Jefferson County Intergovernmental Agreement, 32nd Avenue Widening

Earlier this year, the City was awarded a Federal grant that will finance 53% of the cost of widening 32nd Avenue from Braun Court to Wright Court, estimated at \$5,517,000, as a traffic congestion mitigation project. Mr. Paranto informed Council of recommendations for amendments by staff from the City and County to the original

2007 IGA to provide participation by the County in the local match required for the grant. The estimated local match on the \$5,517,000 project is \$2,593,000. The draft Amended & Restated Intergovernmental Agreement calls for the County to pay a lump sum of \$1,250,000, which will reduce the estimated cost to the city to \$1,343,000.

The Amended & Restated IGA is scheduled for City Council approval on October 10, 2011. At the same time, Council will also consider approval of the IGA with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the project.

The 32nd Avenue Widening project is expected to commence in the spring of 2012.

4. Regulation of Massage Therapy and Massage Parlors

Mr. Dahl and Chief Brennan presented the major changes proposed to the current regulations including the repeal of current *massage therapy practice* which are prohibited in state statutes and those strengthening the regulations of *massage parlors*.

The Ordinance making these changes will be heard by Council at the October 10, 2011 Council meeting.

5. Prohibiting the Feeding of Wildlife Ordinance

Chief Brennan and Mrs. Manwaring are recommending that new rules and regulations concerning the feeding of wildlife and waterfowl be consolidated with existing regulations on the treatment of wild animals. The City Code of Laws does not currently define wildlife and waterfowl and food, or prohibit the feeding of wildlife except for foxes and coyotes specifically. This suggested ordinance amends the current code to include prohibiting the feeding of all wildlife and waterfowl in parks and open space, as well as throughout the City. Exclusions include feeding domestic animals, squirrels and birds on private property.

The majority of Council did not support the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor DiTullio called for a break at 8:15pm, resuming at 8:24pm.

6. Proposed 2012 Budget

Staff direction by consensus agreed to add back into the budget an appropriation of \$4,300 for donation to Denver Regional Council of Governments for the Regional Air Quality Control management program.

Staff direction by consensus was sought to eliminate \$100,000 from the City Gateway signage appropriation to fund \$100,000 contribution to Wheat Ridge 2020. The consensus vote was four to four with Council Members Reinhart, Sang, Stites, and DeMott voting No. Mayor DiTullio broke the tie voting No.

Staff direction by consensus was sought to eliminate funding on the items on staff's suggested Wheat Ridge 2020 funding options list down to and including mosquito control to provide \$99,000 funding for Wheat Ridge 2020. The consensus vote was four to four with Council Members Reinhart, Sang, Stites, and DeMott voting No. Mayor DiTullio broke the tie voting No.

7. Appointing Council Members to Outside Agencies

Council Member Davis Reinhart has requested the Council discuss the process for appointing Council Members to outside agencies. This process has previously been managed by the Mayor and City Council and not by the City Clerk's Office or staff.

Council agreed to postpone discussion on this item until the newly elected council members are seated.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Snow", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Snow, City Clerk