

STUDY SESSION NOTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

Council Chambers
7500 W. 29th Ave.

December 19, 2011

Mayor DiTullio called the Study Session to order at 6:49 p.m.

Council Members present: Davis Reinhardt, William "Bud" Starker, Joyce Jay, Kristi Davis, Mike Stites, George Pond, Joseph DeMott, and Tracy Langworthy. City Staff present: City Manager, Patrick Goff; Public Works Director, Tim Paranto; Parks and Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring; Community Development Director Ken Johnstone; Senior Planner, Meredith Reckert; Economic Development Manager, Steve Art.

Also Present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; Bruce Roome, Deputy City Clerk; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; staff and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Staff Report(s)

No staff report

2. Denver Water Presentation on Ashland Reservoir demolition and reconstruction

Mr. Johnstone presented the staff report.

Staff members from Denver Water were present to fully describe the project which will involve the reconstruction of the aging Ashland Reservoir located at the northwest corner of West 29th Avenue and Fenton Street. The proposed project will have significant impact based on location which is primarily a residential neighborhood. The project includes reconstruction of current water storage tanks, landscaping, and increasing sight lines along 29th Avenue and Fenton Street. The project is anticipated to start in the fall of 2012 and take three years to complete.

3. Zoppe' Italian Family Circus Presentation

Gina Hallisey, the Producer of the Zoppe' Family Circus, addressed Council regarding the possibility of the Circus being included as an event in the 2012 Carnation Festival Activities.

Carnation Festival representatives spoke regarding the process to this point as they have worked with the Zoppe' Representatives. The Festival Board of Directors is unanimous in their support of the Circus coming to the Carnation Festival.

There was unanimous consent to bring forward a budget appropriation of up to \$25,000 as a deposit to bring the Zoppe' Circus to Wheat Ridge as part of the 2012 Carnation Festival.

4. Review of Council Rules & Procedure

Per Mayor DiTullio and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Stites, according to the current Rules of Order and Procedure the City Council Rules are to be reviewed by Council within three months of an election.

Mr. Stites addressed the question of amending the current rules to allow for public comment at Study Sessions. Discussion followed.

There was consensus to make no change in the policy for public comment.

Several typos, clarifications and suggestions for clearer wording were accepted.

It was agreed to add language that allows the Mayor to limit the time for public comment on agenda items.

5. Council appointment to outside agencies

The following vacancies will be filled at the January 9, 2012 Council meeting:

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| Colorado Municipal League (CML) - | Davis Reinhart |
| Alternate | Bud Starker |

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| DRCOG - | Joyce Jay |
| Alternate | Bud Starker |

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| Jefferson Economic Council | Davis Reinhart |
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| Jefferson County Housing Rehab Loan Committee | Joe DeMott |
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It was suggested that staff compile a list of the various meeting times of the outside meetings that council members attend, and that they report back at Study Sessions.

It was suggested that the Cultural Commission and the Business District send representatives to give reports at Study Sessions on a quarterly basis.

There was discussion about appointing citizen representatives to attend meetings of the Library Board and the School Board. These representatives are to report to Council as needed. It was agreed to make these appointments in March.

6. Council Strategic Plan Retreat

Mayor DiTullio addressed Council regarding the annual Council Strategic Plan Retreat. Council needs to either make a decision to continue with the Strategic Plan as developed in the past or to change course and develop new methods to move forward.

Discussion ensued regarding in-house planning vs. hiring outside consultants and facilitators as well as when this should take place.

Consensus was reached to have a facilitated bi-annual retreat starting in 2012 for the purpose of studying strategic planning.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 PM.



Janelle Shaver
City Clerk