

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

January 9, 2012

Mayor DiTullio called the Study Session to order at 7:56 p.m. Council Members present: Davis Reinhart, William "Bud" Starker, Joyce Jay, Kristi Davis, Mike Stites, George Pond, Tracy Langworthy, and Joseph DeMott.

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; Bruce Roome, Deputy City Clerk; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; City Manager, Patrick Goff; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Community Development Director, Kenneth Johnstone; Public Works Director Tim Paranto; staff and interested citizens.

1. 2011-2012 Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Goff discussed the Action Outline from the 2011/2012 Strategic Plan. All department directors were available to update City Council and the Mayor.

The priorities from the Action Agenda were discussed by department directors as follows:

Mr. Goff discussed the City's Wheat Ridge 2020 Relationship, the Clear Creek Crossing Development Agreement, Applewood Shopping Center Revitalization, and the Targeted Housing/Business Incentive Package.

Mr. Paranto discussed Storm Water Utility, the Ten Year Infrastructure Plan, and Street Utility

Ms. Geyer discussed Employee Compensation, Service Priorities and Funding, and the Aging Population Needs Assessment and Plan.

Ms. Manwaring discussed the City's Sustainability Policy and Plan.

Mr. Johnstone discussed the 38th and Wadsworth Redevelopment, TOD/Ward Road Station Plan, Diverse Housing Plan, and the 38th Avenue Corridor Plan

Chief Brennan and Mr. Johnstone discussed the Multi-Family Rental Property Maintenance Code and Commercial Center Property Maintenance Code

Also discussed was from Mr. Paranto that the EPA has passed along (required) additional testing and sampling of creeks and rivers in Colorado. This would require the City to monitor 13 to 25 locations along Lena Gulch and Clear Creek, plus do dry weather testing to establish a baseline. This is an unfunded mandate which will cost the City approximately \$150,000 the first year alone. Since the state is asking that this be covered by local jurisdictions, Mr. Paranto believes that the City of Wheat Ridge should

take a position of opposition. Additionally, Mr. Reinhardt would like to pursue the possibility for regional cooperation on this.

Consensus to have Mr. Reinhardt work at the State level to resist the Federal mandates regarding storm water, specifically the unfunded mandate.

2. Acquisition of Martensen Elementary

Jefferson County School District closed Martensen Elementary School at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. This school closure has presented an opportunity for the City to explore acquiring the site for use as a neighborhood park. If acquired, the intention would be to substitute the Martensen site for the 44th and Kendall site which is owned by the City and designated for future development as a neighborhood park.

Staff requests direction on whether to move forward with the acquisition and, therefore:

1. Prepare and submit a proposal for acquisition of the Martensen site to the Jeffco R-1 School District
2. Acquire approval from Jefferson County Open Space to move forward with the sale of the 44th and Kendall Site and transfer the dollars to the acquisition of Martensen.

Consensus to move forward with the acquisition of the Martensen site -- including looking at ideas for the site, the building, potential programming, possibly wrapping Anderson Building programming into the Martensen site, etc.

3. Status report on 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) action items.

Ms. Geyer updated Council on the financial audit from 2010 including suggestions from the auditors regarding financial controls. Mr. Schulz responded to the letter from the auditors regarding investment custodial risk.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



Bruce Roome
Bruce Roome, Deputy City Clerk