



CITY OF ARVADA

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARVADA CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 28, 2008

(THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM)

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. MOMENT OF REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson asked everyone to observe a moment of reflection.

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Those Present: Mayor Pro Tem Lorraine Anderson, Councilmember Don Allard, Councilmember Aaron Azari, Councilmember Bob Dyer, Councilmember Mark McGoff, Councilmember Marc Williams

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson moved to excuse Mayor Frie from the meeting.

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Anderson, Allard, Azari, Dyer, McGoff, Williams

Absent: Frie

The Motion was Approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2008 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Minutes stand approved as submitted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES NOT SCHEDULED ON AGENDA – THREE MINUTE
LIMIT - None

VI. STUDY SESSIONS

A. Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC)

Craig Kocian said TMAC is a product of an intergovernmental agreement between the County and municipalities and was completed in the mid 1970's. He said the Board is made up of the County and municipalities and the IGA requires all of us to contribute to the Center for its operation and maintenance because the revenues of the Center do not cover all of their costs. He said at the time the Center was built it was a pretty unique project and resulted from the fact that the County and municipalities either had shelters or animal centers which were being criticized publicly for their working and sheltering conditions, and in addition the fact that some of the cities didn't even have shelters. He said it was built as a state-of-the-art facility but is now over 30 years old. Mr. Kocian said the shelter is now obsolete, overcrowded, and has poor air circulation, a bad roof, and many other problems. He said with the development of Cabela's, the center will have to move and be reconstructed.

Nick Fisher, Director of the Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC) said a business plan has been developed along with preliminary architecture to look at the type of facility they might need. He said they are looking at a 30,000 square foot building and that the County is getting close to putting out a request for proposal. He said the Board is now discussing how they are going to finance the new building. Mr. Fisher reminded City Council that a dog licensing ordinance was passed last year in the various cities. He said a portion of that revenue will go to a building fund to help finance the new facility. He said they also want to do a capital campaign to raise funds.

Mr. Kocian said they have been told the cost could be between \$6 and \$9 million dollars and the wide spread depends on what programs they would have inside and the expansion capabilities. He said questions include whether to have a veterinarian on site, whether there should be educational facilities and if so, inside, outside or both.

Mr. Fisher said a site at the northwest corner of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds has been decided on by the County Manager and City Managers.

B. Beltway Update

Bill Ray, Deputy City Manager, presented this study session. Mr. Ray said the Environmental Impact process seems to have no end in sight. He said informal discussions have been held with CDOT to look at other alternatives. He said he would be updating City Council tonight on the Rocky Flats right of way; the DRCOG – fiscally constrained plan; the Public Highway Authority process; the JEC initiative; and the next steps. Mr. Ray reviewed the provisions of the Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge Act and land within the refuge reserved for a future transportation corridor. He discussed DRCOG and said this missing link is shown on the Regional Transportation Plan and that all future metro roads must satisfy air quality standards.

Chris Daly, City Attorney, reviewed the Public Highway Authority (PHA) law which was adopted by the State Legislature in 1987. He said a PHA can be created by any combination of two or more municipalities or counties entering into an “Establishing Contract.” And each entity is required to hold a public hearing before entering into an Establishing Contract. He said this PHA is a separate political subdivision of the State. He said the Authority is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the individual entities and the State of Colorado is entitled to have a voting member on the Board, whom the Governor would appoint. The Board can also have non-voting members from the state, such as the Regional Air Quality Commission. He reviewed the powers that public authorities have.

Mr. Ray reviewed a very preliminary draft of a beltway schedule, or timeline with the establishment of the Public Highway Authority in the first quarter of 2008, hiring or retaining PHA staff, most likely an executive director, in early part of 2008, acquiring right of way during the middle six months of the year with preliminary engineering from March through May. The environmental review would be from May through the end of the year as a financial analysis is being done at the same time. State and Federal permits would be obtained and a possible awarding of a contract by the end of 2009. He said the start-up cost estimate would be about \$1,500,000.

Mr. Ray said the Jefferson Economic Council supports completing the beltway and is doing a three month campaign to create public awareness, build support and publicize the benefits of completing the beltway. He said the JEC initiative is supportive, but distinct, from local efforts to build the Jefferson Parkway.

Councilmember Allard said he does not want to move forward with a new Authority until we find out if there is any way the Northwest Parkway Authority could take this on.

C. GroupWise Email Training Session

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson said City Council will have a training session with IT for accessing the Groupwise email system following adjournment of the City Council meeting.

VII. REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL

A. Councilmember Azari reported on the DRCOG meeting and discussed the Denver Union Station Update.

B. Councilmember Dyer asked if there is a timeline for the Ralston Valley High School entrance issue. Mr. Kocian said staff is recommending a roundabout instead of signalization because it has more success in reducing accidents. He said that has been suggested to the school district and they are the ones that will choose because they have to pay for it. Mr. Kocian said if the mast arm is chosen it will be constructed before the end of the school year. If they choose a roundabout, it will be constructed before the start of the next school year.

C. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson reported on a meeting with North Jeffco.

VIII. REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

A. Craig Kocian said staff is building a list of items for the February 29 retreat and asked City Council to get any suggestions to him. He will send them all a list on Friday.

B. Mr. Kocian referred to a memo he had given to City Council about the Arbor Greens request for either a public fence constructed by the City, or for a private fence that the HOA would pay for with a guardrail put up by the City. He said staff does not feel the guardrail is justified for this stretch. He said the city would not mind being of assistance to them with relocation of utilities and other issues if they make it a private fence. He said staff needs direction from City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson said she agrees with staff's proposal to assist them but only if they provide their own private fence. Councilmember Azari said he would like to see the City join in with Arbor Green on this and that money sitting in the CIP could be used with a greater return of revenue than other projects if an MSID were formed.

City Council concurred with staff's recommendation. Councilmember Azari asked that this item be discussed at the City Council retreat.

IX. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT LONGER THAN THREE MINUTES

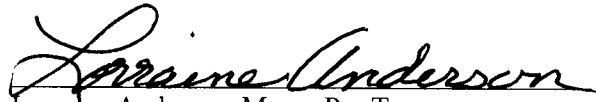
A. Roger McCarville asked for an update on the skateboard park.

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 6:55 p.m.

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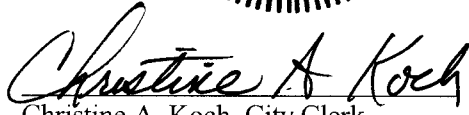
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Lorraine Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem

SEAL:




Christine A. Koch, City Clerk