

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2005

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

LITTLETON CITY COUNCIL

January 18, 2005

The Littleton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, in the Council Chambers of the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue. The regular meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT: JOHN OSTERMILLER
Mayor
RAYMOND C. KOERNIG, JR.
Mayor Pro Tem
AMY S. CONKLIN
Council Member
PAT CRONENBERGER
Council Member
REBECCA KAST
Council Member
TOM MULVEY
Council Member
JAMES A. TAYLOR
Council Member

THOSE ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Woods
City Manager
Larry Berkowitz
City Attorney
Julie K. Bower
City Clerk

1. **ROLL CALL**

Upon a call of the roll, seven members were present. The following business was transacted.

2. **AGENDA**
ACTION: APPROVED

It was moved by MAYOR PRO TEM KOERNIG and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER MULVEY TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE STUDY SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING: CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING THE WATER PARTICIPATION FUND.

Ayes: Council Members Mulvey, Kast, Koernig, Ostermiller, Cronenberger, Taylor and Conklin.

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 to 0

3. **(a) MINUTES - MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 4, 2005**

ACTION: APPROVED

4. **INTRODUCE NEW CITY EMPLOYEES** – None

5. **(a) CITIZEN APPEARANCES** – GUEST CITIZENS – **DOLORES HERNANDEZ, RETIRING DIRECTOR OF LITTLETON COMMUNITY CENTER**

Council Member Mulvey said Council was pleased to recognize Dolores Hernandez as guest citizen. Ms. Hernandez was retiring after sixteen years as Director of the Littleton Community Center. She has been a Littleton resident since 1976.

Prior to joining the South Suburban staff, Ms. Hernandez was a senior marketing representative at the former United Bank where she discovered her fondness for and fascination with the city's elderly citizens. She began volunteering at the Littleton Community Center and helped with fund raising to build the facility that opened in 1986.

Ms. Hernandez is proud that South Suburban supported her efforts to provide a lot of socialization opportunities for seniors. She will retire some time this spring, once she is sure the Littleton Community Center's seniors feel comfortable with the relocation to the new Buck Recreation Center.

Council extended its sincere appreciation to Dolores Hernandez for the care and comfort she has provided to Littleton seniors and wished her the best in her new adventures.

5. **(b) CITIZEN APPEARANCES - SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None

5. **(c) CITIZEN APPEARANCES** – UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES –

HUGH HILLEARY

1447 W. MAPLEWOOD

Mr. Hilleary had been a member of the South Suburban Senior Advisory Council, the Greater Littleton AARP Chapter 4755 and the Arapahoe County Council on Aging. During that time, he worked with Dolores Hernandez, one of the original advocates for the Douglas H. Buck Recreation Center. He said Council had supported a first class community center at an accessible location. The city provided \$1.2 million to acquire the property to make the center happen. Mr. Hilleary thanked the Council and city staff for the money and for doing what they said they would do. He said everyone would benefit from the new center and be proud of the support.

GENE DARROW

6031 S. ABERDEEN ST.

Mr. Darrow said Ms. Hernandez had been an advocate for the Spanish American community and the senior community. He said it took ten years to see the community center realized. He said it was important to get the community to use the facility to its full extent.

HAZEL BREWER

5124 W. FAIR AVE.

Ms. Brewer had wondered, after her last appearance in front of Council, if she was the only one who felt more police presence was needed downtown. She started a petition in downtown and received overwhelming response from the merchants. It was something that was needed and she hoped that everyone could work together to reach a solution.

Ms. Brewer said her daughter's shop lights were on all night. If the police had known her habits and her store, the police would have known she had a closing agenda. The fact that the lights were on all night and the front door unlocked should have raised questions from anyone driving by the shop.

Ms. Brewer had received an unsigned letter from someone purporting to be a former Littleton police officer. She presented copies of the letter and the petition to Council.

Mr. Woods had attended the January merchants' meeting, as did Mayor Pro Tem Koernig and Council Member Conklin. He estimated thirty merchants attended the meeting. He said everyone shared a tremendous amount of heartbreak and grief at the Brewer's terrible loss. Mr. Woods said there was not much expression of fear among the merchants and the merchants felt there was a high level of service by the police. The city had agreed to put together a taskforce to talk about the services provided and develop more specific goals such as foot patrols and regular meetings with merchants. He said the city would maintain a very positive relationship with the downtown merchants.

Mayor Pro Tem Koernig said most of the downtown merchants were pleased with the response time of the police and had a good relationship with the police.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA** - (ordinances and resolutions read by title) - None
7. **(a) SECOND AND FINAL READING ON ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None
8. **(a) GENERAL BUSINESS** – None
9. **(a) CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD MATTERS** – None
10. **(a) ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING** – None
11. **(a) RESOLUTIONS** – None
12. **REPORTS** -

- (a) **CITY MANAGER** – Mr. Woods said Council had received a memo responding to an inquiry from Mr. Allen regarding the grocery tax. He had sent a copy of the memo to Mr. Allen.

Mr. Woods reminded Council of the following calendar items: January 25th - neighborhood meeting at Goddard Middle School at 7:00 p.m.; January 27th breakfast meeting at 7:15 a.m. with state legislators.

- (b) **CITY ATTORNEY** – Mr. Berkowitz confirmed that he was releasing an opinion he issued to Council on November 8, 2004, regarding the use of fees collected by the city for utility services. It would be available for distribution immediately following the meeting.

- (c) **COUNCIL MEMBERS** -

COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR – None

COUNCIL MEMBER CONKLIN– Council Member Conklin was a member of the CML Water Issues Committee. The first meeting was held last Friday. The committee’s primary purpose was education and forming statewide policies.

Council Member Conklin said a reception was scheduled for the “Eye of the Camera” on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Council Member Conklin said a planning meeting of the Littleton Immigration Integration Initiative was scheduled for Monday and a tour of Stapleton was scheduled for tomorrow.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULVEY – None

COUNCIL MEMBER KAST – Council Member Kast attended the homeowners' association meeting at Trailmark last Thursday. One of the major issues was finding a site for a community center and pool. The issue would be discussed at the February 8th Council study session. Council Member Kast had also received emails from Trailmark residents regarding emergency response times. She understood the city had automatic aid with West Metro Fire District for fire but not for emergency response.

Council Member Kast reported the Tree Committee had voted to raise the price of the trees for distribution from \$10 to \$30, to make the program self sustaining.

Council Member Kast said she and David Flaig, the city's Landscape Architect, would be meeting with master gardeners and people from the Colorado Center for the Blind to try to rev up the legacy garden program. The infrastructure had been installed and the Center had received a \$7,000 grant to complete the garden.

MAYOR PRO TEM KOERNIG – Mayor Pro Tem Koernig said the primary site the Trailmark residents were looking at was the elementary school site.

Mayor Pro Tem Koernig said the museum was quite remarkable and was coming along splendidly for the grand opening.

Mayor Pro Tem Koernig attended the Denver Chamber and met with Tom Norton and CDOT. He learned about the funding problems and what was happening regarding moving the railroad tracks to the east. The matter was still in negotiations.

COUNCIL MEMBER CRONENBERGER – Council Member Cronenberger said the World Affairs Challenge at DU was in need of judges. She had information for anyone who was interested.

Council Member Cronenberger had spoken with Police Officer Sam Mullins regarding an update on the Crime-free Multi-housing Project. She said Council would benefit from knowing what was going on with that

project.

Mr. Woods said Council would be briefed once the program was rolled out in late February or early March.

- (d) **MAYOR OSTERMILLER** – Mayor Ostermiller reported on the following calendar items: February 4th - Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce meeting; the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Association for Community Transportation presentation and discussion on January 27th; Benning Family Foundation open house on February 3rd.

Mayor Ostermiller said the Martin Luther King Day breakfast at Arapahoe Community College had a good turnout and was very enjoyable.

Mayor Ostermiller had received notice that a new bill had been introduced in the legislature attacking eminent domain and requiring a very strict blight definition. CML would actively oppose the bill and encouraged cities to get behind the opposition.

- (e) **DRCOG** – Council Member Cronenberger said a meeting was scheduled for tomorrow night to look at adopting the Metro Vision 2030 plan. She said for the first time the organization was measuring progress of the plan. She said some of the big issues had to do with semi-urban development; vehicle miles traveled and a model to measure that; and equating more of the TIP points with how a community complied with Metro Vision. Council Member Cronenberger urged Council to attend the DRCOG orientation on either February 10th or 15th.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Mayor Ostermiller adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

Julie K. Bower
City Clerk/Recording Secretary

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CONDUCTED A STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE CITIZEN POLL REGARDING THE PROPOSED POLICE BUILDING AND THE WATER PARTICIPATION FUND