

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2005

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

LITTLETON CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2005

The Littleton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 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  
TOM MULVEY  
Council Member  
JAMES A. TAYLOR  
Council Member

**THOSE ABSENT:** REBECCA KAST  
Council Member

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

**1. ROLL CALL**

Upon a call of the roll, five members were present. Council Member Kast was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Koernig arrived after the roll was called. The following business was transacted.

**2. AGENDA**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**3. (a) MINUTES - MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 18, 2005**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**4. INTRODUCE NEW CITY EMPLOYEES –**

Mr. Woods introduced Jaime Hoffman, the new museum weekend receptionist.

**5. (a) CITIZEN APPEARANCES – GUEST CITIZENS – ANNE TRUJILLO, 7NEWS ANCHOR**

Mayor Ostermiller said Council was pleased to honor Anne Trujillo as Guest Citizen. Ms. Trujillo was being recognized for so generously giving of her time emceeing the Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting since 1991.

In the early 1990s, 7NEWS was a sponsor of the event and Ms. Trujillo came on board as the emcee. A couple of years later, the Candlelight Walk committee decided to forego television station sponsorship because the publicity was making the event too big. In spite of the fact that 7NEWS no longer sponsored the event, Ms. Trujillo graciously agreed to continue serving as the emcee. Her duties, often in very chilly conditions, entail entertaining the crowd for an hour and a half, recognizing the sponsors, introducing brave groups of children who come up on the stage to sing, and welcoming Santa Claus.

Ms. Trujillo co-anchors 7NEWS broadcasts at 5, 6 and 10 p.m. She began her broadcasting career at a Denver radio station. She is an award-winning broadcast journalist with awards too numerous to mention. Throughout her career, Ms. Trujillo has been very active in the community and has served on the board of directors of many service organizations, receiving numerous awards for her work with the community.

Council extended its sincere appreciation to Anne Trujillo for giving so generously of her time and talent each year to ensure the success of the Candlelight Walk. Her efforts help make Littleton a better place for all citizens.

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

**5. (c) CITIZEN APPEARANCES – UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA - (ordinances and resolutions read by title) –  
**ACTION: APPROVED – ITEMS 6(A) – 6(D)****

(a) Motion to approve contract with Colorado Humane Society

- (b) Resolution revising fees for Fire Department Permits and Plan Reviews (**Resolution No. 2, Series of 2005**)
- (c) Motion to approve agreement with South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce for economic development services
- (d) Ordinance on first reading authorizing conveyance by quit claim deed of a drainage easement in a portion of Overview Subdivision (**Public hearing February 15, 2005**)

It was moved by MAYOR PRO TEM KOERNIG and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER MULVEY TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6(A)-6(D).

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Kast.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 to 0

- 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 former Littleton Police Detective Joan Shroer’s term as the city’s representative on the Arapahoe County Community Corrections Board was expiring. He recommended that Ms. Shroer be reappointed.

Council supported her reappointment.

Mr. Woods said the first meeting with the downtown merchants regarding security issues and the level of police enforcement in the downtown area was

scheduled for next Tuesday and the process was underway.

Mr. Woods asked for any feedback from Council regarding the first neighborhood meeting held in January? The next meeting was for March, if Council wished to continue.

Council Member Mulvey said only eleven people attended the meeting.

Council Member Taylor had spoken with a number of people and asked them why they had not attended the neighborhood meeting. People indicated they had not received the invitation or thought it was some sort of advertisement. Council Member Taylor wondered if the design of the invitation should be changed to make it clear it was from the city.

Mr. Woods had sent Council the study session topics for February and March. He also sent out the items left from the 2004 topics list for consensus on Council's interest in the topics and needed feedback whether or not Council wanted to revisit those topics. Mr. Woods said the study session items that came up as a result of Council's workshop would be scheduled.

Mayor Ostermiller said the items that came out of the workshop had a higher priority.

Council Member Cronenberger said decisions had to be made regarding the Bemis house, such as if the house was to stay as a part of Sterne Park, how could it be used in a more productive way. The current rent being charged was below market rate and was not acceptable. She would start gathering ideas for other uses and present them to Council.

- (b) **CITY ATTORNEY** –Mr. Berkowitz said a motion was needed to hold the municipal judge's review, set for February 15<sup>th</sup>, in executive session.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER CONKLIN THAT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION BE HELD TO CONDUCT THE JUDGE'S REVIEW PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2)(F), ON FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 P.M.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Kast.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 to 0

(c) **COUNCIL MEMBERS** -

**COUNCIL MEMBER CONKLIN**– Council Member Conklin asked that she be informed once the Southbridge meeting regarding the covered bridge was scheduled.

Council Member Conklin said the CD Council had received from Charlie Oriez regarding the smoking ordinance was very good.

Council Member Conklin expressed concern about the fax she had received from staff and felt she had not been given adequate information to protect herself or her family from certain people in the community. Council Member Conklin would be meeting with Mr. Woods to discuss her concerns in more detail.

**COUNCIL MEMBER MULVEY** – Council Member congratulated the Friends of the Library/Museum (FOL/M) for putting on a great party to celebrate the opening of the museum.

**MAYOR PRO TEM KOERNIG** – Mayor Pro Tem Koernig echoed Council Member Mulvey's comments. He said the museum would open to the public on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBER CRONENBERGER** – Council Member Cronenberger had lunch with Linda Capra of DRCOG. Ms. Capra asked if the Council wished to purchase a table of ten for \$750 for the DRCOG awards banquet on April 15<sup>th</sup>. It would be an opportunity to invite officials from South Suburban.

Council Member Taylor said it was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DRCOG.

Council Member Cronenberger had a copy of the Columbine Square analysis, often referred to as the shopping center study. She recommended, in light of Council's discussion at its workshop, that Council re-read the analysis.

Council Member Cronenberger had missed the Bega flag-raising. She would have liked to attend but had not heard about it in time.

Council Member Taylor said members of the Littleton/Bega organization had been informed through their newsletter.

Council Member Cronenberger thanked Council Member Conklin for updating the Fine Arts Committee during the Council liaison update portion of the agenda. Allotting time at meetings kept communication flowing in both directions.

**COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR** – Council Member Taylor reported the following South Suburban news: the contract with Denver Water to maintain the Highline Canal trail through Greenwood Village and Cherry Hills Village was being canceled; the application for a \$250,000 grant for phase two of Ketring Park from the county open space funds would be submitted soon; the preliminary cost estimate for the addition of 20 or more spaces at the Writers Vista Park was over \$78,000, South Suburban had changed procedures for shelter reservations and scheduling of fields with the hope of alleviating the parking problem without renovation; report from park and recreation services for Centennial east of I-25;

Council Member Taylor asked if the museum would be charging for Smithsonian exhibits at the museum? He said it was legitimate that the city would charge for attendance and wanted to discuss it before the first exhibit in September.

Tim Nimz, Museum Director, said the city was required not to charge admission specifically for a Smithsonian exhibit.

Mr. Woods said a background memo would be put together for Council.

Council Member Taylor had received feedback from some downtown merchants that redevelopment was being stymied because the incentive package for the historic district was not yet in place. He asked if the incentive package could be adopted prior to the designation of the historic district.

Mr. Woods understood that the purpose of the incentive package was to encourage property owners to be part of the historic district and would need more clarification. He would discuss the issue with staff and with the Historical Preservation Board.

Council Member Taylor said the city of Golden had requested Council adopt a resolution in support of the cold war museum at the Rocky Flats facility. He would send out a copy of the resolution in Thursday's packet.

Council Member Taylor reported on the following items discussed at the South Suburban Park Foundation Board meeting: creation of a separate account for the Community Partners Fund; study of the Big Dry Creek

Trail – Broadway, east to Littleton city limits was phase one; funding administrative costs with a 5% take out of the funds received except those funds specifically given in grant for a project.

Council Member Taylor reported on the following items from the Littleton Housing Authority: units at Geneva were not yet ready to rent; settling of Bradley House was causing stress on windows and the Board had authorized an engineering study; and upgrades to various buildings was ongoing.

Council Member Taylor had spoken with Centennial Council Member Todd Miller recently about both Councils getting together. Council Member Taylor suggested a social gathering this spring with members of the Centennial City Council.

Council Member Taylor said Council had breakfast with the city's legislators last week. They had advised Council to keep the city's water fund and spend it only on water related projects. The State had gotten itself into a great deal of trouble by borrowing funds and using them for other purposes.

Council Member Cronenberger requested more information regarding Representative Stengl's remarks on that issue.

Mr. Woods said staff would follow up on the specific issues.

Council Member Taylor received an invitation from the Colorado Community Revitalization Association on the Main Street Program in Salida in April. It was an interesting agenda that could be applied to downtown Littleton.

Council Member Taylor said the South Metro Chamber of Commerce toured various sites including two in Littleton, Hudson Gardens and Town Hall Arts Center.

**COUNCIL MEMBER KAST** – Absent

- (d) **MAYOR OSTERMILLER** – Mayor Ostermiller reminded everyone that the public opening of the museum was scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The exhibits were fantastic and the building was beyond expectations.
- (e) **DRCOG** – Council Member Cronenberger said there was now a Metro Vision 2030 plan. There were more things to talk about regarding semi-urban development and the urban growth boundary.

Council Member Taylor said the Transportation 2030 Plan and the Mountains and Plains Transportation Plan for 2030 were also adopted. He said Council Member Cronenberger was re-nominated to the Administrative Committee and was also recognized for 5 years of service to DRCOG.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Mayor Ostermiller adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2005.

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Julie K. Bower  
City Clerk/Recording Secretary

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CONDUCTED A STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ROXBOROUGH SEWER LINE