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LITTLETON CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 2005

The Littleton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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, six members were present. Council Member Kast was absent. The following business was transacted.

2. **AGENDA**

ACTION: APPROVED

3. **(a) MINUTES - MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2005**

ACTION: APPROVED

4. **INTRODUCE NEW CITY EMPLOYEES** –

Mr. Woods introduced Deborah Mondragon, part-time page at the Bemis Public Library.

5. **(a) CITIZEN APPEARANCES** – GUEST CITIZENS – None

5. **(b) CITIZEN APPEARANCES - SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES** –

(i) **ED CHAMBERS, PRESIDENT, TOWN HALL ARTS CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Chambers said the Town Hall Arts Center (THAC) would be hosting its 7th Annual Gala at Columbine County Club on Friday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. The gala would be honoring Susan Thornton. There would be a silent and live auction.

Mr. Chambers said financially, THAC had forecasted an \$84,000 deficit for 2005, as of right now it was forecasted to be a \$31,000 deficit. Ticket sales had been going very well. He said the Denver Post had become a media sponsor and as a result of that, THAC had received free ads for shows and free image ads.

Mr. Chambers said some milestones for THAC included: revamped season ticket package that resulted in a 30% increase; Cultural Classroom revenues were up over 80%; and increased sponsorships.

Mr. Chambers thanked Mayor Pro Tem Koernig and Council for its support and the assistance THAC had received from the city's Business/Industry Affairs Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Koernig was proud of THAC and the steps it had taken to solve its problems without help from the city.

(ii) **KATHERINE HARTZLER, CHAIR, LITTLETON MUSEUM BOARD**

Ms. Hartzler thanked the Littleton Historical Museum staff for the tireless, calm way they persevered through the design, construction and opening of the museum. She was proud to have the museum as part of the community. It was a place where everyone could experience Littleton's history. Ms. Hartzler was proud to be a member of the Museum Board. She thanked Council, city staff and the Friends of the Library/Museum for their support.

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

BILL HOPPING
5773 SHASTA CIR.
VICE CHAIR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

Mr. Hopping thanked Council for agreeing to the \$25,000 appropriation for downtown historic preservation grants as part of the incentive package. He said the Board had made a lot of changes to the Historic Preservation Code and was continuing to educate property owners about the provisions of the Code and related issues. The main goal was to preserve and protect Main Street.

JIM DUBOIS
6877 S. PRINCE CIR.

Mr. Dubois had suggested at the last meeting that Council consider reciting the Pledge of Allegiance before each meeting. He asked if Council had considered the issue yet?

Mayor Ostermiller said Council had not yet been able to discuss the issue but would be considering Mr. Dubois' suggestion.

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

(a) Motion approving contract with Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants

It was moved by MAYOR PRO TEM KOERNIG and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6(A).

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 attended the bid opening for the Village infant and toddler addition. There were three bidders at or below the architect's estimate. Ground breaking was scheduled for March 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Woods reported construction had started at Promise Park.

Mr. Woods still needed to hear from two Council members regarding study session topics.

Mr. Woods said staff was conducting a last minute quality check on the workshop report and it should be out to Council by the end of the week.

- (b) **CITY ATTORNEY** –None

- (c) **COUNCIL MEMBERS** -

MAYOR PRO TEM KOERNIG – Mayor Pro Tem Koernig attended executive meetings of the Colorado Municipal League and the legislative session on Wednesday. Governor Owens was talking about the TABOR problems and it appeared a joint approach might be possible. It was necessary for the state and would be necessary in the future for a lot of municipalities. Mayor Pro Tem Koernig, along with Council Members Mulvey, Kast, and Conklin, was at attended a meeting on Saturday Friday with Senator Salazar. The primary discussion focused on the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the stalled transportation bill.

COUNCIL MEMBER CRONENBERGER – Council Member Cronenberger asked if the workshop report was reconciled with the feedback from Council. She asked if another draft should be issued before the final report?

Mr. Woods said staff had incorporated Council's feedback. He said Council was going to start discussing items from the workshop at the next study session and staff was concerned that the report needed to get out for the discussion to be timely.

Council Member Cronenberger said Council conducted board and

commission interviews last week. She said there was an incredible interest in the boards and commissions and there were not enough vacancies to accommodate all of the applicants.

COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR – Council Member Taylor had attended an AARP meeting and gave a brief report on Council actions.

Council Member Taylor reported the following South Suburban news: approval of a contract with Metro Community Provider Network; the Superchi shelter was approved; year-end financials of Hudson Gardens showed that without the \$350,000 management fee from South Suburban, the Gardens would not qualify for **funding over \$200,000 in funds** from SCFD; agreed to apply for a GOCO grant for Lorenz Regional Park for installation of a new field **with part of the match being \$900,000 earmarked for Winetka Ponds development which was delayed because of the drought**; use the Arapahoe County Open Space Grant - \$250,000 for phase 2 of Ketring Park and \$250,000 for Big Dry Creek.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONKLIN– Council Member Conklin congratulated Council Member Cronenberger for being made the treasurer of DRCOG.

Council Member Conklin had received an invitation to the Leadership in Forging a Clean Energy Future forum on April 28th.

The Metro Mayors Youth Awards at Arapahoe County was scheduled for March 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Conklin said the board and commission applicants were outstanding. She said it was great that residents were willing to come forward and give their time.

COUNCIL MEMBER MULVEY – Council Member Mulvey asked for information on the traffic circles on Gallup Street.

Council Member Mulvey said Western Welcome Week would be held August 11th through the 21st and the theme was “Embrace the Spirit of Learning.” The WWW Executive Director, Cindy Hathaway, was recently appointed to the Colorado Festivals and Events Association. The new WWW officers were Sue Hill – President, Jill Schneider – Vice President, and Mike Giesen – Treasurer.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAST – Absent

- (d) **MAYOR OSTERMILLER** – Mayor Ostermiller provided a copy of the letter from Representative Ted Harvey to Council regarding Qwest and Comcast.

Mayor Ostermiller had distributed a memo to Council regarding the status of boards and commissions. Appointments would be scheduled for the March 15th agenda.

Mayor Ostermiller attended the Littleton Fire Protection District meeting. Monies were appropriated for the renovation of Stations 13 and 14. Council received a memo from Chief Mullen regarding changing the way business inspections were completed. The District's attorney would be contacting Mr. Berkowitz to change the language of the agreement.

Mayor Ostermiller said the Metro Mayors Youth Award was scheduled for March 9th and the Littleton Elks Club Awards banquet was scheduled for March 5th.

- (e) **DRCOG** – None

13. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Mayor Ostermiller adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

Julie K. Bower
City Clerk/Recording Secretary

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CONDUCTED A STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW THE 2003 AUDIT