



WESTMINSTER
COLORADO

AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2000 AT 6:30 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Purpose of Special Council Meeting

A. Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement with Arvada & Golden

4. Adjournment



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City of Westminster

April 12, 2000

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Dear Michele:

Please call a special meeting of the City Council for Monday, April 17, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. to be held at City Hall in the City Council Chambers for the following purpose:

Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement
with Arvada & Golden

Sincerely,

Nancy M. Heil, Mayor



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To All Members of City Council:

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Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement
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Sincerely,

Michele Kelley, CMC
City Clerk

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, COLORADO
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2000 AT 6:50 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Heil led Council, Staff and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call were Mayor Heil, Mayor Pro Tem Dixon and Councillors Atchison, Hicks, Merkel, Moss and Smith. Also present were William Christopher City Manager; Martin McCullough, City Attorney; and Michael Allen, Deputy City Clerk. Absent none.

The Mayor stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement with the Cities of Arvada and Golden.

City Manager Bill Christopher advised Council that the City of Golden had made some revisions to the agreement and suggested that Council Table action until such time as the proposed amendments could be reviewed.

NORTHWEST QUADRANT FEASIBILITY STUDY AGREEMENT WITH ARVADA & GOLDEN:

A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Atchison to postpone indefinitely the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement involving the Cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster supporting the Phase II Feasibility Study. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk



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Agenda Memorandum

Date: April 17, 2000

Subject: Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement with Arvada & Golden

Prepared by: Bill Christopher, City Manager

Introduction

City Council action is requested on the attached agreement for the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study between the Cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster.

Summary

As Council is aware, representatives from the Cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster have been meeting with Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG) Executive Director Bill Vidal for the past few months in an effort to reconcile differences among the three Cities relating to the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study. The intent of these meetings has been to better understand each City's needs and concerns, and in turn, lead toward a process that would assure support of the final report by all interested parties.

The attached agreement has been developed by representatives from the three Cities which sets forth continued support for the Management Committee of the Phase II Study process, and to work together to implement a final selected transportation proposal from the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study that meets the mutual interest, including seeking funding, developing and adopting implementation plans and such other measures as are needed.

City Council reviewed the agreement at the April 10th Study Session and directed Staff to place this item on the April 17th agenda for formal action.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the Northwest Quadrant agreement involving the Cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster supporting the Phase II Feasibility Study and authorize Councillor Merkel and City Manager Bill Christopher to execute the agreement.

Background

The City of Westminster previously joined with the Cities of Arvada, Golden, Lakewood and Wheat Ridge, along with Jefferson County, to help fund and participate in the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Phase I and Phase II. The purpose of the study is to determine the best surface transportation improvements to handle projected traffic in the year 2020. Prior to the six entities coming together on the study, the Cities of Arvada and Westminster had announced their intent to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that would have had the two Cities moving ahead on the feasibility of the Northwest Parkway link between State Highway 128 and State Highway 93.

The City of Golden reacted vigorously in opposition to such a proposal and ever since then, Arvada and Golden, have been “at war.” As the quadrant study progressed, it was apparent that the study would be completed and it was very unlikely that there would be a consensus of the three Cities to support the study results. This would, in essence, represent a waste of public funds and time if there was not agreement on the study results and working within the recommended improvements.

DRCOG Director Bill Vidal proposed and the three Cities agreed to meet in a mediation format to attempt to work out the various differences. City Councillor Ann Merkel and City Manager Bill Christopher have represented the City in participating in the mediation meetings. Both City Representatives are in support of City Council approving the attached agreement.

A key consideration in the mediation meetings has produced an agreement among the three Cities that they will work with and support the outcome of the study, assuming their fundamental needs have been addressed. As part of this process, Arvada has agreed to provide data from their toll feasibility study which will be used by the quadrant study consultant, CH2M-Hill, to assure realistic traffic projections. It is our observation that if the mediation sessions had not been held, that there would not have been such an agreement to abide by the outcome of the study.

Bill Vidal is suggesting that the three Cities approve the agreement no later than April 17 and hold a signing ceremony on April 18.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Christopher
City Manager

Attachment

Summary of Proceedings

Summary of Proceedings of the Special City Council meeting held Monday, April 17, 2000.

Present at roll call were Mayor Heil, Mayor Pro Tem Dixon and Councillors Atchison, Hicks, Merkel, Moss and Smith. Absent none.

Council postponed indefinitely the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement involving the Cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster supporting the Phase II Feasibility Study.

At 6:56 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

By order of the Westminster City Council
Michele Kelley, CMC, City Clerk
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