



WESTMINSTER
COLORADO

AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 1, 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



WESTMINSTER

City of Westminster

April 25, 2000

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Dear Michele:

Please call a special meeting of the City Council for Monday, May 1, 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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April 26, 2000

To All Members of City Council:

A special meeting of the City Council has been set for Monday, May 1, 2000 at 6:30 P.M. to be held at City Hall Council Chambers for the following purpose:

Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement
with Arvada & Golden

Sincerely,

Michele Kelley, CMC
City Clerk

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, COLORADO
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000 AT 6:30 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.

NORTHWEST QUADRANT FEASIBILITY STUDY AGREEMENT WITH ARVADA AND GOLDEN:

A motion was made by Merkel and seconded by Smith to approve the revised Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study 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. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk



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Agenda Memorandum

Date: May 1, 2000

Subject: POSTPONED – Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study Agreement with Arvada and Golden

Prepared by: Bill Christopher, City Manager

Introduction

City Council action is requested on the attached revised agreement for the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study between the Cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster. This agreement has been revised since the April 17th Council meeting when it was postponed.

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.

An agreement was 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. The subject agreement was postponed at the April 17th Special Council meeting to allow some revisions to be drafted. The revised agreement is now ready for Council's consideration.

City Council reviewed the initial draft agreement at the April 10th Study Session and directed Staff to place this item on the April 17th agenda for formal action. The revised agreement is attached and the changes are highlighted (deletions noted by strike-out and additions in bold type).

Policy Issues

- Whether to formally endorse the work product developed by the three cities, seeking to work out their differences over the Northwest Quadrant Study results.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the revised 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 revised 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 May 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Christopher
City Manager

Attachments

**Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study:
Arvada-Golden-Westminster
Agreement
4-18-00**

Whereas, the cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster each have an interest in the development and maintenance of good ground transportation systems within and surrounding their respective jurisdictions to promote and protect the interests of their citizens;

Whereas, the cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster have a common interest in ensuring that the development and maintenance of such ground transportation systems are compatible among their respective jurisdictions;

Whereas, the cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster are participants in the Jefferson County Phase II Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study that is currently underway;

Whereas, the Intergovernmental Agreement creating the Management Committee for the Northwest Quadrant Study recognizes an apparent difference in interests between Arvada and Westminster who favor a “Northwest Parkway segment” between State Highway 128 and State Highway 93 north of Golden, and Golden whose interests are to prevent such further road-building unless adverse impacts to their quality of life are mitigated;

Whereas, the cities of Arvada, Golden and Westminster have been meeting regularly in a voluntary mediation process hosted by the Denver Regional Council of Governments to resolve their differences and explore areas of mutual interest;

Whereas, the parties are committed as members of the Management Committee that they will work through this committee to find an implementable solution that meets the interests and needs of all the communities.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the parties have agreed to continue to support the efforts of the Jefferson County Phase II study and to work through the Management Committee of the Phase II study process to evaluate and select the transportation alternative that best meets the needs and interests of all the parties.

Further, the parties agree to work together to implement a final selected transportation proposal from the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study that meets their mutual interests including seeking funding, developing and adopting implementation plans and such other measures as are needed.

Further, the parties agree to accept the findings including mitigation recommendations of the Northwest Quadrant Feasibility Study.

~~**Further**, the parties agree to restrain from any and all actions, statements or behaviors that are intended to influence or affect the position of another party to this agreement related to this issue.~~

~~**Further**, that the parties have agreed that if the Phase II Study does not produce a final transportation solution that meets the needs and interests of all the parties, the parties will reconvene this mediation process to use their best efforts again in good faith to resolve major issues of concern with the proposed alternative solutions.~~

Further, that the parties have agreed that should there be conflicts in meeting the transportation needs and interests, and related community values, the parties will continue to work together in good faith to resolve major issues of concern.

Agreed to by:

Representative of City of Arvada

Representative of City of Arvada

Representative of City of Golden

Representative of City of Golden

Representative of City of Westminster

Representative of City of Westminster

This Agreement having been approved by the Arvada City Council on _____, 2000.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

This Agreement having been approved by the Westminster City Council on _____, 2000.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

This Agreement having been approved by the Golden City Council on _____, 2000.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Summary of Proceedings

Summary of Proceedings of the Special City Council meeting held Monday, May 1, 2000.

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

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

At 6:45 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

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