



# WESTMINSTER

## Staff Report

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TO: The Mayor and Members of the City Council  
DATE: September 26, 2007  
SUBJECT: Study Session Agenda for October 1, 2007  
PREPARED BY: J. Brent McFall, City Manager

*Please Note: Study Sessions and Post City Council meetings are open to the public, and individuals are welcome to attend and observe. However, these meetings are not intended to be interactive with the audience, as this time is set aside for City Council to receive information, make inquiries, and provide Staff with policy direction.*

Looking ahead to next Monday night's Study Session, the following schedule has been prepared:

*A light dinner will be served in the Council Family Room* 6:00 P.M.

### CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Report from Mayor (5 minutes)
2. Reports from City Councillors (10 minutes)

### PRESENTATIONS

None at this time.

6:30 P.M.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discuss strategy and progress on potential sale, acquisition, trade or exchange of certain City owned real property and the City's position relative thereto, pursuant to WMC 1-11-3 (C)(2) and CRS 24-6-402(4)(a).
2. Discussion of proposed settlement of claims for water damages from the Nov. 2006 Gregory Hill Pump Station failure with the City Attorney and obtaining Council direction thereon, pursuant to WMC sections 1-11-3(C)(3), (7)and (8) , and CRS sections 24-6-402(b) and (e) (***Executive Session***)
3. Discuss strategy and progress on potential sale, acquisition, trade or exchange of certain real property for the City's open space program pursuant to WMC 1-11-3 (C)(2), WMC 2-1-6, WMC 2-11-2 and CRS 24-6-402 (4)(a) and (e). (***Executive Session***)
4. Discussion of Personnel Matter (Presiding Judge's Performance Evaluation) pursuant to WMC section 1-11-3(C)(1) and CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) (***Executive Session***)

### INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS – Does not require action by City Council

1. Municipal "Greenspace" for Front Range Cities

Additional items may come up between now and Monday night. City Council will be apprised of any changes to the Study Session meeting schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Brent McFall  
City Manager



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Information Only Staff Report  
October 1, 2007



SUBJECT: Municipal “Greenspace” for Front Range Cities  
PREPARED BY: John Carpenter, Director of Community Development

### Summary Statement:

This report is for City Council information only and requires no action by City Council.

The Department of Community Development staff has surveyed all of the larger cities along the Front Range to determine the amount and percentage of “greenspace” within their city boundaries. Greenspace is defined as city owned parkland, city owned open space, public and private golf courses, and private homeowner association owned parks and greenbelts.

Of the cities that were surveyed, the City of Westminster had the second highest percentage of greenspace (31.69%) after the City of Boulder with 33.7% greenspace. Broomfield ranked third at 29.7%

### Background Information

The City of Westminster has a longstanding commitment to the preservation of land for parks and open space. It was the second city in the state after Boulder to form a sales tax supported open space acquisition program in 1985. The city’s park and recreation programs have won numerous national awards.

Out of curiosity, the City’s Department of Community Development staff decided to determine how Westminster compared to other Front Range cities in the preservation of greenspace. Staff called each city to obtain this information. Attached is the information on public parks and open space, public and private golf courses and private HOA property in each jurisdiction.

Westminster’s high percentage of greenspace contributes to the City’s high quality of life for residents and businesses, and reflects the City’s commitment to the “Beautiful City – Attraction Developments, Green Spaces and Vistas” Strategic Plan goal.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Brent McFall  
City Manager

Attachments