

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
February 2, 2004**

Mayor Moss called the Study Session to order at 6:40 PM.

All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included City Manager Brent McFall, Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers, City Attorney Marty McCullough, Director of Community Development John Carpenter, City Engineer Dave Downing, Senior Engineer Mike Normandin, Assistant to the City Manager Barbara Opie, Management Analyst Emily Moon, Public Information Specialist Tiffany Barnhart, and Administrative Secretary Kim Farin.

The guests in attendance were Danny Tomlinson of Tomlinson and Associates, Bob Ferm of Hall and Evans, and Tanya Ishikawa of the *Westminster Window*.

REGULAR SESSION

Legislative Update from City Lobbyists

Brent McFall introduced City's Lobbyists, Danny Tomlinson and Bob Ferm. They provided an update on 2004 State Legislative issues.

Proposed 2005/2006 City Council Budget Retreat Dates

Each fall, the City Council conducts a retreat to review and discuss the proposed budget for the next two years. Staff is looking to Council to select possible dates for the 2005/2006 Budget Retreat.

Council chose to meet on September 17th beginning at 4:00 pm and, if necessary, convene again on September 20 beginning at 6:00 pm. This September 20 meeting would take place in lieu of the regularly scheduled Study Session meeting.

Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Program

Brent McFall introduced City Engineer Dave Downing. To date, the City has installed 26 traffic-calming devices (e.g., raised pedestrian crosswalks, traffic circles) in 12 neighborhoods throughout the City in an attempt to reduce vehicle speeds on residential streets and, in some cases, to decrease the volume of cut-through traffic in neighborhoods.

Staff recommends placing a nine-month moratorium on new neighborhood traffic mitigation program projects to allow time for Staff and the City Council to evaluate the effectiveness of this program and consider alternative means of addressing the issue of speeding within residential subdivisions.

Council concurred with Staff's recommendation. However, instead of abruptly pausing the traffic mitigation program, Council recommends proceeding with previously approved neighborhood programs.

Mayor Moss adjourned the Study Session at 8:25 PM to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the South Westminster Development Plan and contract negotiations.