

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
April 16, 2007**

Mayor McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:33 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Brent McFall; Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Deputy City Manager Matt Lutkus; Acting Public Works and Utilities Director Ron Hellbusch; Capital Projects and Budget Manager Abel Moreno; Senior Engineer Mike Wong; Senior Engineer Dan Strietelmeier; Senior Engineer Stephanie Bleiker; Senior Engineer Kent Brugler; Public Information Specialist Carol Jones; and Management Analyst Aric Otzelberger.

The guests in attendance were Danny Tomlinson and Robert Ferm with Tomlinson and Associates; and Rachel Ceccarelli with the Westminster Window.

Lobbyist Update

The City of Westminster's lobbyist, Tomlinson and Associates, provided a verbal update of legislation that has been introduced in the Colorado General Assembly. Danny Tomlinson and Robert Ferm discussed bills that City Council has taken an official position on, along with bills that have the potential to impact the City of Westminster and its residents. This presentation was informational in nature and no action was necessary from City Council.

Update on Public Works and Utilities Capital Improvement Projects

Acting Public Works and Utilities Director Ron Hellbusch and Capital Projects and Budget Manager Abel Moreno were present to discuss the current status of the Department's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). In 2007, City Council adopted an aggressive \$18.5 million CIP program. Staff's presentation included a summary of the revamped consultant selection process, which is a qualification-based system that also takes cost into account. Staff also delivered a CIP status update and information on how the CIP program is meeting City Council's goals. There are currently 77 water, wastewater, and reclaimed water capital improvement projects in process, with 36 of those projects being added in 2006 and 2007. Major projects include the renovation and expansion of the Big Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility, which is currently 64% complete. Other projects include a raw water system interconnect into the reclaimed water system, improvements to the Municipal Service Center, water pressure zone improvements, and water and wastewater line replacements.

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Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 7:45 PM.