City of Westminster City Council Study Session August 16, 2004

Mayor McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:37 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Brent McFall; Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Acting Deputy City Manager for Administration Kathleen Hix; Director of Finance Mary Ann Parrot; Fire Chief Jim Cloud; Assistant to the City Manager Barbara Opie; Management Analyst Emily Moon; Management Intern Christy Owen; Special Projects Director Alan Miller; Director of Community Development John Carpenter; Director of Information Technology David Puntenney; Director of Parks, Recreation and Libraries Bill Walenczak; Acting Director of Public Works and Utilities Abel Moreno; Chief of Police Dan Montgomery; and Administrative Secretary Kim Farin.

The guests in attendance were Mr. And Mrs. Ted Zerwin, Dan Bloomdahl, Bill Christopher, Fran Coet, Tony Lombard, Carole Pool and David Westerlund all of the Legacy Foundation Board.

Westminster Legacy Foundation Presentation

Bill Walenczak introduced Ted Zerwin, president of the Westminster Legacy Foundation, who gave a presentation to City Council. The Legacy Foundation Board of Directors asked City Council for its commitment, such as staff support, office space, and a Council liaison to support the mission of the Foundation. City Council requested the Foundation's By-laws.

North I-25 Special Districts

Brent McFall reported that much progress has been made on the Forest City project at 144th Avenue and Huron Street. Staff continues to move toward the mid-December target to conclude the transactions with Forest City. As a part of the negotiations with Forest City, Staff recommends that the City and the developer form two special financial districts in this area. Recommended is 1) a 144th Avenue General Improvement District (GID), and 2) a 144th Avenue Metro Special District (MSD). Council concurred with this recommendation. A special City Council meeting will be called on August 30 to take action to get this issue on the November ballot.

Proposed 2006 Operating Budget Priorities

Brent McFall introduced Steve Smithers and Barbara Opie who apprised Council of what the City Manager will propose in the 2006 budget assuming revenues are sufficient to fund the proposed priorities. Staff was looking to Council to provide feedback regarding these recommendations. Council's recommendations included not decreasing the level of JEC funding, indicating benefit costs along side the salary costs and adding more hours to the Rocky Flats coordinator position.

Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 9:14 PM to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a South Westminster economic development item.