TO: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant
DATE: November 28, 2012
SUBJECT: Minutes of November 14, 2012 meeting

In attendance: Jim Dale, Louanne Dale, Marv DeSelm, Jean Garrabrant, Ken Kranz, Jan Martynuska, Marv Morgan, Bob Nelson, Bob Nettleship, Karen Oxman, Eric Scarbro, John Spice, Dick Sugg, Bethany Thomas, Lynda Wentworth

Staff: Mike Bestor, Denise Hish

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

With a motion by Jan Martynuska and a second by Ken Kranz, the October 17, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved.

II. SALES TAX – SEPTEMBER (collected in October)

Sales tax continues to climb; downtown doing great. September sales tax collections were up $73,377 (+6.71%) for the month and overall revenue is up $640,168 year-to-date. Use tax collections were up $887 (-0.31%). In addition, $16,196 in audit revenue was collected in October with $328,630 collected in 2012.

III. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Karen Oxman was nominated by Louanne Dale and seconded by Bethany Thomas. Karen accepted the nomination as Vice Chair for 2013 and the nomination was unanimously approved. Leonard Todd will move into the Chair position for 2013.
IV. PARKS & RECREATION – POLICIES FOR SETTING FEES AND CHARGES

Council had asked to review these policies and that is why they were sent on to CBAC. Rod is sick today and Mike can answer questions but he suggested rescheduling this discussion to the next CBAC meeting in March. Denise will add to the 2013 agenda/calendar.

Mike discussed the cemetery and the plans that are being discussed to try and make this a self-sufficient cemetery. Mike also explained the perpetual care fees and there was discussion about increasing that fee and increasing plot fees. Mike cautioned getting too over-priced like the big cemeteries and staying a unique alternative. Mike suggested having a cemetery discussion next year and having the cemetery staff (Jay and Troy) attend.

V. REVIEW COUNCIL BUDGET COMMENTS WITH CBAC

Mike shared the few comments from Council and minor changes that were made:

Moved money to 2014 CIP for trails at Hwy 93 and Canyon Point and Colfax & Zeta. Ford Street project in 2013 (underground utilities will need to be done with Xcel) and 2014 money moved to 2016. Mike advised Council to see what the 2012 carry-over is before moving forward with some of these projects. Trail on the north side of Clear Creek on CSM property in 2012 and we have a grant for that.

Council had some discussion about the amount of money that is being put into Streets. Council has not made any proposed changes to date. December 6 is the last Public Hearing and Council is scheduled to accept or make changes.

Mike discussed the Insurance Fund and the fact that we have large reserves and so we will hold rates the same Property Casualty (have $100,000 deductible) but we do a really great job and CIRSA has a really good Loss Control Program and the City has a great Safety Committee. Workers Comp is worrisome because of several large claims, but mostly because the state legislature passed a cancer bill for Fire Fighters and therefore we have a huge unfunded liability for anyone that has ever been with the Golden Fire Department who gets cancer. Still too early to put a number on it, but it is worrisome.

Karen asked if we are still strong on being able to continue to get good volunteers and continuing to be a stand-alone department. Mike responded that we are still in good shape, but in the next several decades, there may need to be changes. Starting in January we are going to start a joint training program with Fairmount and we are having discussions also with Pleasant View. There are things and resources that we smaller departments can share. We are also looking at and talking to Wheat Ridge about sharing dispatch. Lots of smaller jurisdictions have joined dispatch facilities; maybe even splitting fire and police dispatching duties. Mike pointed out that a really good example is the Foothills Animal Shelter and how all entities sharing resources can work in
everyone’s favor.

VI. **CBAC FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2013 BUDGET**

Lynda said she would like to make sure CBAC address the Infrastructure – encourage keeping money in the Streets Fund.

Karen really believes that we need to remove the 2 Charter Amendments (Growth and Incentives) that we talked about at the last meeting and also a new DDA. GURA was concerned about having all of these issues on the ballot in 2013. Mike pointed out that the Growth issue is an Ordinance and can be done through Council. The Incentive Measure would need to go to a vote and the DDA could go on the ballot and there will also be four positions on Council that need to be filled. Marv said that CBAC has already shown strong support in the Blue Ribbon Report and doesn’t think we need to show strong support of all of these things; they will just flesh out. Jim Dales also stated that the 1% growth ordinance is already being looked at by Planning Commission. John recommended we put this on the March agenda to discuss in more detail.

After much discussion, the budget letter from CBAC was finalized and John Spice will be at the December 6 Council meeting to represent CBAC and discuss the recommendation letter.

VII. **2013 CALENDAR / AGENDA**

The Committee went through each month, adding and deleting from the 2013 calendar. Denise will finalize and email the proposed calendar.

VIII. **VOTING MEMBERS – AS OF NOVEMBER, 2012**

- Jim Dale
- Louanne Dale
- Marv DeSelm
- Ed Dorsey
- Jean Garrabrant
- Ken Kranz
- Jan Martynuska
- Marv Morgan
- Bob Nelson
- Bob Nettleship
- Karen Oxman
- John Spice
- Dick Sugg
- Bethany Thomas
IX. OTHER DISCUSSIONS / CITY UPDATES

- Adjourned at 9:30.

Next CBAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.
Meet at the City Council Chambers.