TO: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant

DATE: May 22, 2012

SUBJECT: Minutes of May 16, 2012 meeting


Staff: Mike Bestor, Julie Brooks, Jeff Hansen, Denise Hish, Theresa Worsham

Guests: Bill Fisher, Saoirse Charis-Graves

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

With a motion by Ed Dorsey and a second by Bob Nelson, the April 18, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved.

II. SALES TAX – March (collected in April)

Transitioning to a new Finance software system, so the report wasn’t what it normally is. We are working with the company to make improvements and hope to have it where we want by next month.

March Sales (collected in April) – Sales tax collections were up $94,876 (9.9%) for the month and overall revenue is up $230,868 (9.7%) year-to-date. Use tax collections were up $23,187 (8.2%), but for the year, use tax is down $95,054 (-12.1%). In addition, $14,207 in audit revenue was collected in April with $62,722 collected in 2012.

III. CIP & OPERATING BUDGET DISCUSSION

Jeff stated that they haven’t really started the CIP/Budget process yet so there were no hand-outs sent prior to the meeting. Jeff asked if there were any comments, questions or thoughts on anything we should be thinking about, preparing for next year. Jean asked if there are any plans to start the Clear Creek Corridor Plan. Jeff responded that the biggest thing is the Parks and...
Recreation Infrastructure Replacement Plan. Parks and Recreation Board is still evaluating and prioritizing those items and he really doesn’t see much that can be done without some sort of revenue increase and he especially doesn’t see anything happening this year. Mike stated that Council is waiting to hear the report from the Blue Ribbon Panel in July. Jim asked if there are any fees in the Enterprise Funds (Golf course, Community Center, etc) that could be increased to cover some of the maintenance of these areas? Ed stated he doesn’t understand why we keep adding trails and things in Parks that we can’t afford to maintain and that is why he has always been against the Clear Creek Master Plan. Karen asked if the Blue Ribbon Panel is thinking of proposing a lodging tax. Jeff stated that is something they will be discussing, but it would ultimately need to go to the voters. Pat Gorman asked if we received a DRCOG (approximately $400,000) 2-year subsidy for a circulator bus. Mike replied that Steve does have grants and commitments for the first two years but is not sure of the amounts but it would involve matching funds. We do have no commitments for year 3, but we hope it is so successful that RTD continues it.

IV. BLUE RIBBON PANEL UPDATE

The Panel is identifying various trends that have an impact on revenue and they anticipate wrapping up in June and giving a presentation of their findings to Council in July or August. Jean added that they are NOT discussing cutting any City services at this point. The question was asked if they have polled other municipalities to increase their knowledge base or are we just going by organic input, based on experience. Jeff replied that he gave a presentation on Finance 101 and Steve has given a presentation on what is going on in Golden and what areas is primed for re-development and what could happen here. Rod Tarullo presented basically the same presentation that he gave CBAC last month. They have really focused on this community rather than looking at other similar communities. Ed stated that there is another group (some members that are sitting at this table) that is also looking at these same issues called TBD Colorado. It’s a Citizens Committee – pushed by Hickenlooper (20 regions in the state) much larger state-wide scale.

Mike – part of the intent is to take these ideas beyond Council – no rush to do anything right now, we are not in crisis mode, but we want to get the community talking, generate ideas, and get input. Karen said we need better information to the Community; article in the Informer, why it was formed, when it was formed and what they are doing and then a final input when they are done.

V. BIKE CHALLENGE – Julie Brooks

Golden has the starting leg of Stage 6 – on a Saturday, August 25th. The Local organizing Committee (LOC) is busy planning ancillary events and outreach to the community. Ed asked what the financial commitment of the City is this year and Julie responded that the Board’s goal is to make every attempt to reimburse the City and County in the form of sponsorships. She also added that between cash and in-kind they already have approximately $100,000 and they are actively engaging major sponsors in the community. In 2011, the City put out about $65,000 in staff and planning (Fire, Police, PW) but since that was the first year, we know that
we don’t need that much staff this year; we know what to expect. The LOC will be doing the same thing in Parfet Park like last year but will only have 2 days (Friday/Saturday) instead of 3. We are also hoping to do more things during Saturday after the race start and keep people in the park later, with a concert until 7pm and also hope to get people to go downtown to eat and shop. The LOC is also working on a mobile application for the event for information about what to do in Golden.

Just a few events being planned:
Friday – Hill Climb bike race, Bike theme block party, mobile bike bar, Movie in Lions Park (Breaking Away)
Saturday – Expo starting at 7am, Race time at 11:10, Jumbotron, concert in Parfet Park

VI. SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE – Theresa Worsham

Theresa handed out samples of re-usable bags to the Committee and explained that this is a promotion of a project to reduce waste by 25%. We want to get more information out about re-useable bags; economic health, reducing waste. Shelton Elementary School will be using this as a fundraiser and will be getting sponsors to have their logo put on the bag and will sell the bags and use funds for Hands for Sudan and to use for new technology in the school. Dick thanked Theresa for the tour last month at the Evergreen MRF and asked her to share her personal sustainability goals with the Board. Theresa said alternative transportation is her personal goal and challenges people to get out of their cars and onto bikes. Theresa rides her bike to work but because of all the hills, it’s a difficult ride back home, so she purchased an electric bike to get her up the hills; 90% of her ride to and from is on the trails. She feels the solution to the community though is finding that link from light-rail to downtown and hope that the circulator bus is the solution to reduce the VMT for the community.

Tonight is attending a joint meeting with Planning and Sustainability (RTD) is going to different boards to ask for suggestions and input for routes. (Get information from agenda).

Theresa discussed the CSAB Goals and she gave a short description of each and projects in each category. RETAC (Renewable Energy Technical Advisory Committee) was formed last year and consists of members from CSM, NREL, Governor’s Energy office and they were tasked to come up with community wide recommendations. They are wrapping up and will be reporting to Council on things such as encouraging community wind-power turbines, solar, hydro-electric options and should have a final report by mid-June. The report will be published on the website and Theresa will be sire to send the draft to this Committee.

Jean has heard that the new PW building is over budget and asked for explanations. Theresa explained that it is very efficient but bare bones for a LEED Silver baseline, and has been done in a very cost effective manner. There is no solar, no geo-thermal, but is very well insulated. Lots of responsible building elements and most pay-backs are less than 2 years. There were budget things that were not accounted for and it was more because of what was found when we tried to re-use the building as much as trying to do with the green building process. There was some budget over-runs.
Bob Nettleship asked if there was any talk by RETAC or CSA about using natural gas in transportation. Theresa replied that it has been the benchmark standard because it is the cheapest and yes, RETAC has looked at this but at this point, an investment is not on the radar right now because the City shouldn’t be in the business for supplying those things, but giving information to the community. Bio-fuels are probably where we are headed and the State is looking at retrofitting because it is cheaper.

PAYT – Steady increases in diversion and continue to get good feedback from the community. Now the City and CSAB is actively looking at a City-wide ordinance that addresses multi-family, businesses and HOA’s. We want to close that gap and have the entire city included in PAYT. The CSAB Board just approved funding a survey for input from the community.

VII. VOTING MEMBERS – AS OF MAY, 2012

- Matt Burde
- Marv DeSelm
- Ed Dorsey
- Jean Garrabrant
- Pat Gorman
- Ken Kranz
- Jan Martynuska
- Kathleen Moncrieff
- Marv Morgan
- Bob Nelson
- John Spice
- Dick Sugg
- Bethany Thomas
- Leonard Todd
- Lynda Wentworth

VIII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS / CITY UPDATES

- There are no agenda items for the July meeting – send ideas to Jeff Hansen and/or John Spice.
- Denise will send another email requesting who would like to go on a water tour in July and find a date.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:20.

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