TO: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant

DATE: September 23, 2013

SUBJECT: Minutes of September 18, 2013 meeting


Staff: Mike Bestor, Steve Glueck, Jeff Hansen, Dan Hartman, Denise Hish

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

With a motion by Ed Dorsey and a second by Karen Oxman, the August 21, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved.

II. LIGHT RAIL & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - Steve Glueck

- The question was raised; is the Call-n-Ride meeting expectations for ridership and Steve answered no. RTD’s projections were about 18,000 riders a day and in the beginning, that’s where it was, but that has gone down. The City of Golden Call-n-Ride bus is doing very well, even though you see them empty from time to time. They are running 9 or 10 an hour, which is higher than Lakewood and we expected that. RTD staff is trying to get a 3rd bus on line by January 2014, to meet demands that we expect. Contract is from 2013 to 2016.

- 6th Avenue pedestrian bridge – on schedule to set the bridge first week in October and should be in place by November (may be behind because of recent rains). Steve went on to explain the office space that will be built in that area.

- Bob Nettleship asked the status of Tucker Gulch trail under 93 – Steve replied that we were going to start at the west end – all approvals are in place and is scheduled to be done by the fall.
• Karen Oxman stated that we probably need more communication about the Call-n-Ride, because people are confused about costs. Seniors can go to Safeway or King Soopers and buy a booklet of 10 for $10.00/which makes it $1.00/ride. Get the word out to seniors, i.e. Front Porch and students and maybe do another article in the Informer. Steve will talk to Karlyn about an Informer article.

• Waiting for Jeffco and RTD to finalize their contract and when that is done, Golden will be putting about 30 more bike parking spaces in the lot. We will also be marketing that to the community.

• John Spice asked if there was any threat to the RAMP funds - How firm is CDOT’s funding for the 6th & 19th area, since all the statewide flood damage. Steve will need to talk to them. Dan said CDOT says there is no worry about the RAMP funds as they will be looking to the federal government for water damage. We were officially recommended for the RAMP funds last week; final approval in October.

III. STREETS INVENTORY EVALUATION – Dan Hartman

Discussions:

• Dan brought a map of the City streets and placed on the table explaining the 3 categories of streets. There is a series of pavement stress indicators that deem the street green, yellow or red and give it their OCI number.

  o Green = good street - 8.5M sq feet of pavement (60% of our streets)
  o Yellow = critical (will need to address in the next 3 or 4 years). 2.3M sq feet of pavement (cost overlay is $1.25/sq foot)
  o Red = Street will need to be re-milled and will be very expensive. Working on fixing the yellow category streets, so they don’t move to the Red category. 2.2M sq feet of pavement (to bring those up is approx. $8M or $4.00/sq foot)

• Heritage Road is in the red category – it used to be a county road and Golden inherited it from them so there are issues on that street that need to be worked out and brought up to code.

• The Golden Road project came in under-budget but part of it was that the City deleted some work out of the original contract. The concrete portion on that road is for bus stops, the weight of the busses is very hard on the roadways. Parks will be taking care of the center islands and planting.

• To discourage digging streets, we changed our street cut permit and our fees are now based on the size of the cut but also based on the OCI. If you are cutting a good OCI street, you are going to pay a huge premium for digging in that street.
• Len asked if Dan felt that the CIP supports you getting these streets done by 2022. Mike said we have drastically increased the amount in streets. What kind of communications are you getting from people living in the red-zone? Dan stated that this map is a direct result from Council members hearing from their constituents.

• Jean asked about water lines; why does it take so long? Dan answered that when we replace water lines; we dig up the street and do the water line. Then, once the water line is in, we have to super charge it with chlorinated water and then we have to test and purge. Then we have to dig up each service line and connect and then dig and take the old line out of service. It looks like we are doing these 2 or 3 times but we really aren’t.

IV. **SALES TAX – JULY (collected in August)**

Sales tax collections were up $32,244 (3.4%) and Use tax collections were down $29,859 (-16.3%) for July. In the area of audit revenue, $11,032 was collected in August and total audit revenue collected thus far in 2013 is $687,725.

In general, the tax revenue picture continues to look good.

V. **2014 CIP DISCUSSION**

Items discussed:

• Council decided that we have been carrying open space bond proceeds and we will take that money and apply it toward the debt payment which will free up money in the Open Space Fund.

• Another change – Council wants additional traffic calming in Eagle Ridge; going into Stone Bridge.

• This is still DRAFT and we will bring a final CIP to the CBAC meeting in October. Mike said we are still looking for your ideas.

• Mike also added that we need to replace a lot of playground equipment and we are hoping to do that in 2014. Going to do Norman D. playground this year and we have an issue on the ballot to sell another lot at Mesa Meadows that the City owns. We turned that property into a parking lot and now we don’t need that big of lot since Jeffco Open Space built one. We could now potentially sell that lot for $150K. We do have to have voter approval but since that was used as park; we can use those proceeds for playground equipment.

• Mike asked CBAC members to please let us hear your ideas; if you feel there are other items that need to be put in the CIP.
There was discussion of the Dispatch Center and the water meter pilot program and
library parking lot that is used for Farmers Market. The new library Director is
looking at revamping the Golden library to make it more available to new people, new
books there, more comfortable, and more computers. She would like to use the
Golden library as a model and Mike would like to encourage that.

Len asked if Mike is planning on integrating the Planning Commission
recommendations from the letter that sent to Council. Mike said we have considered
most all of the items but don’t have money for the Park improvements but will look at
them as money is freed up. This is the democratic process; Planning Commission has
certain priorities along with Parks priorities and City Staff priorities. Len felt we
should respond to the memo from Planning Commission but wondered the best way to
do that. After much discussion, there was a motion by Meg; we appreciate being
copied on their memo, as there were interesting ideas and we had an interesting
discussion during our meeting. We are confident that City staff, including the City
Manager, Economic Development Director and Public Works Director are taking
the recommendations under consideration and will be taking the appropriate
actions for these items. Karen Oxman – 2nd the motion and it unanimously
passed. Len will contact Planning Commission with our motion.

VI. VOTING MEMBERS – AS OF SEPTEMBER, 2013

- Jim Dale
- Louanne Dale
- Marv DeSelm
- Ed Dorsey
- Jean Garrabrant
- Ken Kranz
- Peter Luptovic
- Jan Martynuska
- Marv Morgan
- Bob Nelson
- Bob Nettleship
- Karen Oxman
- Eric Scarbro
- John Spice
- Dick Sugg
- Leonard Todd
- Lynda Wentworth

VII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS / CITY UPDATES

- Recent flooding discussion:
  o The City did have to evacuate the RV Park on Thursday morning and moved
them to other parks in town. We did fill sandbags but since we didn’t need them, sent those up north for their use. We had 2 F/T people doing storm water drainage, who worked night and day last week making sure things, were clean and running.

  o  Marv DeSelms pointed out that all the bridges that have been replaced (Washington and Ford) really helped because they weren’t even threatened. Mike shared about the study that was done several years ago and that showed that everything the City had done in the last 20 years for stormwater has worked. City Council in 1997 had the guts to start our Drainage Utility and every Council since then that has held strong to our infrastructure maintenance policy.

• Ed stated that he still doesn’t understand where the money is coming from for the Solar PV that Council has approved. Jeff replied that the General Fund reserves and Cemetery Perpetual Fund; It is an Inter-fund loan.
• Reminder – Candidate Forum Thursday night in Council Chambers – 6:30.
• DDA Community Meeting – October 1 – Golden Hotel.
• Karen will be the Chair in October because Len will not be attending that meeting. Will have a draft of operating budget to CBAC by October meeting.
• Adjourned at 9:30.

Next CBAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the City Council Chambers.