City of Golden
MEMORANDUM

TO: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant

DATE: March 29, 2010

SUBJECT: Minutes of March 17, 2010 meeting


Staff: Mike Bestor, Jeff Hansen, Denise Hish

Guests: Betsy Brooks, Pat Gorman, Tim Pasquarelli

Council: Bill Fisher

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

With a motion by Sandy Curran and a second by John Spice, the November 18, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved as written.

II. DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND IMPACT TO BUDGET

Mike discussed the 2 recent memos from the Mayor regarding: Proposed Ends Policy and the 2010-2011 Work Plan and discussed this with the group. He stated that staff has not yet formalized how all of this will be prioritized but we are working on that. Staff hopes that by early summer, we will have a list of what has capital impact and have a council prioritization and narrow down to possibly a list of 15. Jim Dale said he couldn’t believe the enormity of this list and wondered how staff is going to handle day-to-day activities with so much to do on this document. Mike replied that staff is in the process of putting everything into the Project Management Software to manage. There is lots of work involved in the metrics and there may be cost involved, but all of these items will be on the Council agenda calendar. Ed Dorsey agreed with Jim and said the enormity of this plan is mind-boggling. He did add that he would like to see GURA continue in some fashion because they have done some great things. Mike replied that to get a baseline metrics will require citizen surveys and there is no budget for 2010 so they may be in 2011. There will be a demand on the budget for many of these items but it is a work in progress.
Bob Nelson stated that GURA sunsets in 2014 but wondered if they could continue? Mike said they could continue as an entity but would not get the increment. Cynthia stated she will not be sorry to see GURA go, even though they have done some great things, but having them takes away money from other basic services. Diane disagreed with Cynthia and said she would like to see GURA take on the West 3rd Area. Mike agreed that the area is very conflicted with the industrial and residential and he would like to see something done in the future. City Council is starting to look at all these possibilities and options for GURA.

III. ECONOMIC SITUATION AND STAFF REACTION

Questions:
- Diane asked about the Coors Contract and Mike explained that because most of the Coors property is not in the City, we have been providing fire protection with a contract all of these years. This year, Coors declined to sign that contract and they are providing it themselves. We will respond, if called, but we will be charging them for each call.
- Ed asked at what point do you decided on bonuses or adding additional staff; is there a certain trigger in place? Mike stated that he has already approved hiring 2 parks maintenance to be on board by April 1, but a 3rd position is on hold. Police has already filled 2 of the 3 vacant positions. Bonuses will go to Council on June 10.
- Ed asked about the possibility of closing down Fire Station 2 that he has heard through the grapevine. Mike said that there is no immediate plan but may be a possibility since we are going more toward manned stations.

IV. 2009 YEAR-END SALES TAX

Sales tax collections were down 2.4% ($31,582) for the month compared to 2008, but were higher than both December 2006 and 2007 collections. For the year, sales tax revenues were down 6.9% over 2008 and down 10.3% compared to the 2009 budget. In dollars, 2009 revenues were below 2008 by $749,512 and the 2009 Budget by $1,168,579. Use tax collections were up $416,178 (126.4%) for December and finished the year $29,366 (-8.3%) for the year.

Total audit revenue for the year was $2,160,415.

V. SALES TAX - JANUARY

Sales tax collections were down $25,534 (-3.5%) for the month, compared to last year. Use tax collections are down $89,828 (-44.7%) for January. In addition, $29,366 in audit revenue has been collected so far in 2010.
VI. CBAC 4-PAGER BUDGET SUMMARY

Jim Dale asked to see something about the economy in this report; possibly a comparison to previous years? There was a suggestion to put it in place of the narrative about Golden on the back page.

Dick suggested that instead of a %, we should show the dollar amount for reserves. Others disagreed and stated that it should be left as a %.

Any comments or suggestions should be to Jeff by Thursday, March 25, so this can go to print and be in the May Informer.

VII. VOTING MEMBERS – AS OF MARCH, 2010
- Sandy Curran
- Jim Dale
- Marv DeSelm
- Ed Dorsey
- Jean Garrabrant
- Ken Kranz
- Jan Martynuska
- Marv Morgan
- Bob Nelson
- Diane Pasquarelli
- Eric Scarbro
- John Spice
- Dick Sugg
- Cynthia Merrill-Tamny
- Bethany Thomas

VIII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

Next CBAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:30 a.m.
Meet in Council Chambers.