City of Golden
MEMORANDUM

TO: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant

DATE: September 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Minutes of September 15, 2010 meeting

In attendance: Betsy Brooks, Matt Burde, Jim Dale, Marv DeSelm, Ed Dorsey, Jean Garrabrant, Pat Gorman, Ken Kranz, Kathleen Moncrieff, Bob Nelson, Diane Pasquarelli, John Spice, Dick Sugg, Bethany Thomas

Staff: Jeff Hansen, Denise Hish

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

With a motion by Kathleen Moncrieff and a second by Diane Pasquarelli, the August 18, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved as written.

II. 2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Jeff Hansen

Discussion:
• Infrastructure is main focus in Mikes memo to Council, dated 9/14/10.
• SUT Fund provides a transfer of $900,000 from the General Fund to construct building improvements for a space solution for Public Works and Planning staff.
  o Ed felt we should have held off doing Jackson Corridor until we had better facilities for the PW staff. Diane and Jean did not like the idea of doing a temporary solution – We should find a permanent solution.
  o Additional discussion was that the solution would address the next 5 years, at a minimum and probably 10 years.
• Shane’s Inspiration playground was again discussed and Jeff stressed that this would only be done if the grant money was available. Ed Dorsey questioned if this was really something we should be doing now. This will be a “regional park” at best and he is worried about how we can financial maintain it. Diane and Jean agreed with Ed and said they would rather see the funds used for infrastructure. Even though they all loved the idea of the playground, it isn’t a project that would benefit all Golden citizens. Bob added that he feels the park would pose problems with criminal activity and would need to have more police presence, since it is an isolated area. Jeff discussed how the funds are spent and that the open space money can ONLY be spent on recreation / parks projects and
cannot be spent on streets, etc. Jim and Dick added that we can’t do the park unless we receive grant money, but they felt the park would be a good addition.

- Jim feels stormwater fees should be more equitable and based on the square footage of your home and non-permeable property.
- Matt Burde asked that we should have an ordinance that all new parking lots be made permeable.

III. PROPOSED RATE AND FEE CHANGES

There are only 2 areas requiring fee increases at this time for the 2011-12 budget; Water and Wastewater Funds. After some discussion, there was a general consensus by the Board that they were in support of the proposed increases.

IV. REVIEW BUDGET POLICY

Resolution 1606 final action to accept this policy, as is, was tabled until this meeting. There were several comments and some discussion but the consensus was that everyone felt that the policy, as is, is still a good policy.

V. SALES TAX – JUNE (COLLECTED IN AUGUST)

Sales tax collections were up $55,840 (6.8%) for the month. Use tax collections were down $4,102 (-2.5%) for July. In addition, $58,871 in audit revenue was collected in August. Total audit revenue collected so far in 2010 is $566,841. The City continues to have audits in progress and additional audit revenue has been assessed, with collection anticipated by the end of the year.

Downtown continues to do well. Sales tax from both restaurants and grocery are up for the year and general merchandise had a strong gain for the month. All good indicators of consumer confidence.

VI. CITY UPDATES

- Ballot Initiatives – Last Friday, the Chamber had a luncheon to discuss. Karen Oxman spoke at the luncheon and gave an overview of how these ballot measures will affect Golden, Cindy Stevenson discussed the impacts on Jefferson County Schools and Kathy Hartman spoke of the impacts to Jefferson County. Once again, everyone was encouraged to go to www.donhurtcolorado.com and also http://www.citizensforgolden.org for really good information, talking points, etc. Ken Kranz and Karen Oxman will be talking to Gary Wink to find out if he will allow a presence at the next 3 Saturday Farmer’s Market to have a table to educate voters, and hand out brochures on the impacts of these initiatives. Ken asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to man the table, please contact him or Karen.
- Trash was briefly discussed – seems that the “silent” majority of people are happy, and there are only about 5 to 10% of very vocal unhappy people. Lots of kinks are being
worked out and hopefully in the next 3 months or so, things will get better.

✓ There were several people who wanted to know who put up the speeding and welcome “flashing style” signs on Washington Avenue; because they didn’t like them and thought they weren’t right for Golden. GURA had the signs constructed and will start having events posted on the sign.

VII. VOTING MEMBERS – AS OF SEPTEMBER, 2010

➢ Matt Burde
➢ Sandy Curran
➢ Jim Dale
➢ Marv DeSelm
➢ Ed Dorsey
➢ Jean Garrabrant
➢ Ken Kranz
➢ Jan Martynuska
➢ Kathleen Moncrieff
➢ Marv Morgan
➢ Bob Nelson
➢ Diane Pasquarelli
➢ John Spice
➢ Dick Sugg
➢ Cynthia Merrill-Tamny
➢ Bethany Thomas

VIII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS

• With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Next CBAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30 a.m.
Meet in Council Chambers.