

Arvada City Council Meeting, April 4, 2016

Notes taken by Susan Shirley

In attendance were Mayor Marc Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Fifer, and Councilmembers Nancy Ford, Dave Jones, John Marriott, and Mark McGoff. Councilmember Don Allard was absent.

At 6 p.m., attendance by citizens was about 45 people, at 7 it was around 33, and at 7:55 it was 9. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by several Boy Scouts from Troop 21, followed by a gorgeous, a cappella rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by the All-State Choir.

Minutes from the March 21 meeting were approved with no changes.

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Recognitions, Presentation, Proclamations:

6th Grade Essay: Each year, students from several Arvada elementary schools compete in an essay contest. This year's topic is "Making a Difference." Sponsors this year are the Jefferson Foundation and David Holland. Councilmember John Marriott recognized the finalists, who are Dreama Perez from Allendale, whose essay was on making a difference with music; Emmeline Ha from Fremont, who believes more people donating could make a big difference; Camille Broome from Campbell, who wrote about recycling to save trees; Stott's Dominic Scarpello, who wants to use humor to change his world; and Noah Younger from Vanderhoof, who wants us all to clean up our environment. Representative Ed Perlmutter, sponsor David Holland, and Councilmember John Marriott all commended the students for the high quality of their work as well as their excellent ideas.

All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra: There are many area high-school students being honored this year. Recognitions were presented by Councilmembers Mark McGoff, Bob Fifer, and Nancy Ford. For more information on these outstanding student musicians, please go to http://l.facebook.com/?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.arvadarecords.org%2Fcouncilpacket%2Fcurrent_week%2FCity%2520of%2520Arvada%2C%2520City%2520Council%2520Packet%2C%2520April%25204%2C%25202016.pdf&e=ATPBw_RvK8kShPMjU_t42y3kg99t5iKWx-ATP5BHihhz24NFEyKwfcXfoKxHWYV_

After-Prom: Councilmember Nancy Ford presented checks to the five high schools participating in after-prom activities each year. About five hundred students per school, or around 2,500 students, attend the parties, a safe alternative to high-risk activities. The schools are: Arvada High School, Arvada West, Pomona, Ralston Valley, and Standley Lake.

National Fair Housing Month: Councilmember Dave Jones proclaimed April National Fair Housing Month. This year, communities are celebrating the 48th anniversary of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which requires equal access to housing regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, or disability.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week: Councilmember Marriott proclaimed April 10 to 16 "an opportunity to acknowledge and strive to bring justice to victims of crime throughout the nation." Scott Storey, former elected District Attorney for the 1st Judicial District, and now representing the small nonprofit Victims Outreach Inc., said there are 26 million crimes per year in the United States. His organization advocates for the victims of crimes, using mainly a volunteer staff.

Volunteer Month: Councilmember McGoff proclaimed April National Volunteer Month, and the group Organizations Serving Arvada has set a goal of 12,000 hours of community service, to be done by Arvadans in 2016. Lynn Sierras-Krone and Kami Welch accepted the proclamation.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 10 to 16: Mayor Pro Tem Fifer presented this recognition of our hardworking 911 call takers and dispatchers. Kendra, Laura, and Debbie accepted the award, and said that Arvada Police Department dispatches all 911 calls made in the city. Last year there were a total of 138,534 incoming calls, of which 40,586 were 911 calls, a 14% increase over the previous year.

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Public Comment:

Darren Hayman, a 40 year Arvada resident, appeared on behalf of his company, Sonsio, which is hosting a free event on Saturday, April 9. The Arvada Car Care Fest goes from 10:30 to 2 at 5630 Ward Road and features a car show, professional techs offering car care tips, music, food, and kids activities including the presence of members of the Fire Department. For more information, arvadacarcarefest.com.

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Consent Agenda:

Increase in amount to be paid to RNL Design for architectural services at the parking garage; the original plans for the western bridge pier were found to conflict with existing utilities and this increase of \$117,012 is for a redesign. (R16-043)

Increase in amount to be paid to Belfor Environmental, Inc., for removal of contaminated soil at the transit site. There was significantly more material needing to be removed than was first thought. The difference is \$32,214. (R16-044)

Improvements to Homestead and Terrace Parks: Taylor Kohrs LLC will be paid \$783,574 for extensive construction at these parks. The amount to be paid directly by the city is around \$50,000, with the rest of the funds coming from the Healthy Places Grant and Jefferson County open space funds. (R16-045)

Patio enclosure, Lake Arbor Golf Course: This \$63,705 contract with JL Melton will allow the patio off the Lake Arbor Golf Course Clubhouse to be in use year-round. (R16-046)

Bicycle Master Plan consulting: The next step in revision of Arvada's Comprehensive Plan is a rewrite of the bicycle portion of that plan. For assistance with that, the City will pay Toole Design Group \$148,925 for help in devising a prioritized schedule for road and trail improvements with the use of bicycles in mind. (R16-047)

Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and asphalt, W. 56th Avenue between Vance and the Wadsworth bypass, construction of a brand new street where there currently is none, to connect Wadsworth to 56th. This contract, for over \$2,588,000, goes to Concrete Express, Inc., the only bidder on the project. Other contractors indicated there is no shortage of work, and there is a tight schedule hinging on the impending opening of the transit area. (R16-048)

Fleet storage maintenance, permanent 8,400 square foot building to replace the current, fabric-covered building currently in use at the Indiana Shops (address not given in the documents posted on arvada.org) and to be used for storage of Arvada Police Department vehicles. The \$534,389 contract is with Calahan Construction. (R16-049)

Urban Renewal loan agreement: AURA is borrowing \$5 million from the Utility Fund to purchase Arvada Square. Proceeds to AURA from their diversion of city sales taxes coming from the Arvada Walmart, will be used to repay the loan. AURA will not be required to make any payment in 2016, will be required to pay interest only (\$150,000 per year) in 2017 and 2018, and is expected to pay \$600,000 per year between 2019 and 2028, again hinging on Walmart producing sufficient funds during those years. Arvada.org information says that the Walmart is scheduled to open in 2017 and "will take a couple years to stabilize." However, in the language of the agreement is the statement that IRG, the developer, gets their money before the City. It is unclear what happens if Walmart operates for a few years and then walks away, or if it generates very little sales tax because of people not shopping there; however, the agreement does clearly state that "said loan is to be repaid in full." (R16-050)

After the reading of the items, Councilmember Nancy Ford asked staff a few questions. She asked if the West 56th area scheduled for the \$2.6 million of work had been looked at as to what impact future projects will have on that, and also, whether it is usual for this kind of item to be financed by the city. She was told this is being partly paid for by an RTD grant and the city pays the balance, and that the future impact has been thoroughly studied.

All items passed, 6 to 0.

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Resolutions:

Marcella Manor, an apartment building for extremely-low-income seniors at 66th and Wadsworth, has recently been sold. The new owners wish to perform some major upgrades to the building's exterior, some interiors of the units, and site drainage; the building dates back to the 70s and while basically sound, has a lot of deferred maintenance items. Because they intend to continue providing low-income senior housing, Arvada proposes to assign its 2016 state allocation of \$5,666,300 to the Colorado Housing Finance Authority, to be used in helping the new owners with the upgrades. That state allocation, received yearly, has a limited number of allowable uses, and this use meets the criteria. (R16-051)

This passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

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Ordinance, First Reading: Public Hearing for this item will be April 18, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. Rezoning, 15000 W. 64th Avenue, which is currently zoned Planned Unit Development - Industrial. The applicant, Cadence Development, requests rezoning to Planned Unit Development - Business, Professional, and an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, in order to build a 28,000 square foot grocery. (CB16-009)

This passed, 6 to 0.

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Ratification and approval of Planning Commission Resolution: CP2016-0001 is a resolution adding the Arvada Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Planning Commission voted 5 to 0, with 2 absent, to adopt the amendment. (Agenda Item 9A) Meredith Wenskoski of Design Workshop gave a brief presentation, followed by questions by councilmembers. Councilmember John Marriott said he really likes the idea of identifying where there are trail gaps. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Fifer said there is a definite need for safe passages across streets, such as better striping and yield signs, which some trails lack. Councilmember Mark McGoff commended all who worked on the plan, and especially was happy to see that attention was paid to the need for restrooms. He said the absence of restrooms creates a major problem for hikers.

During the public comment portion, three Lake Arbor residents spoke on their wish to have the Pomona Parcel, a 28-acre open space area west of Lake Arbor, given the zoning it is supposed to have, which is park or open space designation. There is always the spectre of that land being swept up by a developer and built up as housing or worse, and Lake Arbor HOA Secretary Gary Osborne said that HOA is on record as officially opposing any more housing in the Lake Arbor area. Councilmember Nancy Ford agreed and said it's time to rezone, because it is currently not zoned for the use citizens want. She said, "It's obvious we don't have a lot of open space, and most of what we have is on the west side; it would behoove us to think about more open space on the east side."

Mayor Marc Williams directed staff to move forward on discussions on the issue of the Pomona Parcel. City Manager Mark Deven said he will get back to Council with ideas for land use in addition to open space. He added, "as staff, we are not going to bring forward a recommendation for housing," because the community is not in favor of that use.

The item passed, 6 to 0.

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Appointments to Boards/Commissions:

Arvada Festivals Commission: Patricia Schassburger and Breanne Maxim for unexpired terms ending April 30, 2017; Erin Seimetz for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2018; and Sarah Gasparetti, Amanda Gregg, and Abigail Blackmore for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019. Reappoint: Lynn Huizing, Sharon Kohonen and Nina Piccinini for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019.

Board of Adjustment: Tom Aljinovich for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2018, Nick Snow and Alan Albrandt for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019. Reappoint: Cindi Kreutzer for a 3-year term ending April 30, 2019.

Planning Commission: Virge T.O. Owens for a 4-year term ending April 30, 2020.

City of Arvada Police Pension Plan Board: Frank Oschmann for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2017.

Executive Defined Contribution Plan Board: Matt Sammond for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2018.

Golf Advisory Committee: Jodi Quinnell for a 3-year term ending April 30, 2019. Reappoint: Thomas Banion and Bruce Pelon for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019.

Human Services Advisory Committee: Amy Hodge and Vicky Pyne for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019.

Arvada Liquor Licensing Authority: Ronnie Kaiser and Daniel Daly for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019.

Park Advisory Committee: Ed Johnson for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2018. Jo Burns and Tabbi Kinion for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019. Reappoint: Gary Scofield, Michael Hult, Erin Newton and Jim Root for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019.

Sustainability Advisory Committee: Luke Rickard and Tony Satriano for unexpired terms ending April 30, 2018. Randy Moorman and Steve Nixon for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019. Reappoint: Kara Giblin and Tara Kent for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Erin Witter for an unexpired term ending April 30, 2018. Craig Bedore for a 3-year term expiring April 30, 2019. Reappoint: Andrea Duran-Carpenter, John Malito and Dan Cupit for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019.

Arvada Urban Renewal Authority: Fred Jacobsen for a 5-year term ending on April 30, 2021.

Design Review Advisory Committee: Reappoint Scott Spears and Matthew Prythero for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019.

Arvada Culture and Art Commission: Bob Dyer, D Manton Reiser, Martha Myers and Joyce Kull for 4-year terms ending April 30, 2020. Katherine Arntzen and Rochelle Bennet for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2019. Pete Simon for a 2-year term ending April 30, 2018.

There was no discussion, and each item was approved, on fourteen separate unanimous 6 to 0 votes. Mayor Williams said that it's difficult to make these choices, with so many qualified people applying. He said Arvada has a terrific wealth of assets in its people, and not everyone can be appointed, but there is a culture of people wanting to give back to the community.

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Public Hearings:

Jefferson County Communications Center Authority (JeffCom): Eight principal emergency agencies, Arvada, West Metro, and Evergreen Fire Protection Districts, and the cities of Arvada, Wheat Ridge, Golden, and Lakewood, and Jefferson County, plan to join forces along with some smaller agencies, to create a combined emergency services communication center. Anticipated savings from this move are around \$3.25 million a year among all the agencies; increased efficiency, faster response times, and enhanced public safety are also expected. All of the 150+ dispatchers currently serving these agencies will be offered positions at the new facility, which is scheduled to go live in 2017. (CB16-007) City Manager Mark Deven said this move will help in emergency situations such as the 2013 floods. Councilmember Marriott, calling it a "big service upgrade," said regional cooperation makes good sense.

This passed, 6 to 0.

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Final reading and public hearing, Second Amendment, Operating and Capital Budget: One-time expenditures across a number of funds, totaling \$9.3 million. The largest items are another \$484,350 to Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority, \$192,492 for Public Works for items in progress, \$272,218 for Community Development, also for items in progress, \$164,761 for the police department locker room, \$2.6 million for the Water Fund, for projects in progress, \$901,500 for the Wastewater Fund, also for projects in progress, \$620,000 for the Storm Water Fund, for items in progress, \$1.1 million for the computer fund for items not completed in 2015, \$1.4 million for the vehicle fund, for items not completed in 2015, \$4.2 million for the Transit Hub, and \$208,000 for police department vehicles. There is also an additional one-time \$10,000 for the Historic Society, which has, in the words of Councilmember McGoff, been negatively impacted by the construction in the Olde Town area. (CB16-008)

This passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

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Public Comment: None

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Reports from City Council:

Councilmember McGoff said the Kite Festival was a big success, on a perfect-weather day. Mayor Williams said Steuben's is open and should be a great asset to the community. He said that, on their pre-opening "soft opening" night, to fine-tune employee training, Steuben's requested donations to the Food Bank in lieu of tips. This resulted in \$12,000 being donated to the Arvada Food Bank. Williams said Steuben's and Klines have also been raising funds for the School House, which suffered a fire and

has been closed for awhile. He said Scott Spears hopes to be reopened in the next two weeks. Williams also said the Olde Town Playhouse--in the grange building on Olde Wadsworth--is being renovated, as is the former site of Brauns, which will be a pizzeria with a dramatic interior change from what it has been in the past.

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Reports from City Manager:

Next Monday's workshop is on Urban Renewal, and draft changes to the Strategic Plan.

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Report from City Attorney: None

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.