

Arvada City Council Meeting, April 20, 2015

Notes taken by Susan Shirley

Reno Rezoning Set for May Public Hearing

In attendance were Mayor Marc Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McGoff, and Councilmembers Don Allard, Bob Fifer, Jerry Marks, and John Marriott. Councilmember Bob Dyer was excused by vote. At 6 p.m., attendance by citizens was 11.

Minutes from the April 6th meeting were approved with no changes.

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Recognitions of Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizens:

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce Arvada Man of the Year award goes to Chris Michalik, whose many volunteer efforts have made a big difference to many in Arvada and elsewhere. Michalik does recording for the blind, contributes to several civic groups, and helped found the Arvada Community Food Bank's Backpack Program, which provides food to 1,800 children every weekend throughout the school year.

Michalik congratulated the other award winners. He said Arvada is a great community and that the Food Bank is full of volunteers who work in the background week after week without recognition. He mentioned Lucille Cook, who just recently turned 90 and is still active with the Food Bank, and some other volunteers who may have been in need themselves earlier in life and came back to pay forward the help they'd received.

The Arvada Woman of the Year award goes to Doris Stipech, who is also a participant in many service organizations. Stipech said she has been here since 1995 and finds Arvada an "amazing community of givers; I feel humbled to be considered among them. What little I do, I get back more, by far."

The Chamber's Image Awards, and Certificates of Recognition from City Council, go to Jane Schnabel and Paul Guarneros, whom Mayor Williams called "two impressive people." Schnabel said she volunteers because she really enjoys it. Guarneros thanked everyone for the honor.

Certificates of Recognition also go to this year's recipients of the Arvada Young Professionals' Leadership Award, Rita Lawrence and Mika Story. Mayor Williams voiced his approval of the Young Professionals program, saying that these are the people who will be taking the reins and leading us. Lawrence accepted on behalf of the absent Story. She said she was very surprised to be not only nominated by her peers, but honored with the award.

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Public Comment: None.

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Consent Agenda:

Change of plans regarding Employee Performance Methodology System: In July, this happened: "R14-095 is for an agreement between the City and Crested Butte company Managing Results, LLC, to design and implement an employee performance methodology system. The contract is for \$86,075. The system is meant to tie in with the city's change to performance-based budgeting and the resultant strategic goals of each department; this system should make it possible for individuals to understand their own contributions to, and impact on, the success of city government. City Manager Mark Deven said that the budget conversion represents an 'intensive business transformation.'"

After some time to reflect, however, the City has decided that the implementation of such a system would be labor-intensive beyond what makes sense for the City's present resources. The contract with Managing Results is being terminated. The City intends to use other means of weaving strategic goals into employee evaluations, and to continue using internal training to maintain employee performance management. (R15-052)

Utility trench asphalt replacement: A contract for work in 2015, in the amount of \$899,370, with Straight Line Sawcutting of Denver, one of only two bidders for the job. (R15-053)

Concrete replacement: This \$930,000 contract is with Brighton-based Silva Construction for sidewalk, curb, and gutter replacement in numerous locations. It includes intensive work in the Olde Town area as well as work under the City's "50/50" program, in which the City shares costs with property owners who voluntarily or through code enforcement action are required to make concrete repairs. (R15-054)
Right-of-way, W. 69th Place, Westwoods Mesa Development: This accepts a right-of-way from Cottonwood Park West for a slight roadway realignment. (R15-055)

Easement granted to Denver Water: The City owns land at the junction of Highway 93 and the Ralston Clear Creek Canal. Denver Water wants to replace conduits which convey water from the Ralston Reservoir to the Moffat Treatment Plant in Lakewood; for that, Denver needs an easement across about a fifth of an acre owned by Arvada, and which has an appraised value of about \$40,000. (R15-056)

Vehicles: Three 2015 Ford Police Interceptors from Sill-Ter-Har, for \$96,606; five Crysteel dump truck bodies and Monroe snow removal equipment from OJ Watson, for \$742,284; and five Freightliner cab and chassis trucks from Transwest Trucks, for \$599,580. (R15-057, -058, and -059)
Whisper Creek Monument Sign, revocable easement from the City to Mountain Shadows Metropolitan District. The sign is to be placed near 87th Parkway and Indiana. (R15-060)

Fenced patio, Grandview Grill: The various city departments and outside agencies who were asked to review this question have not presented any objections. A revocable encroachment license is necessary in order for the fenced patio to be installed there. (R15-061)

All items passed, 6 to 0.

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Ordinances, First Reading:

Public Hearings for these items will be May 4, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Public Hearings allow for interested parties to attend and/or speak for or against an issue. If anyone would like their opinions on any of the following issues to be heard, they will be given the undivided attention of City Council at the May 4 meeting. In addition, in the days or weeks prior to public hearings, citizens often write or email their Councilmembers to offer viewpoints and information.

Reno Park Rezoning: On March 3, 2015, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this subject. From Nancy Young's notes of that meeting: "The City of Arvada is the applicant on behalf of the neighborhood. In 1970, this area (roughly surrounding W. 57th & Yarrow) was zoned Residential-Multifamily, which would allow some commercial uses, duplexes, and multi-family units of 5-12 units per acre. With the advent of large apartment buildings in and near Olde Town, the neighbors organized to protect their charming neighborhood from inappropriate development.

"The neighbors contacted the 55 owners of 58 lots in the district. The responses were: 45 in favor of rezoning (including the owner of 3 lots), 3 opposed, and 10 who did not respond to letters or door knocks." (CB15-013)

Davenport Annexation and Rezoning: Stan Davenport requests annexation and rezoning of his property from Jefferson County residential to Arvada R1, 1 & 2 family residential. The request is in order for city water to be made available. (CB15-014 and -015)

Amendment to Land Development Code: This proposed amendment precipitated a lively exchange between the Assistant City Attorney and some Arvada citizens at the March 17, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. For more information, see: <http://earthside.typepad.com/files/planning-commission-3-17-15.pdf>, or there is a podcast available at arvada.org. (CB15-016)

Vaping, in public or by minors: The January City Council workshop covered this subject in-depth, including a great deal of information from the Jefferson County Health Department. At the time of that workshop, Councilmembers were divided as to whether or not to take legislative action. Bob Fifer was in favor of a full ban, as were Jerry Marks and Mark McGoff. Mayor Williams and Bob Dyer were undecided, and John Marriott and Don Allard were not in favor of a ban. (CB15-017)

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Public Comment: None

Reports from City Council: Councilmember Bob Fifer announced that Arvada has received two DRCOG awards, one for transit and one for work done to improve our community. He said Mayor Williams did a good job with the State of the City speech, and also that the Town Clock dedication is scheduled for May 1 at 5:30 in the Town Square.

Councilmember Marks said that his daughter was taken to intensive care two weeks ago and is now, finally, out of the ICU and into a regular hospital room. He thanked everyone who gave support and prayers.

Mayor Williams attended the dedication of the Jeffco Action Center's Program Services Building. The City of Arvada contributed to the cost of the \$4 million building which features private meeting rooms where counselors can meet with clients to help with job searches, education, and benefits.

Reports from City Manager: Next week's workshop will be about the formation of the Arvada Culture and Arts Commission, relating to the Arvada Center, and revisions to the Strategic Plan based on the January retreat. City Manager Mark Deven said that, if Councilmembers are interested, there will be an opportunity to adopt the revisions at a future business meeting.

Mayor Williams added that this evening's Executive Session was called for the purpose of discussing instructions to negotiators, about acquiring real property in proximity to City Hall. He said that was the only item discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.