

## **Arvada City Council Meeting, April 7, 2014**

Notes taken by Susan Shirley

Mayor Pledges Public Input on Encroachment to McIlvoy Park by PPOT

Public attendance at 6 p.m., the beginning of the meeting, was about 90 people including about 20 children. At 7 p.m. it had dropped to fifteen people.

Roll call revealed that all councilmembers were present: Mayor Marc Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McGoff, and councilmembers Don Allard, Bob Dyer, Bob Fifer, Jerry Marks, and John Marriott.

Approval of minutes: Approved with no changes.

Petitions, Recognitions and Communications:

Recognition of the Columbine Neighborhood was presented by Mayor Pro Tem Mark McGoff. McGoff said that he's been working with this neighborhood group for a couple of years and is very impressed with the large amount of work they have done. For example, they have established neighborhood boundaries (it is from 52nd to 56th avenues, and Wadsworth Bypass to Marshall/Lamar streets; they have had two neighborhood festivals, promoted low-cost energy audits, established Columbine Park, worked out traffic improvements with Arvada Police Department, taken crime prevention measures, worked with Foster Elementary on a community garden there and on neighborhood identity signs, which were designed by a student, worked with the Arvada Historical Society on oral history of the area, and helped enforce code violations. Fifteen members of the organization were present to accept the award, including Rob Hoge and Brenda Hoge of Citizens for a Better Arvada.

Recognition of the 64th Avenue 6th Grade Essay Contest winners was presented by Councilmember Bob Dyer. This writing contest, now in its ninth year, features talented students from Campbell, Stott, Fremont and Vanderhoof schools each year, and is judged by National Honor Society students from Arvada West High School. This year's topic was "Making a Difference," and there were submissions from 273 sixth graders, with two winners ultimately being selected from each school.

Recognition of Chamber of Commerce's Image Award Recipient was presented by Councilmember Bob Fifer. This year's award goes to Scott Parker and Athan Miller, owners of the Steamers Coffeehouse at 8565 Five Parks Drive, near Standley Lake. Steamers is known for employing people with developmental disabilities, teaching self-sufficiency along with a variety of useful culinary skills by providing quality employment to those individuals.

Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month was presented by Councilmember Jerry Marks. Ralston House is encouraging individuals and businesses to display pinwheel gardens, showing support for prevention of child abuse as well as sending the message to abused persons that abuse is not their fault. For more information, see [ralstonhouse.net](http://ralstonhouse.net).

Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was presented by Councilmember John Marriott. The 911 dispatchers are the unseen link for citizens in times of need. Arvada's dispatch staff fields around one hundred 911 calls per day, as well as over two hundred fifty non-emergency calls each day.

Proclamation for National Crime Victims' Rights Week was presented by Councilmember Don Allard, who said that there are 18.7 million Americans affected by crime each year.

Proclamation for National Fair Housing Month was presented by Councilmember Don Allard. The Fair Housing Act was passed on April 11, 1968, and prohibits housing discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or family status.

Public Comment: Harriet Hall appeared with a request regarding McIlvoy Park, "a treasure to all of us." She requested that when a decision is made about whether or not the proposed five-story apartment building next to the park will be allowed to encroach upon park land, citizens be allowed input and that it not be a consent agenda item but involve discussion during the meeting. City Manager Mark Deven said that this issue will be on the April 21, 2014 agenda, and that when presented he will make brief comments, and then the Mayor can invite public input. Mayor Williams at that point pledged to allow public comment on the subject during that meeting.

New Business:  
Consent Agenda

R14-045 authorizes a \$231,513 purchase order to Denver-based L. L. Johnson Distributing Co., Inc., a distributor of golf course maintenance equipment.

R14-046 was for a tri-party agreement between the City of Arvada, Westminster, Colorado's United Fire & Casualty Co., and Denver's Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance for the completion of Wolff Park, but was removed from this week's agenda.

R14-047 is for a license agreement between the City of Arvada and the City and County of Denver's Board of Water Commissioners.

R14-048 accepts three easements from Union Pacific Railroad for detached sidewalk crossings at the Simms Street, West 72nd Avenue, and Kipling Street Road Crossings of the UPRR tracks.

R14-049 is for a \$310,730 purchase order to Cheyenne, Wyoming dealer Spradley-Barr Ford Inc., for ten 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles.

R14-050 and R14-051 are to authorize construction contracts with Henderson, Colorado's Asphalt Specialties, Inc. in the amounts of \$2,894,281 for milling and overlay, and \$911,400 for utility trench asphalt replacement; the projects are 14-ST-01 and 14-WA-04.

R14-052 is to authorize a construction contract with Littleton's Insituform Technologies LLC, in the amount of \$871,005 for sewer main replacement, Project No. 14-SR-02.

R14-053 authorizes a \$383,570 construction contract with Denver's Triple M Construction LLC, for miscellaneous concrete replacement under project number 14-ST-12.

R14-054 accepts an annexation petition concerning Allied Waste Company regarding the area near Leyden Rock subdivision, northwest of W. 82nd Avenue and Yule Way. A public hearing is set for May 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, to determine whether the area is eligible for annexation.

Consent agenda items were approved, 7 to 0.

Resolutions:

R14-055 changes the number of Arvada Golf Advisory Committee members from seven to nine. The committee was set up in 2013 and is to advise and assist the city on matters pertaining to golf, the golfing public, and the city's golf courses. Of the seven seats already approved, four members serve for three years, two for two years, and one for a one-year term. Mr. Deven said that it became clear during interviews for those positions that adequate representation would be better served with an increase from seven to nine members. Councilmember Dyer said that he and Councilmember Fifer concluded that they need more than seven advisory members to cover all aspects of the golf courses and the needs of the community.

This resolution passed, 7 to 0.

R14-056 authorizes an agreement between the city and TC Development, Inc., for the Olde Town Arvada Phase I Parking Site Improvement Project. Mr. Deven said that this culminates tremendous ongoing work with Trammel Crow, and covers and acknowledgement of TC Development as developer of the 9-acre site; authorization of Phase I parking project; and identifies sources of funding. Deven referred to Trammel Crow as "eminently qualified" and pointed to their work at Union Station as evidence of that. There are several levels of compensation to be made to Trammel Crow, including \$500,000 as payment for their work. \$365,000 is to be paid initially, and \$135,000 upon successful completion of the project. In addition, TC is owed reimbursement for such engineering items as geotechnical, environmental, traffic, civil, and soil, plus design costs, all totalling around 1.2 million; bringing the total for the parking project to \$1.7 million. Councilmember McGoff commented that he has attended several public meetings by TC representatives, and was impressed by their level of professionalism and how they fully engaged citizens who attended those meetings. Councilmember Marriott concurred and said that TC has come up with a very good plan, and that he is very comfortable with having them do the work.

This resolution passed, 7 to 0.

R14-057 is to approve an intergovernmental agreement with CDOT related to projects performed by the City as a result of the September floods. The amount is not to exceed \$110,600; Mr. Deven expects it will be more like \$90,000. He said that during the floods, city crews did road repairs in such places as Quaker Street near Leyden Crossing, within days, under the understanding that at some point we would be reimbursed by FEMA and the Federal Highway Administration through CDOT.

This resolution passed, 7 to 0.

Ordinances (First Reading) The public hearings for the following items is scheduled for April 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

CB14-017 is an ordinance approving the second amendment to the City of Arvada Gold Line Corridor Local Agency Contribution Intergovernmental Agreement with RTD.

CB14-018 authorizes an agreement between the City and RTD concerning the redesigned Olde Town

Station Transit Facilities.

These items were approved, 7 to 0.

Other Items:

2013 End of Year Financial Report:

All funds did well in 2013. The revenue for the Arvada Center topped \$1 million, for the first time. Most funds met or exceeded their reserve fund requirements, and/or are expected to do so this year. The ending balance for the city's General Fund is approximately \$20 million. Expenditures from the Capital Improvements fund are abnormally high due to the Olde Town parking structure. Investments of \$38 million yielded an historic low of .53%, and are not expected to perform much better in 2014. Deputy Finance Director Lisa Yagi said that the funds are kept diversified for safety reasons. She also said that building permits in Arvada were at a ten-year high in 2013, while property tax revenue of \$4.5 million is one of the lowest in the Denver Metro area.

Overall, the city's actual expenditures for 2013 were below budget, and revenues from sales tax, building-related revenues and auto use tax were all increased from 2012 levels.

Appointments and re-appointments to Boards and Commissions: Appointments were made to the following boards and commissions. All were approved, 7 to 0:

Arvada Festival Commission  
Board of Adjustments  
Building Code Advisory Board  
Arvada Deferred Compensation Plan Board  
Design Review Advisory Committee  
Gold Line Advisory Committee  
Golf Advisory Committee  
Human Services Advisory Committee  
Executive Defined Contribution Plan Board  
Arvada Liquor License Authority  
Arvada Park Advisory Committee  
Planning Commission  
Sustainability Advisory Committee  
Transportation Committee

Unfinished Business: Public Hearings

CB14-011 and -012 are concerning water rates at Candelas. This evening's vote is "For Decision Only," not a public hearing on these items.

Both items were passed, 7 to 0, with no further questions or input from council.

Public Hearings:

CB14-015 is an ordinance approving the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority (JPPHA) and City of Arvada Advance and Reimbursement Agreement. JPPHA is made up of Arvada, Jefferson

County, and Broomfield. Deputy City Manager Bill Ray spoke briefly, saying that there have been expenditures since 2008 for legal, technical, and engineering assistance, and that those payouts have been considered advances all along, not gifts or contributions by the city. The city has paid about \$2 million, with the largest portion to date being for the acquisition of the three-mile corridor on the eastern edge of Rocky Flats.

There was no public comment, and the ordinance passed, 7 to 0.

CB14-016 is for an ordinance amending various provisions of the Land Development Code pertaining to floodplains. Director of Community Development Mike Elms said that these are text amendments to satisfy requirements of FEMA and the Colorado Water Conservation Board. There was no public comment, and the ordinance passed, 7 to 0.

Public Comment came from Ms. Beau Sidell, who is CEO of Wild Mane Ranch ([WildManeRanch.org](http://WildManeRanch.org).) Ms. Sidell has approached the city for help with finding a good home for her organization. "Wild Mane Ranch helps traumatized veterans reintegrate into society #1 emotionally through experiential empowerment and #2 - helping them transition forward career wise, by learning a wide range of sustainable farming and ranching practices." The city has begun extending some assistance in the search for a location. Anyone enjoying horses and their potential for healing human hearts is encouraged to visit the Wild Mane Ranch website.

Reports from City Council: Councilmember John Marriott commented favorably on Sunday's Kite Festival, estimating attendance at around 1,000 people. He commended the Festivals Commission for a great job. Mayor Williams pointed out the Page 1 coverage of the event by the Denver Post.

Councilmember Fifer reported briefly on the Judicial Committee, including the recent appearance of metal detectors and armed guards at the judicial center. He also commented on DRCOG, which is inviting input from cities on strategic and tactical arteries; FirstNet, for whom Fifer will be making a presentation at CML, and his recent experiences at Sierra Elementary. Fifer said he did a reading of Dr. Seuss in a challenge class taught by a 42-year veteran teacher who will be retiring. He commended the teachers for their dedication of time, energy and passion, and the fire department as well, for sending trucks and an ambulance for the kids to look at and sit inside of; he pointed out that many children are fearful of those vehicles and that familiarity may help at some crisis point in their childhood.

Mayor Williams said that "we make fun of DRCOG a lot, but it's very important that we be there."

Councilmember McGoff commented on the Urban Drainage Flood Control District; some neighboring jurisdictions which are not currently members will be invited to join, such as some of the areas north of Arvada which sustained significant flood damage in September, and also Castle Rock. The District was created by the legislature, so the jurisdictions would need to petition to join and become taxing districts.

Reports from City Manager: None. Anyone wishing information about the April 14 City Council workshop should be able to find that information on [arvada.org](http://arvada.org) when it becomes available Friday, April 11.

Reports from City Attorney: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.