



## FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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For the week of October 12, 2015

### **Inside** the city

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Information on latest happenings, items of interest.

To see events posted on the city wide calendar please visit our [website](#).

### **Council** follow-up

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Resolution of action items or requests from previous meetings.

#### **Councilman Teter requested an update on the South Adams County Fire Station #4 development**

While the building code compliance check has been completed, permit reviews for the planning division, public works department and South Adams County Water and Sanitation District are still outstanding. The building permit currently does not reflect compliance with the approved development plan, which was communicated to the applicant when the building permit was initially submitted. To remedy this, the District's consultants will need to resubmit civil plans reflecting the final site layout, as well as the final landscape plan and elevations. City and District staff have been in correspondence regarding the permit revisions.

#### **Mayor Pro Tem Bullock requested information on the amount of vacant land available for infill development**

Staff analysis shows 215 vacant parcels south of East 88th Avenue, which results in 564.60 acres.

#### **Councilman Teter requested an update on the maintenance of native grasses on the west side of Quebec Parkway**

The current mowing schedule for native grass areas on Quebec Parkway from E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to approximately E. 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. are as follows:

- The area between the roadway and the sidewalk is mowed three times per growing season, i.e. June, August and October.
- The berm located between the sidewalk and the old Quebec St. is mowed once per growing season in October.

Staff also works closely with our contractor to perform weed control as it is nearly impossible to have a stand of native grass that is weed free. The maintenance contractor is scheduled to mow the native grass areas the week of October 19th.

#### **104<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Potomac Street traffic signal installation**

Construction crews began installing the new traffic signal at the intersection of 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Potomac Street last week. The signal should be operational by the end of October/early November.



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### **Councilman Douglas inquired about sight lines and potential safety issues associated with turn movements in and out of the Lutheran High School site**

The public works department investigated the site and found the sight distance is adequate to perform the allowed turning movements. Attached is a memo that provides further information with photos. Staff will monitor growth of the median landscaping to ensure that it does not interfere with sight distances.

While this is currently a full movement intersection, the property's Public Improvements Agreement requires re-evaluation of the intersection when 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue is widened to six lanes. At that time, the property owner is responsible to pay for the relocation of this access.

### **Councilman Douglas received questions from HOAs regarding expansion of prairie dogs onto vacant properties and requested an update on what the City is doing to manage these populations.**

The public works department has never managed prairie dogs on any open space or vacant parcels. A few months ago, department staff was contacted by the Reunion Metro District and asked to manage the prairie dog population at the future park/school site in Reunion South adjacent to Uravan St. and Southlawn Pkwy. Reunion was concerned that the large number of prairie dogs on the vacant property was spreading out to private homes in the area.

Staff hired Animal & Pest Control Specialists to treat the outer perimeter of the site (see attached photo). The first treatment was completed on October 2 with a second treatment planned for later this month. This area will continue to be treated two times per year if needed, in early spring and fall.

### **104th Avenue, Phase 3B (US-85 to Lima Street) Construction Update**

Work began last week on a critical project phase, specifically completing work within the O'Brian Canal as required by FRICO, to line the ditch and complete other improvements. This work will likely be completed this week, which will then allow contractor Zak Dirt to complete the westbound bridge over the canal. Once the bridge is complete, all four travel lanes will be opened to traffic. This is scheduled to occur in late December. The project and is still on schedule for a February 2016 completion; the original contract allowed for completion in April 2016.

### **City Council Work Schedule**

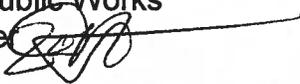
Attached please find the current city council meeting schedule.



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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Maria D'Andrea, P.E., Director of Public Works  
FROM: Larry D. Halweg, P.E., City Engineer   
DATE: October 8, 2015  
SUBJECT: Field Review of Lutheran High School - Sight Distance at Luther Court within Buckley Ranch Subdivision

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Upon field review of the subject property for Ingress/Egress sight distance at Luther Court, the sight distance is adequate to perform the required turning movements. The median was modified as shown in the Phasing Exhibit to allow full left and right turning movements from Luther Court unto 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A right turn bay was created in the median to allow left turning vehicles to enter Luther Court from 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

From a traffic engineer perspective, the left turn maneuver from northbound Luther Court unto westbound 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue poses the most caution from an alert motorist. At this intersection during school drop-off/pick-up, cars likely will be stacked in the right turn bay. To complete this turn maneuver, an alert motorist should check the right turn bay, monitor eastbound 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic for adequate gaps, pull into median, then complete the merge unto westbound 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue when safe to do so. Adequate gaps exist in the current median landscaping for an alert motorist to monitor cars going westbound on 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue to then safely make the above left turn maneuver from northbound Luther Court.

Public Works will monitor future growth of the median landscaping to ensure no overgrowth that would conflict with sight distance.

Attached are a submitted phasing exhibit drawing to show the full turning movement improvements and photographs of my recent field review.

If you have any questions

LDH

Enclosures ( ):





Looking north-northeast at 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue from northbound Luther Court



Looking north from Luther Court at median gap on 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue



Looking north-northwest on 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue from northbound Luther Court



Looking west from northbound Luther Court unto eastbound 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic



Looking northeast unto westbound 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic from northbound Luther Court



Looking east from northbound Luther Court unto westbound 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic



Looking west from 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue center median gap



Looking east from 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue median gap



Looking east from northbound Luther Court at westbound 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic



City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; <u>Minutes</u> ; Reports		1:00
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	15-68	An executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations concerning incentives for several potential economic development projects within the city	CMO	0:30
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION CONSENT</b>	Z-927-15	Ryan Mitchell is requesting a zone change from C-3 to R-1 for the property located at 7010 Fairfax Drive. (1st reading Sep 21)	CD	<b>0:05</b>
	Ord 2069	Grant Recognition - JAG - \$16,354 (2nd reading Oct 19th)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2070	Grant Recognition - Bulletproof Vest Partnership - \$9,568.54 (2nd reading Oct 19th)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2071	AN ORDINACE AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET - RECOGNITION OF PAYMENT FROM CDOT FOR HIGHWAY 2 (2nd reading Oct 19)	FD	n/a
	Res 2015-94	RESOLUTION APPROVING AERIAL EASEMENT TO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT	CD	n/a
	Res 2015-101	Approval of Easement Agreement with Denver Water	PW	n/a
<b>PUB HEARING</b>	Res 2015-36	Open Public Hearing on 2016 Budget (to be continued to Nov 2)	FD	0:15
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	Res 2015-93	5 year CIPP	FD	0:05
<b>ORD 1ST READING PRESENTATION</b>				
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>2:10</b>
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>URA</b>				
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	URA 2015-03	Resolution approving additional land donation for the Suncor Boys and Girls Club	CD	0:10
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:10</b>
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>NIGID</b>				
<b>MINUTES</b>				0:05
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Res NIGID 2015-02	Open Public Hearing on 2016 NIGID Budget (to be continued to Nov 2)	FD	0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:20</b>
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>ECAGID</b>				
<b>MINUTES</b>				0:05
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Res ECAGID 15-01	Open Public Hearing on 2016 ECAGID Budget (to be continued to Nov 2)	FD	0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:20</b>
<b>October 19, 2015</b>				
<b>ERAGID</b>				
<b>MINUTES</b>				0:05
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Res ERAGID 15-01	Open Public Hearing on 2016 ERAGID Budget (to be continued to Nov 2)	FD	0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:20</b>

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>October 26, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	15-433	2016 Federal/State Policy Principles	COMM	0:30
	15-414	Quality Community Foundation Follow-up	FD	1:00
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:45</b>
<b>November 2, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>				
<b>CONSENT</b>	Res 2015-85	Resolution to approve the 2016 Federal & State Policy Principles	COMM	<b>0:05</b>
	Ord 2072	Ordinance amending certain provisions of the City of Commerce City sales and use tax code to bring it into compliance with requirements of Colorado Law (1st reading Oct 5)	CMO	n/a
	Res 2015-103	Second amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement creating the North Metro Task Force.	PD	n/a
<b>PUB HEARING</b>	Res 2015-36	Close Public Hearing on 2016 Budget - Continued from Oct 19	FD	0:05
	CU-112-15	A Good Shop, Inc.; Conditional Use Permit for an auto body and paint shop; 7350 Highway 2	CD	0:20
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	Res 2015-78	Condemnation Authorization	PW	0:20
<b>ORD 1ST READING</b>				
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	15-94	Capital Program Update	CMO	0:30
	15-95	2015 3rd Quarter Work Plan Update	CMO	0:30
	15-518	Senior Advisory Committee Bi-Annual Presentation	PR&G	0:20
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>3:25</b>



City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>December 7, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>				
<b>CONSENT</b>				
	AN-232-15	City of Commerce City/Shell Oil Company - Annexation (1st reading Nov 16)	CD	n/a
	Z-828-15	City of Commerce City; Rezone from AG to Public; North of E 96th Ave & West of Peoria St (1st reading Nov 16)	CD	n/a
	Z-913-15	Shell Oil Company; Rezone from ADCO AG to CC AG; South side of E. 96th Ave ROW, NEC of Peoria St & E. 96th Ave, and the SWC of Buckley Rd & E. 96th Ave (1st reading Nov 16)	CD	n/a
<b>PUB HEARING RESOLUTION</b>				
	Res 2015-104	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR TURNBERRY AND VILLAGES AT BUFFALO RUN EAST PARKS	PR&G	0:15
<b>ORD 1ST READING PRESENTATION</b>				
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:30</b>
<b>December 14, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	15-487	City Council Orientation	COMM	1:00
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:15</b>
<b>December 21, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>				
<b>CONSENT</b>				
<b>PUB HEARING</b>				
<b>RESOLUTION</b>				
<b>ORD 1ST READING PRESENTATION</b>	Ord 2068	LDC Amendments for Telecommunication Structures (2nd reading Jan 4 - <b>Fast Tracked</b> )	CD	0:15
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:30</b>
<b>December 28, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>				
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:15</b>