



PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Special Meeting

Date: May 24, 2010

Meeting Called to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23 p.m.

Present: Andy Pelster, Donna Hawk, Richard Morton, Lou Zoghby, Robert Wells, Bob Washburn
Staff Present: Bob Goebel, P.E., Director of Public Works; Maria D’Andrea, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works;
 Bob Watts, P.E., Transportation Planning Manager; Linda Angus, Administrative Assistant-Public Works
Absent: Joe Procopio (Council Rep), JoBeth McFadden

| ITEM/SUBJECT | ACTION/BY | DISCUSSION/REPORT |
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| Call to Order | | Chair Andy Pelster called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. |
| Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda | | No comments |
| It was decided to present the Transit Tax Ballot Initiative Update agenda item first since Bob Watts has another meeting to attend at 6:00pm. | | |
| Transit Tax Ballot Initiative Update – Bob Watts | | <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to share with the Commission the different funding and service scenarios for transit operations. Town Council has decided to postpone placing a transit tax on the November 2010 ballot, so revenues were calculated starting in 2011. Funding estimates are based on .25% and .33% sales tax increase. A sales tax increase would increase three types of revenue: sales tax revenue, motor vehicle tax revenue and building and use tax revenue. Options considered were 1) Existing Fixed Route Service; 2) Expanded Fixed Route Service; 3) Regional Service; 4) On-Demand Service; 5) Combination of Existing Fixed Route Service and Regional Service; 6) Combination Regional Service and On-Demand Service; 7) Combination of Expanded Fixed Route Service and On-Demand Service; and 8) Combination of Expanded Fixed Route Service, Regional Service and On-Demand Service. These options will be presented to Town Council at their Financial Workshop to be held in July.</p> <p>Commission would like to see an option for a Fixed Route Service serving all of Castle Rock presented to Town Council also cost of contractor managed transit system vs. Town managed, and an option partnering with Sr. Center to provide on-demand service.</p> <p>Al Wonstolen, CATCO Administrator, commented that CATCO has always had the position that eventually, as the Town grew, they would need their own transit</p> |

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| | | <p>department. CATCO was just a cheap way to provide transit in the early stages. Once it is decided that a transit system is needed, we need to decide what kind of transit system. Someone, most likely the Public Works Commission, needs to tell Council that this is the goal we ought to have, this is the direction we are going and this is how we ought to do it. Right now there is no plan and no direction. Transit will help the Town to grow and become a self-sustaining community that provides jobs for people that live in the Town. Castle Rock Economic Development Council has stated that a public transit system is a plus for attracting businesses. Council doesn't know what to do when it comes to transit – someone needs to tell them.</p> <p>Bob Goebel reminded the Commission that during the preparation of the 2010 budget, Council decided that the primary goal of the Town should be to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. Public transit, although valuable, is not part of this goal. Council hasn't taken the position that public transit is not important it just needs to have its own source of revenue. There are more issues out there besides public transit. Our goal is to come up with a viable scenario, look at the funding required and decide when it should be put to the voters.</p> |
| <p>Transportation Fund, 5-Year Capital Improvement Program – Maria D'Andrea</p> | | <p>The Commission has been tasked with developing a 5-Year Capital Improvement Program that prioritizes Town transportation projects. At the April 5 Commission meeting priorities such as connection roads to facilitate movement around the town were discussed. Staff has developed four scenarios for review and discussion that mix and match various projects based on the assumed capital funding over the next several years.</p> <p>The four scenarios consist of: 1) North Meadows Extension (design start and some right-of-way acquisition), Crystal Valley/Dawson Ridge Interchange (Phase 1 design and construction), West Frontage Road (2-lanes, design and construction); 2) North Meadows Extension (design, all right-of-way acquisition and construction in 2016), Crystal Valley/Dawson Ridge Interchange (Phase 1 design); 3) North Meadows Extension (design start, all right-of-way acquisition), Crystal Valley/Dawson Ridge Interchange (Phase 1 design and construction) and Liggett Road Extension (design and construction); 4) North Meadows Extension (design start, all of right-of-way acquisition), Crystal Valley/Dawson Ridge Interchange (Phase 1 design) and West Frontage Road (2-lanes, design and construction).</p> |

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| | <p>Motion made by Commissioner Lou Zoghby; seconded by Commissioner Robert Wells</p> | <p>Basic projects that are consistent throughout all four scenarios are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Plum Creek Pkwy Reconstruction 2) Meadows Blvd Operational & Safety Improvements 3) Ridge Road Roundabout Landscaping <p>(Staff has submitted applications to DRCOG for possible funding through their formula funds leftover from stimulus projects on the above three projects. We expect to hear in July if these funds have been approved and if approved, construction will be in 2011.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Roundabout construction at Gilbert/Plum Creek Pkwy/Lake Gulch Rd 5) Roundabout construction at Perry St & 3rd or 2nd Street 6) North Craig & Gould Reconstruction <p>Due to the reduced funding resources and modified future revenue projections and the commitment of the Town to the TAP Program, staff recommends considering completion of the North Meadows Extension project in light of the need to complete other projects in the Town.</p> <p>The Commission felt that unless there is some kind of economic development planned for the West Frontage Road, completion of that road would not be a good use of funds at this point. Bob Goebel will check with the Castle Rock Economic Development Council to see if there is a plan in the near future.</p> <p>It was decided by the Public Works Commission to recommend for Town Council consideration Scenario 2 for the Transportation Fund 5-Year Capital Improvement Program. Motion passes by a vote of 5 to 1.</p> |
| <p>Staff Comments</p> | | <p>Bob Goebel distributed the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Newsletter. The newsletter contained information on the statewide ballot measures that will be on the ballot in November.</p> |
| <p>Council Comments – Joe Procopio</p> | | <p>Councilmember Procopio was absent.</p> |
| <p>Commission Comments/Concerns</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Washburn asked staff to check on the status of a sidewalk being constructed from the Ridge Road roundabout at Plum Creek Parkway to Mikelson Blvd. ▪ Richard Morton commented that the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority has completed their mission. State is setting up a Division of Transit/Rail to continue to coordinate with other agencies regarding high-speed rail and other transit issues. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The meeting for June 7 will be cancelled. There is a possibility of a special meeting being held later in June. |
| Adjournment | | There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. |