

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
DIANE LOTHAMER, CHAIR	X		
HARVEY HARRIMAN – VICE CHAIR	X		
JIM SEITZ	X		
BOB BEDA	X		
JOHN TALIAFERRO	X		
DELANEY KEATING	X		
COUNCILMEMBER ELLEN HARRIMAN	X		

OTHERS PRESENT: DIRECTOR STEVE WESTBAY, PLANNING TECHNICIAN ANDIE RUGGERA, AND CITY MANAGER KEN COLEMAN.

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00PM BY CHAIR DIANE LOTHAMER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

WEST GUNNISON NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Director Steve Westbay stated the West Gunnison Steering Committee held a meeting on August 27th regarding Phase 3 – Traffic and Infrastructure. There was discussion on the proposed roundabouts along Highway 50. Steve stated the roundabout at the intersection of Tomichi Avenue, 8th Street, and Highway 50 is most likely and needed due to the existing dangerous configuration. Steve also discussed internal street and alley configurations.

Steve discussed utilities stating there are three elements: water, sewer, and storm water. Discussion included two new wells and sewer availability at build out, low impact design for drainage, and using the existing wetland area (proposed park system) as a regional detention for storm water.

Steve commented that consultants and staff are currently working on Phase 4 which is the last phase dealing with the funding element of the plan.

ANNEXATION POLICY DISCUSSION

City Manager Ken Coleman stated staff was asked what the process for annexation is and commented the annexation approach needs to be concrete and consistent. City Council asked staff for a checklist or tool to make it easier to evaluate and see if annexation is advantageous for the City. Ken handed out an *Annexation Checklist* that he compiled that covered the following categories: proximity and concentric growth, economic viability, environmental preservation, and social and political.

Director Steve Westbay compiled a document titled *Annexation Philosophy*. Steve referenced the Colorado Municipal League (CML) website, and 15 towns that he compared annexation policies with to create the document.

Ken stated staff would like input from the Commission regarding the two documents and how to make one document to evaluate annexation. Commissioner John Taliaferro stated he liked both documents and believed they should be combined as the philosophies support the checklist.

Chair Diane Lothamer inquired on application contents for annexation. Steve replied that he is currently working on a detailed application content document.

There was discussion on the City's current annexation process and that it offers more detail than State Statute. Steve provided a flow chart of the three-phase process in addition to the text version.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AUGUST 22, 2007 AND AUGUST 29, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jim Seitz moved to approve the August 22, 2007 and August 29, 2007 meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Harvey Harriman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Yes: Bob, Diane, Delaney, John, Ellen, Harvey, and Jim

Roll Call No: None

Motion Carried

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilmember Ellen Harriman stated at their regular meeting of September 11th, a presentation was given on the proposed inner and outer loop trails system and a letter of support was approved for the Curecanti National Recreational Area.

ADJOURNED

Chair Diane Lothamer closed the meeting at approximately 8:55p.m.

Diane Lothamer, Chair

Attest:

Andie Ruggera, Secretary