

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council Monday, October 30, 2006

CALL TO ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Tauer convened the Executive Session of City Council at 4:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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| PRESIDING: | Mayor Tauer |
| COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: | Broom, FitzGerald, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom |
| COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: | Frazier, Peterson |
| OFFICIALS PRESENT: | City Manager Miller, City Attorney Richardson, City Clerk Johnson |
| COUNCIL MEMBERS ARRIVING AFTER ROLL CALL: | Beer, Wallace |

Assistant City Manager Janice Napper announced the proposed items for discussion at Executive Session.

CONSIDERATION TO RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Sandstrom, second by Pierce, to recess to Executive Session.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Broom, FitzGerald, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom

The Executive Session was recorded pursuant to the requirements of State law.

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 30, 2006 AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tauer reconvened the regular meeting of City Council at 7:35 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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| PRESIDING: | Mayor Tauer |
| COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: | Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace |
| COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: | Peterson |
| OFFICIALS PRESENT: | City Manager Miller, City Attorney Richardson, City Clerk Johnson |

3. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Edward J. Tauer gave the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2006**

Motion by Pierce, second by Markert, to approve the minutes of October 23, 2006 as presented.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom

Abstained: Hogan, Wallace

6. **CEREMONY**

No ceremony.

7. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD (non-agenda related issues only)**

Bryan Butler, 1010 South Joliet Street, Aurora, Colorado, 80010, 303-363-0111, representing the Aurora Police Association (APA), discussed ballot initiatives 2A – 2D, relating APA is opposed and asked the public to vote no on these initiatives.

Council Member Markert asked Mr. Butler his duty hours for today. Mr. Butler would go on duty at 10:00 p.m. this evening.

Rex McKinney, 1010 South Joliet Street, Aurora, Colorado, 80010, 303-363-0111, representing the Aurora Police Association (APA), addressed ballot initiatives 2A – 2D. He asked citizens and Council to vote against these changes.

Council Member FitzGerald clarified City Council was interested in high quality Fire and Police personnel. Currently, the Fire Chief can choose his captains. He asked Mr. McKinney if he was aware of any instances of cronyism, etc in the Fire Department that would lead people to believe the same hiring benefit should not be afforded to the Police Chief. Mr. McKinney has not researched that department and suggested both the Fire and Police Chiefs might be beyond reproach at this time but that cannot be guaranteed in the future with future chiefs. This was in the charter currently and was a part of the checks and balances. Council Member FitzGerald asked if a CEO of an organization should be allowed to choose his presidents. Mr. McKinney stated that was comparing apples and oranges, as one is private industry and the other public government. Council Member FitzGerald stated the charter has been changed many times since 1967 and it is the people's right to do so.

Council Member Markert asked Mr. McKinney his duty hours for today. Mr. McKinney worked until 6:00 p.m. this evening.

John Christy, 1010 South Joliet Street, Aurora, Colorado, 80010, 303-363-0111, representing the Aurora Police Association (APA), stated he worked 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. today. He addressed ballot initiatives 2A – 2D and asked the public and Council to oppose these initiatives.

Council Member Beer asked Mr. Christy for specific recommendations other than increasing the entry-level salary; the Department could adopt to increase the diversity of the hiring pool. Mr. Christy stated Civil Service is an important part of recruiting and more money should be provided for that. Hot commodities cannot be attracted without the highest quality components such as pay and benefits.

Council Member FitzGerald stated currently, the Fire Chief can choose his captains, and he asked Mr. Christy why the same hiring benefit should not be afforded to the Police Chief. Mr. Christy could not speak for the Fire Department, as he did not work there.

Council Member Markert appreciated all the comments on dissent and felt that was what democracy was about. She expressed her displeasure, however, with the distortions. She

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suggested it was calm, rational discussions that made this country and City great, and asked that a respectful dialogue be maintained.

Council Member Frazier expressed his appreciation for the public discourse and for the speaker's time and efforts in coming to share their opposing views on these issues. He disagreed with any articulation that somehow these proposals lower the standards for the City's Police officers and Firefighters. He would not stand for the lowering of any standards for anyone. In his research and diligence, no lowering of standards to bring in a more diverse police force has been realized. He took exception and was insulted by the suggestion that promoting diversity would somehow "dumb down" the standards of the police force. He expressed his hope that the public would not allow an unsubstantiated allegation to deter their vote on this or any issue. He supported the people making the final decision on this issue.

Council Member Wallace believed the dedication and service received currently by the Fire and Police was at the highest level. Diversity was necessary and Chiefs should be able to choose their own captains. She also took exception when slavery is tied into diversity in any way. She suggested those making that parallel should educate themselves further on what slavery and diversity really are. The citizens of Aurora pay the salaries and should have the choice on the ballot.

Mr. Christy was not against the citizens voting on these issues, and was present only to speak to his own opposition. He clarified his reference to slavery was only how it relates to dissent historically.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - 9a-9f**

General Business

- b. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Arapahoe Utilities & Infrastructure, Inc. of Englewood, Colorado in the amount of \$1,400,578.00 for the First Creek Lift Station, Project Number 6995A.
- d. Consideration to EXTEND A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Recor, Inc., Littleton, Colorado in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 to perform roof inspection services through July 31, 2007. R-1223.

Motion by Beer, second by Broom, to approve items 9b and d.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- a. Consideration to AWARD OPENLY SOLICITED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS to various firms in the cumulative not-to-exceed amount of \$5,250,000.00 for engineering services over a three-year period related to capital improvement projects for the Capital Projects Division of Aurora Water on a task order basis, RFP R-1279.

Council Member Beer stated 100% of the value of the Master Engineering Service Agreements (MESA) would reflect direct contracts with the City and not subcontractors.

Council Member Markert referenced Page 29 of Council's backup, which relates to the previous condition of approval regarding approval of the contracts. She asked that the Policy Committee minutes reflect a clear and specific notation indicating the review of each contract.

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Nancy Freed, Deputy City Manager, confirmed the MESA contracts are reviewed at each meeting and would be made clear in the minutes.

Council Member Pierce noted a MESA report was a standard practice at the Water Committee meetings.

Motion by Beer, second by Wallace, to approve item 9a.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- c. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Colorado Mountain College of Leadville, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.00 for consulting services associated with the Rocky Mountain Fen Research Project.

Council Member Markert stated \$100,000 was being spent to consult on land purchased in Leadville that would not work as a reservoir due to a Type I Category Fen. Therefore, the relocation of 3/4 of an acre of land to determine if it would work somewhere else, and which would cost \$1 M that the City would pay \$360,000 over a six-year period was being researched.

A mitigation method for this Class I resource was being developed that would be acceptable to the Army Corp of Engineers and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. It was a \$1M project spread out over six years and other partners were being investigated.

Council Member Markert expressed reservations regarding this being the best course of action.

The land was purchased in 2003 and it was not known at that time that the fen existed. This did not reflect the City's typical due diligence regarding land purchases.

Motion by Pierce, second by Broom, to approve item 9c.

Mayor Tauer noted this was not the time for the City to be made aware of this concern. This discussion should have taken place in 2003 when the land was purchased. He suggested the case might be such that the land would have to be researched in order to get any value out of it.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Broom, Frazier, Hogan, Pierce, Sandstrom

Voting Nay: Beer, FitzGerald, Markert, Wallace

Final Ordinances

- ◆ e. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL amending Chapter 138 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, establishing a Cross-Connection Control Program.
- ◆ f. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, vacating a portion of Emporia Street located between Colfax Avenue and 16th Street, City of Aurora, County of Adams, State of Colorado (Florence Square/Emporia Street). (Case Number 2006-8002-00).

Motion by Markert, second by Wallace, to approve items 9e and f.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

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10. **RESOLUTIONS**

- ◆ a. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, regarding the Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities.

Motion by Markert, second by Wallace, to approve item 10a.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ b. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, adopting a comprehensive set of Standards for Conduct and Ethics for all City elected officials, officers, employees, and independent contractors.

Motion by Markert, second by Hogan, to approve item 10b.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

11. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- ◆ a. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, for initial zoning of one out parcel of 3.34 acres of land generally located on the Southwest corner of the intersection of Arapahoe and Parker Roads, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado to Planned Development and amending the Aurora zoning map accordingly (CornerStar). (Case Numbers 2006-2005-00, 2006-2005-01, 2006-2005-02).

Michael Smyth, Planning Department, gave a presentation of the items. He summarized there was one initial zoning, three rezonings and a General Development Plan approval being presented this evening. Major issues discussed during development review related to flood plain and drainage issues, CDOT access permits, design standards and park land dedications. The conditions attached to the GDP address flood plain and drainage, CDOT access permits, and park land dedications. Staff is proposing a revised condition 3, Page 100, which reads, *prior to the issuance of the first building permit, the civil plans and master drainage report, shall be approved by both the City of Aurora and the Urban Drainage Flood Control District to include maintenance eligibility as appropriate.* Staff has had extensive discussions with adjacent property owners regarding access. Staff recommends approval of these items with the conditions presented in the staff report.

Council Member Pierce asked for clarification regarding the changes to condition of approval 3. Mr. Smyth clarified that change. Council Member Pierce asked if the developer was amenable to that change. Mr. Smyth answered affirmatively. Council Member Pierce asked what the changes mean specifically. Mr. Smyth stated the flood plain issues require a Master Drainage Report and a Conditional Letter of Map Revision from FEMA. The City's intent is to have eligibility from Urban Drainage and one way to address that is to tie that to the civil plans.

Mayor Tauer noted some of the neighbors raised access concerns. Access is controlled by CDOT and strict standards would be applied to ensure adequate access was provided and that access would not affect the neighbors. Mr. Smyth concurred. He stated the current level of service at the intersection of Parker and Arapahoe roads is not good and the improvements are extensive and rely on CDOT's improvements. Given the budget constraints, the improvements would come in increments. Mayor Tauer stated the City has always been very protective of surrounding neighborhood areas. He asked if this would negatively impact those areas or could these issues be resolved prior by site plan approval. Mr. Smyth confirmed staff considered the impact and recommends approval. Mayor Tauer clarified an outstanding issue on this project was flood control on the western boundary of the property and the current items relate to zoning and the GDP, which must be approved in order for this project to move forward to the site-

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planning phase. The approval is contingent upon the CLOMR and Flood Control Plan being approved by Urban Drainage and those will be reviewed when the site plan comes forward. The larger issue must be addressed as this project moves forward. The two different aspects of the drainage include the changes and ongoing maintenance to the floodway. Mr. Smyth stated the Master Drainage Plan is tied to the site plan, the CLOMR is tied to the civil plans and the building permits are tied to both the civil plans and the letter of eligibility. Mayor Tauer asked if approving this item with the recognized open issue, would allow Council the opportunity to ensure it is addressed. Mr. Smyth answered affirmatively.

Charles Richardson, City Attorney, stated doing so goes a long way towards ensuring the flood plain issues are resolved.

Council Member Hogan asked if approving the site plan before the remaining approvals are in place would cause a vesting issue. Attorney Richardson stated it was not a typical vesting situation but was of no consequence because Council was moving in a continuum of control. Council Member Hogan expressed his understanding that vesting would be realized if the site plan was approved in the continuum prior to the approval of the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District.

Mayor Tauer asked Mr. Smyth to clarify the expected chronology of the project and suggested the applicant might be willing to have the site plan contingent upon receiving approval.

Mr. Smyth did so. City Council could at the time of the site plan, condition their approval upon approval of other entities such as FEMA and if approval was not realized, building could not commence.

Jerry B. Richmond, III, 5460 South Quebec Street, Suite #100, Greenwood Village, Colorado, 80111, 303-771-4004, representing the applicant, gave a presentation of the item.

Council Member Beer asked if the applicant were confident the project would include the notable retail tenants listed, where the soccer club relocated and whether their needs have been accommodated. Mr. Richmond answered affirmatively to both concerns, noting the soccer club has moved to different locations throughout the area. Council Member Beer asked the long range operating costs related to mitigation of the flood plain. Mr. Richmond discussed the efforts in bringing the site out of the flood plain.

Council Member Broom asked if the applicant has met with the Cherry Creek Basin Authority (CCBA) and whether it has been determined if this project would add phosphorous to the Cherry Creek Reservoir. Mr. Richmond discussed concerns raised by CCBA and how those concerns have been addressed.

Attorney Richardson asked the applicant to state whether they concur with Mr. Smyth's language change. Mr. Richmond confirmed the applicant did agree and clarified the CLOMR would be approved prior to any site plan and the civil drawings which include the letter of maintenance eligibility would come in later.

Council Member Hogan noted it was unusual to approve a project with so many loose ends but he understood the benefit to the applicant in doing so. He expressed concerns regarding the process. He asked if the applicant had any objections to the site plan containing conditions that restrict construction activity based on necessary approvals. Mr. Richmond stated the risks were understood and could be mitigated prior to the necessary approvals. Council Member Broom stated the site plan would come directly to City Council so that approval could be given *subject to* if necessary.

Don Provost, 5460 South Quebec Street, Suite #100, Greenwood Village, Colorado, 80111, 303-771-4004, representing the applicant, asked that the site plan not be tied to conditions because if

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the conditions are met as stated then the standards have been met and that can be determined by staff.

Council Member Broom stated administrative approval of the site plan would automatically grant vesting for that site plan with no changes, whether conditions were met or not.

Mr. Provost contended the project would not be built without Urban Drainage approval.

Council Member Broom pointed out the project could be sold and it would be vested.

Mr. Provost noted the unlikelihood that the applicant would pay \$25M for property only to sell it.

Council Member Pierce asked if the letter of eligibility tied to the civil plans was an Urban Drainage requirement and if the applicant was aware of the paintball facility's new location. Mr. Provost answered affirmatively to the former and negatively to the latter. Council Member Pierce asked the applicant to speak to the purpose of the waivers. Mr. Provost did so.

Gary Ellerman, 677 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite #200, Denver, Colorado; and Richard Foy, 1560 High Street, Boulder, Colorado, 80304, 303-447-8202, representing the applicant, further discussed the requested waivers.

Council Member Frazier asked Council Member Hogan to elaborate further on his concerns. Council Member Hogan stated site plans with outstanding issues are not generally approved without the statement *contingent upon* and that approval could occur on either a staff or Council level.

Mr. Provost stated the applicant is not looking for any shortcuts. He asked Council to direct staff to not approve the site plan until conditions are met. Doing so would prevent a return to Council unless staff or Council is not satisfied and the item is called up.

Mayor Tauer asked if the applicant was amenable to the requirement that the site plan cannot be presented to the Planning Commission prior to approval by Urban Drainage and FEMA. Mr. Provost answered affirmatively.

Council Member Broom stated the total cost of the interchange at Parker and Arapahoe roads is approximately \$50M and would be phased, as the funds are made available. He asked if the project would be economically viable without the completion of the interchange and what is being done to assist in its construction. Mr. Provost stated the current traffic design works with their project. Mr. Richmond discussed improvements being proposed in cooperation with CDOT that would facilitate their project.

Patricia Thatcher, 1433 17th Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202, 303-295-0202, representing Magnum Land Ventures, which is the tree farm and nursery facility located adjacent to the project, expressed concerns related to the item such as flood plain mitigation, site access and construction traffic negatively impacting the nursery business.

Mayor Tauer asked if Ms. Thatcher would be amenable to the project if those issues were addressed. Ms. Thatcher answered affirmatively.

Mr. Richmond addressed concerns raised related to the nursery site.

Mayor Tauer stated issues of access are typically addressed during site plan review and do not specifically relate to zoning.

Attorney Richardson stated Ms. Thatcher's comments were not germane to the precise planning items being reviewed tonight but were rather a statement of concern.

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Mayor Tauer asked if the discussion regarding drainage being addressed prior to site plan approval would require an amendment. Attorney Richardson answered no.

Council Member Sandstrom commented this project would be a nice addition to the City.

Council Member Broom commented the Parker and Arapahoe interchange would significantly improve traffic in that quadrant of the City.

Motion by Frazier, second by FitzGerald, to introduce item 11a.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ b. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, for the rezoning of 69.079 acres of land generally located on the Southwest corner of the intersection of Arapahoe and Parker Roads, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado to Planned Development and amending the Aurora zoning map accordingly (CornerStar). (Case Number 2006-2005-01)

Motion by Frazier, second by FitzGerald, to introduce item 11b.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ c. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, for the rezoning of 52.71 acres of land generally located on the Southwest corner of the intersection of Arapahoe and Parker Roads, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado to Planned Development and amending the Aurora zoning map accordingly (CornerStar). (Case Number 2006-2005-01).

Motion by Frazier, second by FitzGerald, to introduce item 11c.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ d. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, for the rezoning of 32.693 acres of land generally located on the Southwest corner of the intersection of Arapahoe and Parker Roads, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado to Planned Development and amending the Aurora zoning map accordingly (CornerStar). (Case Number 1006-2005-01).

Motion by Frazier, second by Broom, to introduce item 11d.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ e. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, adopting a General Development Plan for Mixed-use Development of 157.78 acres of land generally located on the Southwest corner of the intersection of Arapahoe and Parker Roads, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado to Planned Development and amending the Aurora zoning map accordingly (CornerStar). (Case Number 1006-2005-02).

Motion by FitzGerald, second by Markert, to introduce item 11e.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

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12. **ANNEXATIONS**

- ◆ a. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION approving an Annexation Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado, and Beth Israel Foundation for the Aged, creating a vested property right pursuant to Article 68 of Title 24, C.R.S. for certain lands located in the North half of the Northeast quarter and the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado (Shalom Park) 9.58 acres more or less.

Motion by Broom, second by Sandstrom, to introduce item 12a.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ b. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, annexing certain lands located in the North half of the Northeast quarter and the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, (Shalom Park) 9.58 acres.

Motion by Broom, second by Hogan, to approve item 12b.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ c. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL for the Initial Zoning of a parcel of land generally located East of Parker Road, approximately 800 feet South of Belleview, to Planned Development with an associated General Development Plan for campus expansion and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly, (Shalom Park West) 9.70 acres more or less. (Case Number 2006-2003-00).

Motion by Hogan, second by Pierce, to approve item 12c.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

13. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS**

None.

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration to reappoint one incumbent member and appoint one new member to a three-year term on the Business Advisory Board.

Motion by Broom, second by Frazier, to reappoint Jude Sandvall to the Business Advisory Board.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

Council Member Wallace nominated Derrick Barnett for the new member vacancy on the Business Advisory Board.

Council Member Frazier nominated John Gay.

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Council Member Markert nominated John Haien.

Motion by Wallace, second by Beer, to appoint Derrick Barnett to the Business Advisory Board.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- b. Consideration to appoint one new member to a three-year term on the Aurora Commission for Seniors.

Motion by Broom, second by Hogan, to appoint Carol Getty to the Aurora Commission for seniors.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

15. **REPORTS**

- a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Tauer wished Council Member Sandstrom well in the upcoming elections, encouraged everyone to be aware of the children out trick or treating tomorrow night, and to vote early. He listed the early voting locations in Arapahoe and Adams County.

- b. Reports by the Council

Council Member FitzGerald asked citizens to please vote next week.

Council Member Markert reported many Light Rail parties are planned for November 16 – 18, 2006. The City is sponsoring parties at Nine Mile and Hampden Town Center on Saturday, November 18, 2007. She discussed the Arapahoe County 2006 Adopt-a-Family program, which serves families and at-risk seniors during the holiday season. Last year, people in Aurora helped 158 local families. Anyone interested should call 303-636-1150.

Council Member Pierce related his experience visiting Southlands this past weekend. It was Trick or Treat Day, children were out in their costumes, and stores were handing out candy. He was told the developer provided all of the candy to the center and he expressed his appreciation to Mr. Provost for doing so.

Council Member Hogan expressed his well wishes to Council Member Sandstrom in next week's election.

Council Member Broom reminded everyone that tomorrow was Halloween and asked everyone driving in the neighborhoods to be cautious of the children out trick or treating. He related his visit to the open house at Fire Station #14 and expressed his appreciation to City Council for their support during the budgetary process.

Council Member Sandstrom commented November 10 is Veteran's Day. She encouraged everyone to express their appreciation to veterans by flying their flags or attending events around the City.

Council Member Beer wished everyone a happy Halloween and echoed Council Member Broom's comments regarding the safety awareness of the children.

16. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

None.

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17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tauer adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 9:44 p.m.

EDWARD J. TAUER, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBRA JOHNSON, City Clerk

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