

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council June 18, 2007

CALL TO ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Tauer convened the Executive Session of City Council at 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSIDERATION TO RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

1. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2007 AND CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2007

Motion by Markert, second by Wallace, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2007 as presented.

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

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6. **CEREMONY**

None.

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

Pat Tudor, Aurora, CO, expressed frustrations that secret meetings of the North Aurora Neighborhood Organization (NANO) were being held at the North Aurora Business Association (NABA) offices. She stated one NABA member told her that she would not be allowed to attend these meetings or hold a position on the Board of Directors. She was also made aware of one other resident who was told they could not attend the meetings as well. Ms. Tudor asked Council to pull Grants and other funding the City has given to NABA, and for the City Manager to provide her with the sources of that funding. She contacted her Ward Council Member regarding this issue, but did not receive any response.

Mayor Tauer stated he will have the City Attorney get in touch with Ms. Tudor to address her concerns.

Francis Peter Maks, Jr., Aurora, CO, stated his concerns with the new water project that will cost the City \$750 M. A book from the Aurora Library, titled *Gateway to the Rockies*, stated in a 1984 study that Aurora would have enough water to sustain up to 700,000 residents in the future due to the City's acquisition of water rights and expanded treatment facilities. Mr. Maks asked where all the water is now, or if the City sold it. He also announced his candidacy for Mayor for the November election.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

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

General Business

- a. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Envirotech Services Inc., Greeley, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of \$608,000.00 for the annual requirement of granular deicing product through June 30, 2008.
- c. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Brown and Caldwell, Golden, Colorado in an amount not to exceed \$1,068,954.00 to provide engineering services for preliminary design, site planning and final design documents associated with Bid Package N of the Prairie Waters Project, R-1304.
- d. Consideration to APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT for the purchase of 84 acres, more or less, of property located in the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Weld County, Colorado (McWilliams).
- e. Consideration to AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the RML Lease Termination Agreement terminating a mining lease held by Aggregate Industries and providing a Right of Exclusive Negotiation and a Right of First Refusal on City property located in Sections 13 and 24, Township 1 North, Range 67 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Weld County, Colorado.

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Motion by Broom, second by Pierce, to approve items 9a, c-e.

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

- b. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Power Engineers, Inc., Lakewood, Colorado in the amount of \$2,493,830.62 for the Aurora Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Wide Area Network Radio Towers, Project No. 5115A.

Council Member Beer asked what the height will be for the three new towers. Larry Catalano, Manager of Capital Projects, Aurora Water, stated the height will be the same as the existing tower on Mexico Avenue. They are all set in the same line of site in order to get the radio signals between facilities. Council Member Beer suggested space on the towers be made available to wireless communication vendors as a way to bring non-tax revenue into the City, provided all necessary conditions are met. Mr. Catalano stated the department will look into the idea.

Council Member Broom asked if the tower at the Aurora Reservoir site will be near the new water treatment plant. Mr. Catalano stated that is correct.

Motion by Beer, second by Hogan, to approve item 9b.

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

Final Ordinances

- ◆ f. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City of Aurora, Colorado, organizing the Havana Business Improvement District; appointing the initial members of the Board of Directors of the District; and approving the preliminary Operating Plan and 2008 Budget for the District. Ordinance 2007-36, Introduced 10-0 at the June 4, 2007 City Council meeting.

Motion by Markert, second by Beer, to approve item 9f.

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

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

- ◆ a. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City of Aurora, Colorado, setting the date of a Public Hearing concerning the organization of General Improvement District 1-2007 (Cherry Creek Racquet Club) and ordering publication and mailing of Notice of Hearing to Electors of the proposed District.

Council Member Broom stated this item will allow a neighborhood in his Ward to be the first group to take advantage of the new General Improvement District financing program recently approved by the City Council, for the construction of a masonry fence around the neighborhood. Petitions were signed by a sufficient number of residents living in the proposed district to schedule a Public Hearing on this potential November ballot issue. He encouraged those residents to attend the Public Hearing.

Mayor Tauer Congratulated staff and the residents for their great work on getting this accomplished.

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Motion by Broom, second by Sandstrom, to approve item 10a.

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

- ◆ b. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to an agreement dated April 7, 1998 between the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the City and County of Denver regarding temporary wastewater collection and treatment services.

Motion by Sandstrom, second by Beer, to approve item 10b.

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

- ◆ c. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Geological Survey concerning environmental services.

Motion by Hogan, second by Pierce, to approve item 10c.

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

- ◆ d. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the 2007 Improvements Agreement with Weld County for private road maintenance.

Motion by Markert, second by Peterson, to approve item 10d.

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

11. **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

- ◆ a. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION amending certain sections of Chapter 146 of the City Code of the City of Aurora Colorado, related to taverns in Commercial and Mix-Use Zone Districts.

Council Member Markert expressed her thanks to staff for making some minor adjustments to the ordinance after review at Study Session. She stated this is a valuable piece of legislation to level the playing field for restaurants.

Council Member FitzGerald asked staff for a brief explanation of the item. Peter Kernkamp, Planning, stated currently, taverns with restaurants have been permitted in the districts while taverns without restaurants have not been permitted. This ordinance will allow those businesses to also be allowed as a conditional use in certain zone districts, and adds some standards regarding smoking patios to make sure they comply with the zoning code and Indoor Clean Air Act.

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Motion by FitzGerald, second by Markert, to approve item 11a.

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

- ◆ b. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending Section 146-1224 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, related to Daycare Homes.

Council Member Sandstrom asked for a brief explanation of this item for those in the daycare industry. Peter Kernkamp, Planning, stated this ordinance brings the City Building and Zoning Codes more in line with each other. Home daycare providers will be allowed a maximum of five children, not including their own, to be taken care of in the home.

Council Member Hogan expressed his frustration with cutting back the number of children allowed from six to five for daycare providers that do not have children of their own. Mr. Kernkamp stated any more than the five non-resident children allowed, changes the occupancy classification as specified in the Building Code, and the homeowner would have to comply with additional Building Code regulations. Council Member Hogan shared his frustration with changes made just to comply with the International Building Code, as the same standards do not apply to cities of various sizes and needs.

Council Member Wallace asked if there is any allowance included for homes that have children attending school during the day and are only at daycare for a limited time. Mr. Kernkamp stated only five non-resident children would be still allowed in those circumstances.

Mayor Tauer stated that the Planning, Economic Development & Redevelopment Policy Committee might start recommending minor adjustments to the International Building Code in the near future, in order to make some of the codes more tailored to Aurora's needs.

Motion by Peterson, second by Pierce, to approve item 11b.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom

Voting No: Hogan, Markert, Wallace

12. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- ◆ a. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, adopting an Amendment to the 2003 City of Aurora Comprehensive Plan allowing for Medium Density Residential use within that portion of the E-470/ Northeast Plains area generally bounded by 64th Avenue, Picadilly Road, 56th Avenue, and Himalaya Avenue, and amending all associated land use maps accordingly (Painted Prairie).
- ◆ b. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, rezoning a parcel of land generally located on the Northwest corner of 56th Avenue and Picadilly Road from E-470 Airport-Corporate and Airport Distribution to E-470 Medium Density Residential and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (Painted Prairie). 640.0 acres more or less.

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Discussion for items 12a and 12b were taken together. Mindy Parnes, Planning, gave a brief introduction of the items, stating these ordinances will aid in the development of a mixed-use neighborhood. Planning Commission had no recommendation on the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan due to the lack of a required 2/3 majority vote, but did approve the rezoning with a required simple majority vote. Planning Commission's main concern was the proximity of the site to Denver International Airport (DIA). She noted the location of the area is over one mile from the nearest interchange on E-470. She displayed maps showing the layout of the mixed uses in the area. Six neighborhood meetings have been held over the last few years regarding the project, and many of the issues raised have already been resolved. Staff recommends approval of both items.

Mayor Tauer asked for confirmation that the proposed area is within an allowable noise contour of the airport which permits residential development. Karen Hancock, Airport Noise Coordinator, Planning, stated the area is within allowable limits, and is actually more conservative than what the Intergovernmental Agreement requires. She confirmed that the proposed development is in a contour that permits residential development, and other development already exists in the area.

Council Member Markert asked at what contour level residential development is no longer permitted. Ms. Hancock stated the 55-60 LDN contour, in which this project is being proposed, is the only contour around the airport which allows residential development. Sound proofing must be included in the construction. Council Member Markert asked if this project would have any impact on a potential new runway at DIA in the future. Ms. Hancock stated all potential future runways and airport operations are already included in the contour map for this project.

Council Member Pierce asked what homebuyers will have to sign in order to acknowledge the noise potential from the proximity of their home to the airport. Ms. Hancock stated DIA does not have an Airport Influence District (AID) as the other three smaller airports in the area do. An AID requires that notifications are required for any properties within that area. The contour for this proposed area has been squared off in order to create an AID area. Realtors are required to provide a notice to all potential buyers that the residence is located in an area of potentially high aircraft noise, vibration, dust emission and other nuisances. This notice will be signed at the time of closing, and an Avigation Easement will be attached to the title to the property.

Christopher Fellows, 4 Inverness Court, Englewood, CO 80012, representing the applicant, introduced representatives from Civitas, Kinney Group, and Denver International Airport who are present to answer any questions. This project was started over three years ago and they felt this property was well suited for a great neighborhood for the City. This property was originally annexed into the City in 2001, and current standards allow for 50% to be zoned residential and 50% as commercial. He complimented City staff for being professional, responsive, polite and helpful in regard to the project. The applicant has worked closely with adjacent neighborhoods by holding numerous public meetings, noting Singletree supports the proposed project. They believe the rezoning request is reasonable in order to correct an error in the original annexation agreement which called for a single zoning overlay, but was split into two. This will correct an imbalance in land use due to the addition of E-470 and other development in the area that did not exist at the time the Comprehensive Plan was approved. The City of Denver has zoned their property to the South of the proposed development as residential, and surrounding property in Aurora is also zoned residential. There are other areas in the E-470 corridor that are more suited to commercial development, with better access, visibility and traffic flow. Mr. Fellows summarized a one page letter from Mark Johnson of Civitas, noting E-470 was built with a low profile, and much of the land surrounding the 64th Avenue interchange closest to this project is invisible in either direction of travel.

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Jerry Kanter, City and County of Denver, Denver International Airport, Denver, CO 80249, stated that the City of Denver is fully supportive of this rezoning ordinance and has no concerns with the distance of the proposed development from the airport.

Council Member Hogan noted as a procedural matter, that item 13a is also associated with this proposed project, and the Annexation Agreement item should be taken first, because if it is denied, then items 12a and 12b are moot. He would like to see them listed in the correct order on the agenda in the future. Charles Richardson, City Attorney, will work with staff to make sure annexation items are in a specific order.

Motion by Hogan, second by Peterson, to approve item 12a.

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

Motion by Peterson, second by Pierce, to approve item 12b.

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

13. **ANNEXATIONS**

- a. Consideration to APPROVE the First Amendment to the Annexation Agreement for Section 11, Township 3 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, City of Aurora, County of Adams, State of Colorado (Painted Prairie)

Scott VanGenderen, Development Assistance, gave a brief introduction of the item, noting the original Annexation Agreement was approved in 2001. The property in question was originally owned by the City and County of Denver on behalf of the Department of Aviation. The proposed amendment removes a restriction for residential development in the North half of the property which Denver no longer feels is necessary, and adds a small piece of land that was adjacent to the right-of-way into the annexation area.

Council Member Beer asked if the land in question was owned by the City and County of Denver, but located in Unincorporated Adams County prior to the annexation by the City in 2001 and not included in the 1989 DIA annexation. Mr. VanGenderen stated that is correct.

Motion by Hogan, second by Frazier, to approve item 13a.

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

- ◆ b. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION finding a petition for annexation of a parcel of land located in the Southwest quarter of Section 4, the South half of Section 5, the North half and Southwest quarter of Section 8, and the West half of Section 9, Township 3 South, Range 65 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Adams, State of Colorado, to be in substantial compliance with Section 31-12-107(1), Colorado Revised Statutes, and giving notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed annexation (ACP DIA 1287 Investors, LLC). 1274.127 acres.

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Council Member Beer stated Council usually has concerns regarding costs associated with new annexations, but this area will be developed as commercial, and will generate revenue for the City.

Council Member FitzGerald asked if this proposed annexation is within the City's Planning and Annexation Boundary. Scott VanGenderen, Development Assistance, stated that is correct.

Council Member Pierce stated information regarding water usage for new annexations is usually included in the backup. It is not included with this item, and he asked if it would be provided at a later date. Mr. VanGenderen stated they will attempt to provide that information. More water is associated with residential development than commercial, but the actual uses on this property are unknown at this time so it is difficult to predict water usage. He will meet with the Water Department and provide as much information as possible when the annexation ordinance comes to Council.

Mayor Tauer clarified that tonight Council is not approving the annexation, just finding the petition in substantial compliance and setting a Public Hearing for the annexation. Mr. VanGenderen stated that is correct.

Council Member Markert asked why this parcel is being requested for annexation. Mr. VanGenderen stated if a property is eligible for annexation as defined in the Comprehensive Plan, and a petition for annexation from the purchaser is received, it comes to Council for consideration. Council Member Markert stated she would like more information as to what the property will be used for before voting on compliance for annexation. Charles Richardson, City Attorney, stated she raises a good question, however, of the nine legal requirements for annexation, the most important are that contiguity exists and that the signers of the petition are comprised of more than 50% of the owners owning more than 50% of the property. Staff is limited on their ability to evaluate uses based on the petition.

Mayor Tauer asked if the noise contours for the area rule out any residential development on the property, which basically forces only commercial/industrial uses. Mr. VanGenderen stated between the noise contours and the Northeast Plains Zoning, staff anticipates no residential development. Action regarding zoning in the Northeast Plains area will come back to Council with regard to this annexation.

Francis Peter Maks, Jr., 9109 East 12th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80010-3004, voiced his opposition to this annexation of 1,274 acres of land. Each annexation into the City takes a toll on the City's water supply. There is too much annexation going on, and the City residents pay the price.

Motion by Frazier, second by Beer, to approve item 13b.

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

Voting No: Markert

14. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS**

None.

15. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration to reappoint seven incumbent members to a two-year term on the Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation District Board.

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Motion by Hogan, second by Peterson, to approve the reappointment of Nadine Caldwell, George Dumas, Kathleen Green, J. Thomas Jacobs, Leland Lotter, Frank Ragan and Frank Weddig to the Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation District Board.

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

- b. Consideration to reappoint three incumbent members to a three-year term on the Golf Course Advisory Committee.

Motion by Peterson, second by Markert, to approve the reappointment of Larry Jackel, John Weber and Laurie Steenrod to the Golf Course Advisory Committee.

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

- c. Consideration to appoint two new members to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion by Pierce, second by FitzGerald, to approve the appointment of William J. Convery III and Ruth M. Fountain to the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

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

Motion by Beer, second by Wallace, to approve the appointment of Augustin V. Jazo to the Aurora Commission for Seniors.

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

- e. Consideration to appoint one new member to a three-year term on the Local Licensing Authority.

Motion by Markert, second by Frazier, to approve the appointment of James Pierce to the Local Licensing Authority.

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

- f. Consideration to appoint one new member to a three-year term on the Veterans' Affairs Commission.

Motion by Peterson, second by Wallace, to approve the appointment of Carl Nowalk Jr. to the Veterans' Affairs Commission.

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

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16. **REPORTS**

a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Tauer thanked the Aurora Veterans' Commission for holding a flag retirement ceremony this weekend which was very impressive. He reported on the Potters Guild open house and sale on Saturday at Bicentennial Park. He invited everyone to come out for the festivities and great fireworks the City will host on the Fourth of July. Viewing is good from any location near City Hall, and it is one of the best fireworks shows in the area. Finally, he welcomed the University of Colorado Hospital to the City and congratulated them on their successful move over the weekend. The City is thrilled to have them as a new resident.

b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Beer announced his Ward III Town Meeting will be held on June 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aurora Room and development at Lowry will be discussed. He attended the Arapahoe County Open Space Tax Shareback ceremony with Jack Cooper, Director of Parks and Open Space. The City received \$5.3M which will go toward developing parks and open space. He displayed one of the two birdhouse awards the City received.

Council Member Wallace announced the opening of the Moline/Macon Streets development with the Aurora Housing Authority that will provide housing to the homeless. 30 new apartments were built, with ten of them going to homeless families. She stated this is a fantastic project, and she is pleased it is located in Ward I.

Council Member Sandstrom announced an Open House for discussion on redevelopment of the 9-Mile area on June 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Key Bank Community Room, 3000 South Peoria Street. She encouraged anyone living nearby to come by to hear information regarding planning and development for that area. She mentioned the Regional Air Quality Council, of which she is a member, provides ozone education, and it is the time of year to be reminded of air quality alerts. Everyone can help by driving less, filling gas tanks in the evening, not overfilling tanks, mowing lawns in the evenings, or using electric or push lawn mowers. More information can be obtained at www.ozoneaware.org. This is a critical issue, not only for people with respiratory problems, but the business community, as strict restrictions will be put in place if we are not in compliance with acceptable levels.

Council Member Frazier extended Happy Birthday wishes to his 9-year old son. He announced he will be going to Africa next month with *Engineers without Borders*, an organization which provides engineering solutions such as clean drinking water and sanitation systems to developing countries in an effort to improve their quality of life.

Council Member Pierce announced the annual Bike to Work Day will be June 27, 2007. Breakfast will be provided to City employees who participate. Registration forms and entries for prizes can be obtained at www.drcog.org. He also reported that two new Habitat for Humanity homes were dedicated last Thursday. He congratulated the Hernandez and Garcia families who cut the ribbons on their new homes.

Council Member Markert announced she will represent the City of Aurora, along with Council Member Pierce, at the annual Colorado Municipal League conference at the end of the month. Due to her attendance at the conference, her Ward IV Town Meeting will not be held in June. She invited everyone to enjoy the Aurora Symphony and Fireworks for the Fourth of July.

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Council Member FitzGerald thanked the Pueblo Chieftan newspaper for their article congratulating the City of Aurora on the Prairie Waters Project, and reporting it as a model for other Cities in the nation to follow.

17. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

None.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tauer adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 8:56 p.m.

EDWARD J. TAUER, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBRA JOHNSON, City Clerk

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