

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council Monday, January 7, 2008

1. **CONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2008 AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tauer convened the regular meeting of City Council at 7:33 p.m.

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,
City Clerk Johnson

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2007**

Motion by FitzGerald, second by Markert, to approve the minutes of December 17, 2007 as presented.

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

6. **CEREMONY**

- a. Proclamation declaring January 14-21, 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week - Mayor Edward J. Tauer

Mayor Tauer invited Human Relations Commission members Veronica White, Bernard Celestin and Tina Collins to come forward to accept the proclamation. Mayor Tauer read the proclamation declaring January 14-21, 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week. Each guest expressed appreciation for the proclamation, and announced numerous events being held during the week. They invited everyone to participate in the events.

Mayor Tauer recognized Boy Scout Troop #317 Fox Patrol, sponsored by Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church.

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

None.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - 9a-9i**

General Business

- b. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Carma Colorado, Inc., Englewood, Colorado, in the amount of \$110,696.00 for the construction of Arapahoe Road widening under E-470.

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- c. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to the Medical Center of Aurora, Aurora, Colorado in the amount of \$56,500.00 for sexual assault examinations through December 31, 2008.
- e. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Crandall Arambula PC, Portland, Oregon in an amount not to exceed \$380,000.00 to provide planning and design study services for the Fitzsimons South, Abilene and Peoria-Smith transit stations.

Motion by Beer, second by Broom, to approve items 9b, c, e.

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

- a. Consideration to AWARD A CONTRACT to Aurora EDC, Inc. for Professional Services during the year of 2008.

Council Member Beer asked for confirmation that the amount of this contract is \$350,000, and why it was not specified in the item title as in the other items on the agenda. Dianne Truwe, Director, Development Services, stated \$350,000 is correct, and was not certain why it was not specified in the title.

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

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

- d. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Knowledge Computing Corp., Tucson, Arizona in the amount of \$329,221.61 to purchase the COPLINK® Software System for law enforcement information management required by the Police Department.

Council Member Wallace asked for a brief explanation of the item. Aurora Police Chief Dan Oates stated this system is a state of the art tool linking data from multiple systems which can be shared by law enforcement agencies to aid in analyzing information on crime and criminals. This will be the platform used by the entire law enforcement community in Colorado. The original consortium consists of the Cities of Aurora and Denver; Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson; State of Colorado and the Western Slope Agencies centered in Grand Junction. Council Member Wallace stated she wanted the public to know that this system should reduce missed connections in the future. Chief Oates stated this tool will generate leads for detectives and investigators at a much faster rate of speed.

Council Member Markert commended the work by staff, especially getting the other agencies on board, making this a metro-wide solution for a metro-wide problem. Chief Oates acknowledged Mark Pray, Director, Information Technology, for his leadership in coordinating the technical aspect of this system and negotiating a very good price.

Council Member FitzGerald noted that the City of Aurora is the number 1 Digital City in the United States, and using digital systems to help fight crime is a wonderful thing. The thanked everyone involved.

Motion by Wallace, second by Frazier, to approve item 9d.

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

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Final Ordinances

- ◆ f Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL amending Section 138-223 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, regarding Water Rates.
- ◆ g. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, rezoning a parcel of land generally located on the northeast corner of Parker Road and South Dayton Street from B-4 (Business and Commercial District) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential District), and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (Cottages at Dayton Place), 2.3 acres more or less.
- ◆ h. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, rezoning a parcel of land generally located on the northeast corner of Parker Road and South Dayton Street from R-2M (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential District) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential District), and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (Cottages at Dayton Place), 2.5 acres more or less.
- ◆ i. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending the General Development Plan for mixed-use development of 158.25 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).
- ◆ j. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending the General Development Plan to amend uses and to increase the total square footage (from 1,792,930 to 6,550,000) of uses in the Colorado Science and Technology Park generally located north of Montview Boulevard between Fitzsimons Parkway and Peoria Street to Sandcreek Trail and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly.
- ◆ k. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL amending Chapter 138 regarding stormwater.
- ◆ l. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, initially zoning a parcel of land generally located on the southeast corner of Quincy Avenue and Powhaton Road to O (Open District) and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (Aurora Reservoir Gateway), 145.84 acres more or less.

Motion by Beer, second by Wallace, to approve items 9f-l.

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

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

- ◆ a. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the Contract by and between the City of Aurora and the Regional Transportation District to fund the development of a station area planning study for the Colfax-Fitzsimons South Station.

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

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

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- ◆ b. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the contract by and between the City of Aurora and the Regional Transportation District to fund the development of a station area planning study for the 4th Avenue-Abilene Station.

Motion by FitzGerald, second by Markert, 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 Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the contract by and between the City of Aurora and the Regional Transportation District to fund the development of a station area planning study for the Peoria-Smith Station.

Motion by Wallace, second by Sandstrom, 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 Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving a five year extension option for the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of Water Works of Pueblo and the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise for the lease and trade of water.

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

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

11. **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL**

- ◆ a. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, rezoning a parcel of land generally located on the southeast corner of 4th Avenue and Abilene Street from PD-Commercial to PD-Residential/Commercial with an accompanying General Development Plan, and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (Abilene Station), 18.5 acres more or less.

Council Member Peterson stated the applicant generously offered to include a land dedication to be used for parking, and asked if that is included in the wording.

Michael Smyth, Planning, stated it is included in the site plan as an update. Charles Richardson, City Attorney, confirmed it is recorded as part of the site plan and binding on the applicant.

Council Member Markert stated she will still oppose this item, as she does not feel it is in the best interest of the entire community, but self-serving for one individual developer.

Motion by Beer, second by Wallace, to approve item 11a.

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

Voting No: Markert

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12. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- ◆ a. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION rezoning land generally located on the southeast corner of Mississippi Avenue and South Havana Street, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, from B-1 (Retail Business District) to P-D (Planned Development District) amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (Miller Weingarten / The Gardens on Havana), 63 acres more or less.
- ◆ b. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION approving a General Development Plan for The Gardens on Havana, regarding a parcel of land generally located on the southeast corner of Mississippi Avenue and South Havana Street, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado (Miller Weingarten), 63 acres.

The Public Hearings for items 12a and 12b were taken together. Michael Smyth, Planning, gave a brief introduction of the items, noting the applicant is requesting a rezone of approximately 63 acres to allow mixed commercial and residential redevelopment of the Buckingham Square Mall site. Home Depot recently withdrew from the development, but that does not affect the rezoning and GDP process. An issue exists regarding the private drive access from Joliet Street and Idaho Place into the development, but Mr. Smyth noted this development will have eight points of access while the City only requires two. The issue will be resolved with the development of the former City Hall property which will require a new site plan. Minor changes to the GDP can be made as technical corrections should the private drive label need to be removed from that section of Idaho Place. Numerous meetings were held with surrounding neighborhoods during this process. The proposal is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, and compatible with surrounding development. Planning Commission unanimously approved the rezone and GDP, and proper posting of the notice of the case was followed.

The following people were present representing the applicant: Clark Walker, 850 Englewood Parkway, #200, Englewood, CO 80110; Elena Vossman, 1101 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204; Angela Rodriguez, 5031 South Ulster Street, #3110, Denver, CO 80102; and Vince Lombardi, 2300 Blake Street, #130, Denver, CO 80205. Mr. Walker noted the various agencies involved with the redevelopment, and displayed photos of the current condition of the property. Miller Weingarten completed the Aurora City Place project in the City of Aurora and other projects around the metro area. Photos were displayed of some of their other projects, showing a commitment to high-quality developments. Ms. Vossman described the commercial and residential land use layout, and Ms. Rodriguez displayed a 3-d image of the project, noting key points of the development. Mr. Walker noted a demolition ceremony will be held tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Council Member Sandstrom stated she fully supports the project, but many problems occurred in Wards V and VI regarding the debris removal path for the Riverpoint project in Sheridan, and she asked what the plan was for debris removal for this project. Mr. Walker stated the primary access point will be Joliet Street, but the debris traffic activity will pale in comparison to the Riverpoint project. Typical routes through the City will be taken. Council Member Sandstrom stated she had been informed by staff that debris from this project will follow Mississippi Avenue to I-225 out to the landfill site near DIA. Mr. Walker stated the most efficient routes will be used, and they will do their best to work reasonable hours to minimize the impact to the neighbors. Nancy Freed, Deputy City Manager, Operations Group, stated the route Council Member Sandstrom mentioned was the route negotiated between the City's Public Works Department and the developer. Council Member Sandstrom stated she would like confirmation of the route, because if it goes down Hampden Avenue to the other landfill site, she will vote against the project.

Mayor Tauer stated the comment by Ms. Freed is not a binding statement from the developer, and he suggested they come up with a binding statement to either follow the path mentioned if

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using the landfill at DIA, or using a more direct route to Gun Club Road rather than through other neighborhoods if using the other landfill location. Council Member Sandstrom stated she is not sure what route that would be, as Mississippi Avenue doesn't go through to Gun Club Road, but was assured that an agreement had been reached.

Charles Richardson, City Attorney, stated since both items are being introduced tonight, he highly recommended that the developer submit a detailed supplemental memorandum outlining the route to the City Clerk for inclusion in the packet when the items come back for final approval. Mayor Tauer asked Mr. Walker if that was something that they could provide in time for the next Council meeting, with Mr. Walker agreeing.

Council Member Pierce stated this was a serious problem for the other development, and asked if the developer could list the hours of operation for the debris removal traffic, regardless of the route, in the memo. Mr. Richardson stated he is hesitant in allowing that, as it is not a codified criteria for the approval or denial of the items before Council tonight. The applicant can voluntarily supply that information, but he has concerns if Council Members come back denying the matters because of demolition transportation activities taking place at inappropriate hours. Council Member Pierce stated he supports the project, but would like some assurance that trucks won't be rolling at all hours of the night as a way to protect residents in all Wards.

Mayor Tauer asked Mr. Walker if he understood the sensitivity of this issue and suggested he speak with Council Members to see that those concerns are addressed before coming back for final approval. Mr. Walker stated yes, and asked for direction on if routes need to be changed, can they follow as close to the same route as possible so as not to just move the problem from one Ward to another. Mayor Tauer stated he could not give that direction, but if the landfill near DIA is used, most of the issues will be addressed. Mr. Richardson agreed with the Mayor's suggestion for the applicant to speak with Council Members and to get a Ward map to plot out the best routes.

Council Member Markert stated the route along Mississippi Avenue to I-225 to Pena Boulevard is mostly highway roads intended for truck traffic, so there should not be any problems. She appreciates the effort to make sure the neighborhoods are protected, but if any potential dangers or red flags are there, we would have caught them by now.

Arnie Schultz, 1137 South Oakland Street, Aurora, CO 80012, representing the Village East Neighborhood Association (VENA) and Neighborhood Organizations Along Havana (NOAH), voiced support for the redevelopment. He noted the process was fairly quick to get to this point from the first staff submission of the project 10 months ago, with lots of preliminary effort taking place over the past seven or eight years. He thanked Clark Walker and the Miller Weingarten team, Elena Vossman and the design team for working so closely with the neighborhoods, Michael Smyth, Don Fecko and Jim Sayre from the Planning Department, Dianne Truwe and Lisa Strawn from the Development Services Department, City Council, Cherry Creek School District, Arapahoe County for creating the Urban Renewal District, residents of Village East, and members of NOAH. Everyone worked together in making this a better development for the benefit and enjoyment of many residents who will come to the Gardens on Havana.

Shirley Scott, 9995 East Hawaii Place, Denver, CO 80247, representing the Tyndall Green II Homeowners Association, voiced support for the redevelopment. They have been looking forward to the redevelopment of Buckingham Square for many years. She lived in Aurora during the development and construction of Buckingham Square Mall, and noted the job opportunities and income that came from the mall made it a vital part of the community for many years. Unfortunately, recent years have brought gradual deterioration of the mall, loss of clientele and eventual closure. This proposal offers an opportunity for renewal and revitalization to the area and a huge step forward for the Havana Business Improvement District. Many meetings were held with all involved neighborhood organizations, and she thanked Michael Smyth and his staff for providing the opportunities for the meetings, his patience in addressing all of the concerns voiced, and in developing a forum for neighborhood association representatives to air their

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concerns with the developer. Most of the concerns have already been resolved, and they feel the rest will be settled by the time the site plan gets approved. She spoke in support of this matter to the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, and is delighted to urge Council's support in approval of the rezoning and General Development Plan.

Motion by Markert, second by FitzGerald, to introduce item 12a.

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

Motion by Markert, second by Hogan, to introduce item 12b.

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

13. ANNEXATIONS

- ◆ a. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, making certain findings of fact regarding the proposed annexation of a parcel of land located in the northwest quarter of Section 29, and in the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado (PCCP CS Alberta CornerStar Colorado, LLC), 4.395 acres.
- ◆ b. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, annexing certain lands located in the northwest quarter of Section 29, and in the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado (PCCP CS Alberta CornerStar Colorado, LLC), 4.395 acres.
- ◆ c. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, initially zoning a parcel of land generally located at the southwest corner of Arapahoe Road and Parker Road to PD (Planned Development), and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (CornerStar Tree Farm Property), 4.40 acres more or less.
- ◆ d. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION approving an amendment to the CornerStar General Development Plan, regarding a parcel of land generally located on the southwest corner of Arapahoe Road and Parker Road, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado (CornerStar Tree Farm), 4.4 acres more or less.

The Public Hearings for items 13a through 13d were taken together. Scott VanGenderen, Project Manager, Development Services, gave a brief introduction of the items, noting this is a four acre site on the Arapahoe Road side of the CornerStar development and is the location of the old tree nursery. The land has been bought by the principals of the CornerStar development, and will be used for a retaining/detention pond for the project. Items 13e through 13f are finalizing the Kremer annexation parcel on the Parker Road side of the CornerStar development. These are the two final private property annexations with regard to CornerStar.

Holly Kirsner, 410 17th Street, #2200, Denver, CO 80202, representing the applicant gave a brief overview of the development, noting there is an existing General Development Plan (GDP) on the property and the uses are commercial and multi-family residential. To fulfill some detention and water quality requirements for a future Arapahoe Road and CornerStar interchange, the applicant purchased this 4.4 acre parcel of land. The applicant is seeking annexation, initial zoning and a second amendment to the GDP. The existing zoning is General Business, and the

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proposed rezoning is Planned Development pursuant to the GDP, specifically designated as detention and water quality purposes in the area for this parcel. This does meet the zoning approval criteria, and the applicant has met the notice requirements. The request for the second amendment to the GDP is to include the 4.4 acres into the overall GDP, and the applicant respectfully requests approval for these items.

Council Member Broom asked about the drainage problems on this parcel and if approvals have been received to put water into Cherry Creek. Ms. Kirsner stated the approvals are in place to allow drainage improvements into Cherry Creek. Council Member Broom asked if this property will no longer be in the flood plain. Ms. Kirsner stated she could not answer that, but that the approvals are in place to improve the Cherry Creek channel. Mr. VanGenderen stated the conditional letter for map revision has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Removing the property from the flood plain will be dependent on construction of the plan approved by FEMA, who will come out, survey and document it, which will lead to the letter of map revision. FEMA will not grant a change to the flood plain until the property is constructed and certified. All expectations are that this will take place, but prior to any certificates of occupancy, the letter of map revision will need to be issued.

Motion by Broom, second by Pierce, to approve item 13a.

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

Motion by Broom, second by Pierce, to introduce item 13b.

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

Motion by Broom, second by Pierce, to introduce item 13c.

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

Motion by Broom, second by Pierce, to introduce item 13d.

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

- e. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ANNEXATION AGREEMENT between the City of Aurora and Reiner and Alice Kremer, regarding a parcel of land located in the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado (Reiner and Alice Kremer), 2.50 acres more or less.
- ◆ f. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, annexing certain lands located in the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado (Kremer), 2.496 acres.
- ◆ g. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, initially zoning a parcel of land generally located on the west side of Parker Road, approximately 1,800 feet south of Arapahoe Road to B-4 (Business and Commercial District), and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (Kremer Property), 2.5 acres more or less.
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The Public Hearings for items 13e through 13g were taken together. Scott VanGenderen, Project Manager, Development Services, gave a brief introduction of the items, noting the Annexation Agreement for the Kremer parcel follows the City's model annexation agreement except for a few peculiarities. Since it is surrounded by CornerStar, development is dependent on CornerStar being complete. There is a provision that utilities won't be extended until CornerStar is in place. CornerStar is already under construction, so that won't be a problem. Also, since Parker Road is a state highway, and a major interchange will be at Parker Road and Arapahoe Road, CDOT has indicated that they are not inclined to extend any more access to the site beyond the private house that is there now. The annexation agreement also includes a provision that access can only be provided from the CornerStar site.

Motion by Broom, second by Frazier, to approve item 13e.

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

Motion by Broom, second by Hogan, to approve item 13f.

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

Motion by Broom, second by Pierce, to approve item 13g.

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

14. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS**

None.

15. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration to appoint one new member to a three-year term on the Art in Public Places Commission.

Motion by Peterson, second by FitzGerald, to nominate Susan McGuire for appointment to the Art in Public Places Commission.

Voting Aye: FitzGerald, Frazier, Peterson, Sandstrom, Wallace

Motion by Markert, second by Beer, to nominate Reno Carollo for appointment to the Art in Public Places Commission.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, Hogan, Markert, Pierce

Motion by Beer, second by Markert, to appoint Reno Carollo to the Art in Public Places Commission.

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

Voting No: Peterson, Wallace

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16. **REPORTS**

a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Tauer wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated what a pleasure it is to live in Aurora and Colorado.

b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Beer announced his Ward III Town Meeting will be held January 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Aurora Room. Kevin Hougen, President and CEO of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce will be the guest speaker and will provide an economic outlook for 2008.

Council Member Wallace reminded everyone to shovel sidewalks and to help out your neighbors. She encouraged anyone seeing heavy snow or ice buildup on City streets to call Access Aurora to report the areas. The Streets Department is quick to respond to break up the snow and ice.

Council Member Frazier announced his appointment of Jovan Barker to the Aurora Youth Commission.

Council Member Markert announced her Ward IV Town Meeting will be held January 24th at 5:00 p.m. at the Ethiopian Evangelical Church at Evans and Chambers. She stated a meeting regarding business development and assistance will be held on January 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Central Library. Call (303) 739-7516 for more information. She is looking for people with expertise in working with owners trying to get a small business started and dealing with regulatory barriers with the City.

Council Member FitzGerald announced three upcoming meetings regarding water rates will be held and the public is invited to attend. January 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers for Homeowner Associations; January 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library for homeowners; and January 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers for anyone. The Citizens' Water Advisory Committee will provide information regarding water rates, but it is important to hear from the residents on issues and concerns. He attended a lifeguard training session at Utah Park last week sponsored by the Red Cross, and is please to announce there are 12 new lifeguards in the City.

17. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

None.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tauer adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 8:47 p.m.

EDWARD J. TAUER, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBRA JOHNSON, City Clerk

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