

MINUTES  
THORNTON CITY COUNCIL  
1388TH REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER – By Mayor Heidi K. Williams at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Thornton City Hall.
2. INVOCATION - By Pastor Ruben Villarreal, ThornCreek Church
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL - Those Present were: Mayor Heidi K. Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Val Vigil, and Councilmembers Jenice "JJ" Dove, Jan Kulmann, Eric Montoya, Sam Nizam and Eric Tade. Absent – Councilmember Mack Goodman.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT - Jack Ethredge, City Manager; Joyce Hunt, Assistant City Manager; Margaret Emerich, City Attorney; Charles Long, Deputy City Manager for Management Services; Jeff Coder, Deputy City Manager for City Development; Bud Elliot, Deputy City Manager for Infrastructure; Mike Soderberg, Executive Director for Community Services; Randy Nelson, Executive Director - Police Chief; Glenn Duran, Acting Fire Chief; Chuck Seest, Finance Director; Glenda Lainis; Policy and Planning Manager; Robb Kolstad, Management and Budget Director; Rob Larson, Senior Planner; Karen Widomski, Senior Policy Analyst; Kristen Rosenbaum, Acting City Clerk; and Karren Werft, Agenda and Licensing Coordinator.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ERIC TADE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JENICE "JJ" DOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. Presentations

None

B. Audience Participation

None

C. Staff Reports

None

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor pro tem Vigil reported that he attended the Adams County swearing in ceremony for elected officials. He stated for the record that he would recommend City staff contact the new sheriff regarding the jail issue to see if we can arrive at a settlement.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM VAL VIGIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JENICE "JJ" DOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

The Acting City Clerk read into the record the titles of the ordinances contained on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL DOCUMENTS WERE APPROVED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Approval of Minutes - December 16, 2014 Regular, and January 6, 2015, Special City Council Meetings.
- B. An ordinance approving the rezoning of 163.33 acres from Single-Family (SFD) Zoning District to Planned Development (PD) Zoning District for property located northeast of the intersection of East 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue and York Street and amending the Zoning Map (Morrison Rezoning). (Second Reading)
- C. An ordinance amending subparagraph 6(g) and deleting subparagraph 6(h) of Ordinance No. 3127 regarding Rules of Order and Procedure for City Council meetings. (First Reading)
- D. An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3286 regarding the City Council Policy for reimbursement of expenses for travel, training, subsistence, and other business expenses. (First Reading)
- C. An ordinance repealing Section 66-60(b)(1)(e) of the Thornton Municipal Code referring to the Metropolitan District Policy Guidelines. (First Reading)
- D. Monthly Financial Report for November 2014.
- E. A resolution designating Thornton City Hall as the public place to post notices of public meetings for 2015.
- F. A resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement amending and restating the 2006 intergovernmental agreement between the Cities of Thornton and Westminster regarding maintenance responsibilities at I-25 and the 144<sup>th</sup> and 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchanges.
- G. A resolution authorizing the City of Thornton to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and the City of Northglenn regarding funding of Major Drainageway Planning and Flood Hazard Area Delineation for Grange Hall and Tributaries.
- H. A resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Thornton and the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Brantner Elementary Safe Routes to School Project.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

At this time individuals wishing to provide testimony during the public hearings were sworn in by the Acting City Clerk.

- A. A public hearing regarding a resolution adopting the "Original Thornton at 88<sup>th</sup> Station Area Master Plan" as a part of the Comprehensive Plan.

The public hearing was opened at 7:09 p.m. The City Manager gave the opening remarks:

Karen Widomski, Senior Policy Analyst, stated that she was previously sworn. She entered into the record the notice published in the Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel, and the notice mailed to addresses within a one-mile radius of the 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Welby Road FasTracks Station location as well as to all the property owners within the study area. These were marked as City's Exhibits #1 and #2, respectively.

Ms. Widomski gave a general background of the project and presented slides of a map showing the station area; a map showing the study area as well as the land located within a one-mile radius of the station; photos of the station area as it currently exists; and photos of the types of existing uses currently within the surrounding neighborhoods. These were later marked as City's Exhibit #3. She explained the purpose of station area planning and introduced Jean Sanson who headed up the planning process for the project.

Jean Sanson, Consultant for Steer Davies Gleave, 1900 Wazee Street, Denver, CO, stated that she was previously sworn. She gave a slide presentation, which was later marked as City's Exhibit #4, and reviewed the project process and timeline; the various chapters of the plan; the station area vision; the market forecast; the preferred land use alternative; the guiding principles for land use, urban design, mobility and circulation, and parking management; and the implementation strategies. She pointed out the location of the station platform and RTD Park-n-Ride parking lot; access to the station; and parks and recreational trails.

Ms. Widomski, entered into the record an email dated January 13, 2015 from Steve Caragol, Nationwide Mortgage Services, supporting the plan as well as the preferred alternative. This was marked as Proponent's Exhibit A. She also noted that she received comments from Andy Klein, Westside Investment, in opposition to the preferred alternative because he would like to see higher density on the eastern portion of the site. She stated that staff is not supporting his request because it is critical to transition to the existing neighborhood. She recommended approval of the plan and responded to a question by Council concerning the reason Westside Investment wants the higher density.

No one signed up nor wished to speak in support of or in opposition to the proposed resolution.

The public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM VAL VIGIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ERIC MONTOYA TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE "ORIGINAL THORNTON AT 88TH STATION AREA MASTER PLAN" AS A PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. A public hearing regarding a resolution adopting the "Thornton Crossroads at 104<sup>th</sup> Station Area Master Plan" as a part of the Comprehensive Plan.

The public hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m. The City Manager gave the opening remarks.

Robert Larsen, Senior Planner, stated that he was previously sworn. He entered into the record the notice of hearing published in the Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel, and the notice mailed to addresses within a one-mile radius of the future 104<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Boulevard FasTracks station as well as to all the property owners within the study area. These were marked as City's Exhibits #1 and #2, respectively.

Mr. Larsen gave a general background of the project and presented slides of a map showing the station area; a map showing the study area as well as the land located within a one-mile radius of the station; photos of the station area as it currently exists; and photos of the types of existing uses currently within the surrounding neighborhoods. These were later marked as City's Exhibit #3. He pointed out the four opportunity sites that anchor the future development potential in the station area master plan. He reviewed the goal of the master plan which is to guide the planning of future land use development and transportation connections into and around the new rail transit facility.

Jean Sanson, Consultant Steer Davies Gleave, 1900 Wazee Street, Denver, CO, stated that she was previously sworn. She gave a slide presentation, which was later marked as City's Exhibit #4, and reviewed the project process and timeline; organization of the plan; the station area vision; the preferred land use concepts; the four opportunity sites identified for new development or redevelopment; a summary of planned land uses based on the market forecast; the guiding principles for land use, urban design, mobility and circulation, and parking management; and the implementation strategies.

No one signed up nor wished to speak in support of the proposed resolution.

Stephen Scrivano, 3282 E. 103rd Drive, Vice-President of Settler's Chase Heritage, signed up to speak *in opposition to the proposed master plan*. He stated that he was previously sworn and expressed concern about crossing over the tracks from their community to get to the rail facility; parking in their neighborhood; and the increase in transients and traffic. He asked that Council consider the impact to their community and installing sound barriers or designating quiet zones.

Jim Kaiser, Senior Civil Engineer, stated that he was previously sworn and addressed Mr. Scrivano's concerns regarding quiet zones and sound barriers.

Mr. Larsen added that the City will be gaining a pedestrian underpass that will connect the southwest residential area to the commercial area to the north. He also noted that the electrical multiple unit is a lot quieter than the diesel multiple unit and said they will work toward quiet zones as they fit into the RTD program. He stated that at this point staff does not believe there will be any loading on the south and west side.

Mr. Larsen responded to a question by Council concerning the number of parking spaces in the RTD parking lot.

The public hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ERIC MONTOYA AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM VAL VIGIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE "THORNTON CROSSROADS AT 104<sup>TH</sup> STATION AREA MASTER PLAN" AS A PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Williams recognized former Councilmember and Mayor pro tem, Marty Wisniewski, and Adams County Commissioner Chaz Tedesco, who were present in the audience.

10. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Appointment of a representative to fill the Ward 3 vacancy by written ballot and a resolution appointing the individual receiving a majority vote of Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ERIC TADE TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING NAMES INTO NOMINATION FOR THE WARD 3 POSITION: JOHN HOUGH, KEVIN KERBER, MICHAL MICHALKOW, JUSTIN SCOTT, SOMXAI VUE, AND DANA WEST.

Written ballots were cast in the following manner:

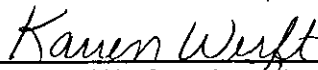
John Hough	0	Justin Scott	0
Kevin Kerber	0	SomXai Vue	6
Michal Michalkow	1	Dana West	0

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER JAN KULMANN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ERIC TADE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SOMXAI VUE TO THE CITY COUNCIL WARD 3 VACANCY UNTIL THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015, REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

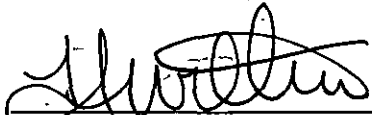
11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ERIC TADE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JENICE "JJ" DOVE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Karren Werft, Agenda and Licensing  
Coordinator

ATTEST:

  
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Mayor at time of approval

Approved at the January 27, 2015, City Council meeting.