COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL – 107 N. NEVADA AVENUE
NOVEMBER 30, 2011 – 1:00 P.M.

Council met in Special Called Session.

There were present: President Hente, President Pro Tem Martin, Councilmembers Bennett, Czelatdko, Dougan, Leigh, Snider, and Williams. Absent, Councilmember Herpin. Also present, Chief of Staff Cox and City Attorney/Chief Legal Officer Melcher.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 11-98 entitled "AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OR PROCESSING OF ANY LAND USE APPLICATION, ANY PERMIT APPLICATION OR ANY OTHER APPLICATION REQUESTING APPROVAL TO CONDUCT OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, EXTRACTION AND/OR OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS" was introduced and read.

City Attorney Melcher stated there are two amendments to the proposed ordinance; that on the page one, third Whereas, add "potential" following "…considerable interest in" and on page three, section two add "with the six (6) month period to run from December 1, 2011 to and including May 31, 2012". following "…..within the City limits".

Scott Harvey, John Grandle, Linda Hodges, John Martinez, Mary Talbott, Raven Martinez and Phyllis Cahill spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance citing the following reasons: concerned of property values and noise; opposed to fracking; State regulations may not be the best for community; residents approximately one-half mile from the proposed site are concerned about water and air quality effects to their property; concerned of chemical spills.

Andrew Casper, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, requested the ordinance be denied; that there are extensive regulations at the State level; that the oil and gas industry is a large employer of the State; that he does not believe a moratorium is appropriate at this time.

Motion by Bennett, second by Snider, that the ordinance be introduced, read and finally passed as an emergency.

Councilmember Williams requested an Oil and Gas Task Force be established if the ordinance passes.

A vote being taken on the motion:

Ayes: Bennett, Czelatdko, Dougan, Hente, Leigh, Martin, Snider , Williams
Noes: None
Absent: Herpin

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At 3:30 P.M., motion by Leigh, second by Snider, that Council adjourn. The motion unanimously carried, and

COUNCIL ADJOURNED

Cindy N. Conway, CMC
Interim City Clerk