**INFORMAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS**
**FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Present: President Hente, President Pro Tem Martin, Councilmembers Bennett, Czelatdko, Dougan, Herpin, Leigh, Snider, and Williams. Also present, Chief of Staff Neumann.

1. **INFORMAL AGENDA CHANGES**

There were no changes.

2. **FORMAL AGENDA CHANGES/COMMENTS – 01/22/13**

Postponement of the oil and gas regulation issue until the Council Meeting on March 12, 2013, will be voted on at tomorrow's Council Meeting.

3. **REVIEW OF JANUARY 22, 2013 INFORMAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

There were no changes.

4. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **Agenda Planner**

There was nothing to report.

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5. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **General Information**

(1) I-25 Corridor Enhancements between Woodmen Road and Monument, Colorado.

Dan Hunt, Colorado Department of Transportation, spoke on widening Woodmen Road to Monument with a cost of $66,500,000. Mr. Hunt stated that construction starts in March, with two lanes in each direction being kept open at all times. Mr. Hunt stated that there will be an informational Open House on February 21, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Classical Academy Central, 1655 Spring Crest Road in Colorado Springs.

Mike McDonald, Kewitt, Parsons, Brinkerhoft, stated that the widening of Woodmen Road to Monument would alleviate congestion with minimum impacts to the environment. Mr. McDonald stated that temporary lane closures during construction would be at night only from about 8:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and that it's

expected to be completed to three lanes open in each direction by December 31, 2014.

President Hente requested that the CDOT Website on this project be listed on the City Website when the site is ready to go public.

(2) Update on the Stormwater Task Force.

Helen Migchelbrink, Public Works Director/City Engineer, spoke on findings from the Regional Stormwater Task Force.

Lisa Ross, City Engineer, spoke on the projects in the City and El Paso County and displayed a map of their locations.

Tim Mitros, Manger, City Engineering Development Review and Stormwater Group, stated that the sustainable fund for the City is $2 million in funding for CIP Projects. Colorado Springs Utilities does stormwater work and is spending $3.7 million to protect their lines.

Robin Roberts, Business Team of the Pikes Peak Regional Stormwater Task Force, showed slides and stated that goals are to evaluate the current infrastructure needs. Ms. Roberts stated that quality leads to tax revenue and this should be a regional solution.

Diane Butlock and Jan DeLoren, Co-Chairs of Citizens Team , showed slides and stated there are neighborhoods with stormwater concerns relating to their property values, such as the Chelton area.

Amy Lathen and Dennis Hisey, El Paso County Commissioners, stated that Commissioner Darryl Glenn wants a resolution developed for the County Commissioners to approve on February 19th, so it can be ready for City Council to hear and consider at their February 26th meeting. Commissioner Hisey also requested that Council consider the formation of a Stormwater Steering Committee.

(3) Drought Workshop

Ann Seymour, Colorado Springs Utilities, stated that their goal is to focus on community education, so customers can help by understanding essential indoor watering, discretionary outdoor watering, and how this is prioritized due to water use and replacement cost.

Stella Chan, Colorado Springs Utilities, stated that current water rates are cost based and needs should be combined with education and restriction. Ms. Chan stated that they do not want to impact indoor water usage.

President Hente asked Utilities Staff to send Council Members the set of "back-up" slides that were used in the presentation.

Tim Leigh requested that Utilities prepare a simple, easy to understand explanation of this drought plan for the public.

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B. **Items For Future Action**

There were none.

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6. **OPEN LEGAL ITEMS**

There were none.

7. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Bennett read an email to Council Members regarding inviting Mayor Bach to the March 12th Work Session to discuss setting up a Charter Review Session. Council agreed to consider this overnight and discuss during the Council Work Session scheduled for tomorrow, February 12th at 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Williams updated Council on the Drake Task Force Study and stated that it was started on January 25th, there have been three meetings and that the Request for Proposal is going out on Monday, February 18th. Councilmember Williams stated that the task force is looking for a consultant to perform a study with an analysis on Drake that has a time line to decommission in fifteen years, with various other options having been mentioned when it came before the Board. Councilmember Williams stated that she and Councilmember Czelatdko would appreciate knowing any other questions that the Board or the Council would have. The website is www.draketaskforce.org, and it contains the information on what has taken place up to this point.

8. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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