

Neighborhood Group Leaders Association
September 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:05 p.m. by Jerry Kreutzer
Meeting agenda for September: motioned & approved
Meeting minutes for June: postponed until October meeting

Police Update

Citizens Emergency Notification

Patti West – Emergency Communications Coordinator for the City of Longmont
All Boulder County has the ability to receive emergency notification through other means besides home telephones (land line phones). Emergency messages can be sent via email, text or audio for cell phones, work telephones, Blackberry, fax machine, computer, etc. Anyone in Boulder County can sign up – if there are multiple residents at one home that wish to receive the messages, residents will need to fill out separate registration forms. The system will be used to notify residents about imminent threats to health or safety such as wildfire, hazardous spills, etc.

Contact www.ci.longmont.co.us/police to sign up and for list of FAQ's

Meeting topic

City financial update budget and revenues

Jim Golden – Director of Finances for the City of Longmont

The 2010 budget was presented to Council over the last few weeks. In October budget adoption will occur but may be an altered version of what was presented.

2010 Proposed Budget

- \$206.15 million - which is a 0.4% decrease over the 2009 adopted budget. There are 40 funds included in the proposed budget including the General Fund which is the largest fund and has a proposed \$58.4 million budget.
- Projections are that 2009 Sales Tax Revenues will be down 7.19% and 2009 Use Tax Revenues will be down 23.89%. Projections for 2010 Sales Tax Revenues will increase 2.36% and 2010 Use Tax Revenues will increase 0.68%
- Building permits – 2009 projected at 72 dwelling units (single family and Multi-family) but to reach 2009 budget 188 combined units are needed. 2010 projections are 69 dwelling units (single family and Multi-family).
- 2010 General Fund proposed budget of \$58.4 million. – Only 0.05% larger than 2009 proposed budget.
- Proposed Municipal fees addition to utility bill for all residents – not yet voted on by Council. A fee of \$4.25/month per household for Park and Greenway maintenance would generate \$1.9 million.
- Decreases in 2010 revenue are estimated at \$4.25 million. Top 5 line items:
 - Sales and use tax decrease of \$2.9 million
 - Building permits decrease of \$220,434
 - Plan check fees decrease of \$240,921
 - Gas franchise decrease of \$241,211

Clover Basin Fire District decrease of \$275,000

- Council directed proposed increases in ongoing revenues would total \$4.28 million

Economic Development Department Update

Brad Power – Director 303-651-8481 brad.power@ci.longmont.co.us

- Development Services – Manager Joni Marsh 303-774-4398 Coordinated development review, land use and operational planning functions. Administer development ordinances, permits and fees.
- Planning – Brad Schol 303-651-8319 Long range planning and program management. Maintains plans and policies
- Economic Vitality – Doug Bene 303-651-8403 Develops and implements city's economic programs. Councils city staff concerning economic initiatives and priorities.
- Redevelopment – Phil DeVecchio 303-651-8318 Develops and administers the city's redevelopment plan. Works with private sector within redevelopment areas.

Current projects of interest to NGLA –

Flour Mill: Structural Integrity Study should be presented by the end of this month.

Twin Peaks: City wants immediate action about some new retailers. Need long term plans. Hurdle is that the country is facing a more conservative retail real estate market.

Mixed Use Zoning: under review

TIF: (Tax Increment Financing) SE Longmont and Twin Peaks considered

Fast Tracks: funding will be up to RTD and Metro area as a ballot measure

Staff Updates

Jon Clark – October 6 from 5-7pm Inclusive Community Celebration held in the Civic Center – food, dance, cultural events. Showcasing the variety of cultures in Longmont - all donated or volunteered from citizens of the city.

Website updates in the Community and Neighborhood Resources Department.

NIP Grant money is still in budget

October 15 meeting will cover the November Election – Ballot issues and local Candidates will be presented.

Public invited to be heard

Jerry touted the advantages of the NIP Grants (Neighborhood Improvement) and encouraged everyone in the group to apply for funds.

Councilwoman Levison – Announced that the city is considering building an Economic Task Force.

Adjournment

Motioned & approved unanimously at 8:40pm.

****Minutes recorded and submitted by Jennifer Hakanson, NGLA Secretary**
For questions call Jon Clarke, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator at 303-651-9721