

TOWN OF BERTHOUD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
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The Board of Trustees of the Town of Berthoud met for a special meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 in the Board Room at Town Hall. Mayor Karspeck called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Milan Karspeck  
Trustee Louis Gervasi  
Trustee Michael Patrick  
Trustee Chase Sommars

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Don Ashcraft  
Trustee Peder Thorstensen  
Trustee Glen Buckingham

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Jim White  
Public Works Director Tony Huerta  
Town Planner Robert Anderson  
Deputy Town Clerk Charlene Reed

### **REPORTS**

Administrator White announced that Larimer County rescinded their fire ban effective today.

Administrator White reporting that we are waiting for information regarding the inspection of the Wastewater Treatment Plant which was done by the Colorado Department of Health and the Environment. The report will be forwarded to the Board.

Public Works Director Huerta reported on the wastewater spill that occurred at the wastewater treatment plant on June 19, 2007. As a result of our investigation it was determined that the cause of the backup was the failure of one of the switches and that switch will be replaced to prevent future occurrences. We are also installing a backflow prevention valve to prevent raw sewage from backing up into the building. He noted we have also done testing of the backup generator. Mayor Karspeck asked if procedures are in place to do regular testing on the generator. Public Works Huerta noted that is done regularly at the plant and the lift stations.

Trustee Patrick suggested if the system worked as designed, then it did not take into account the fact that a momentary brown out would trigger this response. Public Works Director Huerta noted the pumps will cut off, but the switch that should have switched to another pump failed. That is the switch that will be replaced.

Trustee Patrick asked how we know that is the problem if we are unable to duplicate the problem. Public Works Director Huerta noted we have eliminated other possible reasons

and that appears to be the problem. He noted when further information is available, he will bring it to the Board.

Mayor Karspeck noted it is important that we follow-up and prevent this from recurring. Public Works Director Huerta noted we have set up policies and procedures for the employees to follow. If an alarm goes off, we immediately respond and have guidelines established for employees to follow.

Public Works Director Huerta noted this situation was reported to the state and we complied with their procedures in reporting the incident. We had an inspection, and preliminary feedback from the inspectors was positive.

Administrator White announced that work on the track on the Waggener Farm property is underway and sewer work has begun in the alley in front of Turner Middle School. The Town is working in partnership with the School District to get that project completed.

#### **SET PUBLIC HEARING – BETZ-BAIRD REZONING**

Planner Anderson noted the McWhinney Property Group, LLC, has submitted an application for rezoning approximately 76.69 acres from T (Transitional) to PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Trustee Gervasi noted this property is located in the area where I-25 curves and he asked if this will affect any future efforts to straighten the highway. Mayor Karspeck noted the EIS Study identifies that I-25 will be straightened in the future, but not at this time. Trustee Gervasi expressed concern that this property that would be impacted by the straightening of the road. Planner Anderson agreed to address this with the applicant.

**Trustee Sommars moved to accept the application for rezoning and set the public hearing date for August 21, 2007. Second by Trustee Patrick. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – RTA-IGA**

Mayor Karspeck opened the public hearing.

Administrator White noted the formation of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has been discussed and debated regionally during the past several years among transportation management, local jurisdictions, citizens, transportation experts, and policy makers. Funding options have been considered to secure Northern Colorado's transportation future, particularly as it relates to regional roads, transit and local projects.

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Administrator White noted that several cities and municipalities have chosen not to participate in the RTA. Loveland is considering participation at their meeting this evening, and the action they take may have an impact on whether this project goes forward. If Loveland decides not to participate, it might be better to delay going forward with the RTA until 2008.

Administrator White noted we received the proposed IGA and it was presented for review at this meeting. We have not received the proposed ballot language, but if we are going forward with this proposal, it will be forthcoming.

Administrator White noted that the RTA is one of the few mechanisms to raise funds to address transportation issues in the future, and he noted even if it does not go on the ballot this year, it will be considered in future years.

Mayor Karspeck noted if we go forward with the RTA, the Town is required to have two public hearings. Public comment will be taken at this meeting and at the meeting on August 14, 2007.

Administrator White noted it has been Berthoud's position since May that we would participate in the RTA because it benefits the entire region. He recommended that the Board continue this hearing until we determine what decision is made in Loveland.

Mayor Karspeck opened the floor for public comment and there was none.

Mayor Karspeck asked if the IGA has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Administrator White noted it was sent to him and he has not raised concerns at this time. He recommended that we wait for a response from Loveland before deciding what action the Town will take.

Mayor Karspeck continued the public hearing to August 14, 2007.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Mayor Milan Karspeck

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Deputy Clerk Charlene Reed