



Colorado Springs

El Paso County

Manitou Springs

Green Mountain Falls

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 10, 2007 - 1:30 p.m.
PPACG Main Conference Room
15 S. 7th Street, Colorado Springs**

MEMBERS PRESENT

El Paso County Directors

Commissioner Wayne Williams, Chair
Commissioner Sallie Clark

City of Manitou Springs Director

Mayor Marcy Morrison

El Paso County Director

Commissioner Dennis Hisey

City of Colorado Springs Directors

Vice Mayor Larry Small, Vice Chair
Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher
Mayor Lionel Rivera

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director

Mayor Tyler Stevens

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Ed Icenogle, Legal Counsel
Mr. Rob MacDonald, Board Secretary
Ms. Barb Louricas, Recording Secretary

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Finance Manager
Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager
Member government employees and citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

El Paso County Director Williams established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

El Paso County Director Williams indicated that the City of Colorado Springs requested the removal of Agenda Item No. 8, *Bijou Bridge Additional Funding for Bijou/Spruce Intersection and Landscaping*. El Paso County Director Williams requested it be replaced with an information item from El Paso County, *Effects of Black Forest Proposed Incorporation*.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion to approve the agenda with the above noted changes. Colorado Springs Director Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MARCY MORRISON

El Paso County Director Clark read the Resolution Acknowledging Appreciation to Manitou Springs Director Marcy Morrison. Manitou Springs Director Morrison has been appointed by Governor Ritter as the Insurance Commissioner.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera arrived at 1:35 p.m.

El Paso County Director Clark made a motion to approve the Resolution Acknowledging Appreciation to Manitou Springs Director Marcy Morrison. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. After comments by the Board members, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

El Paso County Director Williams indicated that there was one change to the minutes. Page 4, paragraph 4 needs the word "there" inserted after the word "that".

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted change. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS FOR 2007

El Paso County Director Williams said that the bylaws of the Pikes Peak RTA require that the Chair and Vice Chair officer positions alternate annually between El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made motions to nominate Colorado Springs Director Small as the Chair for the Pikes Peak RTA Board for 2007 and close the nominations. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motions. The motions passed by unanimous vote.

Colorado Springs Director Small will Chair the February meeting.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made motions to nominate El Paso County Director Williams as the Vice Chair for the Pikes Peak RTA Board for 2007 and close the nominations. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motions. The motions passed by unanimous vote.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert MacDonald as the Secretary for the Pikes Peak RTA Board for 2007. Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

El Paso County appointed Commissioner Wayne Williams, Commissioner Sallie Clark, Commissioner Dennis Hisey, and Commissioner Jim Bensberg as alternate to serve on the Pikes Peak RTA Board of Directors for 2007.

The City of Manitou Springs appointed Mayor Marcy Morrison and Councilmember Marc Snyder as alternate to serve on the Pikes Peak RTA Board of Directors for 2007.

The City of Colorado Springs appointed Mayor Lionel Rivera, Vice Mayor Larry Small, Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher, and Councilmember Scott Hente as alternate to serve on the Pikes Peak RTA Board of Directors for 2007.

The Town of Green Mountain Falls appointed Mayor Tyler Stevens and Mayor Pro Tem Dick Bratton as alternate to serve on the Pikes Peak RTA Board of Directors for 2007.

El Paso County Director Williams indicated that the next action is to ratify the appointments to the Pikes Peak RTA Citizen Advisory Committee of: 1) Mr. David Sealander for the El Paso County HAC for a three-year term that expires on December 31, 2009, 2) Mr. Ray Ferguson for the City of Manitou Springs for a three-year term that expires on December 31, 2009, and 3) Mr. Brian Risley for the City of Colorado Springs CTAB for a one-year term that expires on December 31, 2007.

Mr. Rob MacDonald, Pikes Peak RTA Board Secretary, requested clarification from the City of Colorado Springs for the appointment of Mr. Risley because the letter from the City of Colorado Springs indicated Mr. Risley had been appointed to a one-year term. Colorado Springs Director Rivera indicated that the appointment of Mr. Risley should be for a three-year term that expires on December 31, 2009.

Colorado Springs Director Small made a motion to ratify the appointments of Mr. David Sealander, Mr. Ray Ferguson, and Mr. Brian Risley to three-year terms that expire on December 31, 2009. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Tom Harold, Pikes Peak RTA Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, indicated that he was elected as Chair of the Pikes Peak RTA CAC for 2007, Ms. Jan Doran was elected as 1st Vice Chair for 2007, and Mr. Justin McDonald was elected as 2nd Vice Chair for 2007.

Mr. Harold reported that the CAC made a recommendation to the Board to approve spending \$1,500 for a kickoff event on the Austin Bluffs/Union Interchange project. Mr. Harold said that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Public Outreach will study the request by the City of Colorado Springs Public Communications staff for a Board policy regarding funding levels and expenditures for public outreach events for the Pikes Peak RTA capital projects.

Mr. Harold said that the CAC had a lengthy discussion on the City of Colorado Springs Bijou Bridge/Spruce Street Interchange funding request. El Paso County Director Clark indicated that a meeting is being scheduled between the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, and COSMIX and requested that a representative of the Pikes Peak RTA CAC be present to discuss the Bijou Bridge landscape improvements.

8. EFFECTS OF THE BLACK FOREST PROPOSED INCORPORATION

El Paso County Director Williams indicated that there is an effort to incorporate Black Forest as a city to the north and east of Colorado Springs. There may be some impact to the revenues for the Pikes Peak RTA. El Paso County Williams indicated that the RTA statute does not address incorporation and the incorporation statute does not address the issues.

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, gave an estimate of \$50,000 per 1,000 population for which the maintenance dollars would be allocated to the proposed government entity of Black Forest. El Paso County Director Williams said that the Black Forest proposal would return the funds to El Paso County to perform the road maintenance.

Mr. Ed Icenogle, Pikes Peak RTA Legal Counsel, said there are a number of steps that need to be completed before an entity is able to join or leave the Pikes Peak RTA. Mr. Icenogle will research the proposal and make a report at the next meeting.

El Paso County Director Williams indicated that the issues surrounding the proposal will be on the El Paso County Commission agenda. El Paso County Director Williams indicated that three elections for the proposal will take place: 1) spring—election for the incorporation, 2) summer—approval of the charter, 3) November—set mill levy to fund the governmental entity.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera requested that Commissioners Williams and Clark postpone the vote so that the City of Colorado Springs can research the impacts surrounding the incorporation of Black Forest.

9. 2007 CAPITAL, MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS

City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Cam McNair, Colorado Springs City Engineer, requested the approval of six contracts for the City of Colorado Springs.

1. Blue Ridge Construction, Inc., Maintenance (Bridge Repairs, Phase 3), \$358,917
2. Pete Sprouse Construction, Maintenance (Bridge Debris Removal), \$49,200
3. CTL Thompson, Inc., Capital (Austin Bluffs/Union Interchange—Materials Testing Services), \$384,005
4. Dobco, Maintenance (Safety & Traffic Operations), \$200,000
5. TRAX Construction, Inc., Capital & Maintenance (Roadway Safety & Traffic Operations), \$486,180
6. Data Transfer Solutions (Change Order No. 2), Maintenance (Safety & Traffic Operations), \$120,000

Mr. McNair indicated that the project description for contract number 1 should read that the bridges are “west of I-25”.

Mr. Steve Gess, Colorado Springs Contracts Manager, said that the contract for bridge repairs (contract number 1) was initially awarded to a company that had been determined to be non-responsible and unable to perform the components of the projects. The contract was then awarded to the next lowest bidder, Blue Ridge Construction, Inc.

Mr. Scott Logan, Colorado Springs Traffic Engineering Division Manager, provided details on contract numbers 4 through 6.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion to approve six contracts for the City of Colorado Springs. El Paso County Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. OTHER REPORTS

Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, reported that the November check from the state was below budget by \$1,084,000. Ms. Majewski said that the state indicated that they were having difficulty with collections because of the recent inclement weather that resulted in numerous closures of both the Department of Revenue and the Post Office. Ms. Majewski indicated that the Department of Revenue is performing an analysis on how much the Pikes Peak RTA will be impacted. Ms. Majewski reported that the revenue is 13.5% below last November’s revenue. Ms. Majewski said that after she receives more information, she will send the financial reports out by email.

City of Colorado Springs FREX Fare Increase

Ms. Sherre Ritenour, Colorado Springs Transit Services Manager, indicated that the Colorado Springs City Council will consider a fare increase for FREX service at the January 22, 2007 City Council meeting. The fare increase is expected to go into effect in mid-February, and passengers have been notified.

City of Colorado Springs Updated Contract Lists for Transit Services and Mountain Metropolitan Transit

Ms. Ritenour said that the contract list has been updated.

City of Colorado Springs Update on Cimarron Street Bridge Over Conejos Street

Mr. Robin Kidder, Colorado Springs City Engineer, provided an update on the Cimarron Street Bridge replacement project. Mr. Kidder indicated that the preliminary design on the Cimarron Street Bridge is completed. The demolition of the south half of the existing bridge structure will begin in the near future. Mr. Kidder said that the estimators will project the cost of the project.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher inquired about the closure of the Cimarron Street Bridge that occurred recently. Mr. Kidder indicated that there was a scheduled maintenance of asphalt cracks and as they began the project, the contractors closed the bridge because of safety concerns. In the future, the contractors will perform the maintenance in non-peak hours and notify the Colorado Springs Real Estate Office if safety problems arise.

El Paso County Director Clark requested that advance notice be given when the bridge will be closed.

City of Colorado Springs Monthly Charge Order Report

There were no questions.

City of Colorado Springs Right-of-Way and Easements Acquisition Report

There were no questions.

Staff Field Review Report

There were no questions.

City of Colorado Springs Public Outreach Funding

Ms. Sue Skiffington-Blumberg, Colorado Springs Public Communications, requested clarification on the policy of funding public outreach events.

El Paso County Director Williams indicated that the sponsoring entity should be funding the cost of outreach activities and Pikes Peak RTA funds should not be used.

Colorado Springs Director Small suggested that a portion of the administrative budget could be set aside for the celebratory events.

El Paso County Director Clark indicated that signage at the construction site and public notice to events by invitation are both important. El Paso County Director Clark said that people come to the event to see the project and not for refreshments.

El Paso County Director Williams summarized the Board member discussion. The process of public outreach that advertises the design and construction of projects is part of the construction contract. The entity that sponsors the project will be responsible for coordinating public outreach activities and, if necessary, funding the ground breaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies. El Paso County Director Williams encouraged the intergovernmental nature of the Pikes Peak RTA and requested that participation by the government entity's representatives also include the Chair or Vice Chair of the Pikes Peak RTA Board.

11. PIKES PEAK RTA MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

El Paso County Director Clark requested a meeting to discuss the applicants for the Pikes Peak RTA CAC. Mr. MacDonald confirmed that a meeting will be scheduled after all of the applications have been received.

12. ADJOURNMENT

El Paso County Director Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.