

CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

SPECIAL MEETING NO. SP-2008-06

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

MINUTES

Mr. Loui Antonucci, City Council President, called Special Regular Meeting No. SP-2008-06 of the Steamboat Springs City Council to order at 5:09pm, Monday, April 14, 2008, in Centennial Hall, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

City Council Members present: Loui Antonucci, Cari Hermacinski, Meg Bentley, Walter Magill, Scott Myller, and Jon Quinn. Steve Ivancie arrived at 5:25pm.

City Staff Members present: Alan Lanning, City Manager; Wendy DuBord, Deputy City Manager; Anthony B. Lettunich, City Attorney; Julie Jordan, City Clerk; Julie Franklin, Deputy City Clerk; Anja Tribble, City Clerk Staff Assistant; Lisa Rolan, Director of Financial Services; Jonathan Flint, Transit Manager; John Eastman, Planning Services Manager; Jason Peasley, City Planner; Gavin McMillan, City Planner; Philo Shelton, Director of Public Works; JD Hays, Director of Public Safety; and Chris Wilson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

**NOTE: All documents distributed at the City Council meeting are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.**

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION TOPIC**

**1. Transportation Panel of Experts: Dave Eller, CDOT, Dan Blankenship, Roaring Fork Transit, and Bill Fox, Fox-Higgins.**

Mr. Dave Eller, Program Engineer for Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and representative for the Northwest Transportation Planning Region, was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Dan Blankenship, Roaring Fork Transit, was present who brings 25 years of transit experience.

Bill Fox, Fox-Higgins (transportation consultant), was also present, who brings 23 years of experience, 15 of which is in this community.

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Mr. Blankenship provided a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the following: Past successes and future vision for regional transit; agenda; think global; mass transit; think regional; Roaring Fork Transportation (RFTA) Authority operations overview; transportation success in the region; 2003 corridor investment study; vision statement; why is BRT needed; 30 year of RFTA ridership growth; what BRT; facilities: stations, parks and rides, stop; other Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) elements; transit-oriented development makes sense; BRT project development; RFTA decision making and information flow chart; BRT study process; core valley I-70 services; peak period valley I-70 services; estimated ridership; preliminary "full" BRT; organizational increases needed; highway improvements for transit priority; station component costs; typical station component costs (2008); BRT station plan example: El Jebel; estimated total RFT capital costs (2008); potential phasing plan; recent feedback; 2007 revenues; 2007 operating and capital expenses; baseline financial forecast: operating profitability trend 2007-2008; sales/use percent contribution by partner, 2009; funding BRT project: Garfield County at 0.4%; funding BRT project scenario 1; scenario 3; scenario 5; revenues by scenario over baseline expenses and BRT expenses; initial funding analysis; differences among RFTA Regional scenarios; and financial scenarios.

Mr. Fox provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following: improving mobility in constrained transportation corridors; land uses; multi-modal facilities; roadway capacity and utilization; the land use plan is critical to reducing automobile trip making; transit oriented development; traditional neighborhood design; mixed use developments reduce external trip making; codes and design standards must evolve to allow the vision to be built; providing multi-modal options; reducing barriers to pedestrian travel; sidewalks; off street shared use paths; grade separated pedestrian crossings; improved at-grade pedestrian crossing; improvements at large intersections; bicycle system; bus lanes; bus/bike lanes; bus/bike/pedestrian crossing; bus queue jump lanes; roadway system; the "P" word; and allow peak periods to expand.

Discussion took place relative, but not limited to: snow removal on raised areas; constructing a parking structure; funding through sales tax; winter/seasonal employees; park and ride areas; rider fees; CDOT budgetary constraints; project prioritization; Environmental Stewardship Guidelines; annexation environmental assessment; the future of the Highway 40 corridor; Stolfus is a step toward a Corridor Optimization Plan; centralized downtown bus stops; traffic level of service "F"; Aspen Ski area shuttle service; the affect of the price of oil on public transportation/light rail; Transit Authority role in annexation; where to find funding for pedestrian/bike facilities; public/private partnerships; Federal Transit Administration Funds/enhancement dollars; Great Outdoors Colorado grants; and percentage of per person trips in Roaring Fork.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Ivancie moved and Council Member Bentley seconded to adjourn Special Meeting SP-2008-06 at approximately 7:15pm. The motion carried 7/0.

**MINUTES PREPARED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

*Julie Franklin*

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Julie Franklin, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

**REVIEWED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

*Julie Jordan*

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Julie Jordan, MMC  
City Clerk

**APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF May, 2008.**