



CITY COUNCIL

The City Council is comprised of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and five City Councilors who are elected at-large and serve as the legislative and governing body of the City.

OVERVIEW

- Appoints the City Manager, City Attorney and Municipal Judge.
- Adopts laws, ordinances and resolutions instituting City policy.
- Provides policy direction and guidance through adoption of a Strategic Plan.
- Holds public meetings on a variety of community issues, meets with neighborhood groups and businesses, and attends local, county, regional, state and national meetings on issues that have municipal impact.



Visionary Leadership, Effective Governance, and Proactive Regional Collaboration — *The City of Westminster has articulated a clear vision for the future of the community. The vision is implemented through collaborative and transparent decision making. Westminster is proactively engaged with our partners to advance the common interests of the region.*

- Develop communication, management, and planning tools that move the City toward its vision while providing excellent government.
- Collaborate with state agencies, counties, school districts, neighboring cities and other governmental and non-governmental entities.



Vibrant, Inclusive, and Engaged Community — *Westminster provides options for an inclusive, demographically diverse citizenry in unique settings with community identity, ownership, and sense of place, with easy access to amenities, shopping, employment, and diverse integrated housing options. Members of the community are empowered to address community needs and important community issues through active involvement with City cultural, business, and nonprofit groups.*

- Advance strategies that demonstrate Westminster is a regional leader in providing affordable/workforce housing.
- Develop programs and strategies that build a unique sense of community in Westminster.
- Lead the development of cultural opportunities in Westminster.
- Identify the distinct neighborhoods of Westminster and help them begin to work together, as neighbors, to grow the sense of place and community in their neighborhoods.



Beautiful, Desirable, Safe, and Environmentally Responsible City — *Westminster thoughtfully creates special places and settings. The city is an active steward, protecting and enhancing natural resources and environmental assets. The city promotes and fosters safe and healthy communities.*

- Make a Citywide commitment to sustainability.
- Promote ongoing excellent management and maintenance of the City’s parks and open space system.
- Provide opportunities for residents, visitors, and employees to improve their personal wellness—physically, emotionally, and intellectually.



Dynamic, Diverse Economy — *Westminster is a local government that fosters social, economic, and environmental vitality and cultivates and strengthens a wide array of economic opportunities.*

- Develop an economic development strategy that contributes to City vision attainment and is executed through collaborative work between the City of Westminster, the business community, residents, and other partners of Westminster.



Financially Sustainable Government Providing Excellence in City Services — *Westminster leads the region in a culture of innovation that exceeds expectations in providing value in all city services — the City shall be known for “the Westy Way.”*

- Develop and maintain comprehensive municipal capital infrastructure master plan and financing strategy.
- Promote the organizational culture of Service, Pride, Integrity, Responsibility, Innovation, and Teamwork.
- City Manager will develop an annual program of specific department business process improvement reviews.



Ease of Mobility — *Westminster pursues multi-modal transportation options to ensure the community is convenient, accessible, and connected by local and regional transportation options through planning, collaboration, advocacy, and execution. Transportation objectives include walkability, bike friendly, drivability, and mass transit options.*

- Improve the walkability and bikeability of Westminster.
- Improve mass-transit options throughout Westminster.



2015/2016 Achievements:

- Hired a new City Manager and City Attorney.
- Implemented stakeholder process to review and update Strategic Plan and adopted robust plan with clear vision: Westminster is the next Urban Center of the Colorado Front Range.
- Provided direction on the Downtown Westminster development plan, moving forward with a block by block development strategy; completed agreements with five developers for six projects comprising approximately \$215 million in investment and almost one million square feet of development.
- Commenced affordable housing research, met with a consulting firm to prepare an affordable housing policy and strategy for the City, and executed three affordable housing projects.
- Created an Inclusivity Task Force which recommended the creation of an Inclusivity Board; City Council created and appointed the new board in 2016.
- Worked with Regional Transportation District (RTD), Adams County, Denver Transit Partners, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, and other partners to ensure the timely completion of the Westminster Station facility and parking structure in July 2016; overall, an estimated \$75 million has been invested in transit, roadway, and drainage way improvements by the City and its partners.
- Approved funding to purchase additional bunker gear for the City’s firefighters to limit firefighters’ exposure to carcinogens that remain in their gear after fighting fires.
- Commenced creation of the Westminster Station Area Specific Plan zoning document to regulate land use and building form within the station area and provide policy direction and implementation measures for streetscape design, mobility, circulation, and public spaces.
- Advocated to ensure the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) completed an express lane on I-25 from US 36 to 120th Avenue and for CDOT commitment of funding to continue the lane to 144th Avenue; groundbreaking took place in July 2016 for that phase; and additional work is needed to complete the lane to SH 7.
- Continued advocacy for completion of the Northwest Commuter Rail Line.
- Successfully advocated for sound walls along I-25 and participated in local match to CDOT.
- Successfully advocated for bus service north of 120th to 144th Avenue to serve Orchard and St. Anthony’s North Health Campus.
- Partnered with RTD to open the Flatiron Flyer, a schedule free bus rapid transit system operating between Boulder and Denver, with stations at US 36 at Sheridan and US 36 at Church Ranch.
- Developed and implemented additional online payment applications including applications for sales tax credit processing, and municipal court fines, fees, and tickets.
- Initiated the City’s branding and marketing efforts.
- Conducted and reviewed 2016 Citizen Survey, and utilized the results in strategic planning efforts and development of the 2017/2018 budget.
- Conducted an assessment of the current state of multi-lingual communication efforts throughout the City and have expanded the Council’s multi-lingual outreach.
- Conducted a robust stakeholder process to review a proposed ordinance to allow residential chicken and bee husbandry within the City and approved the ordinance.
- Provided direction on the scope and design of the City Hall plaza renovation, including an ice melt system.
- Authorized the addition of a new Senior Transportation and Mobility Planner within the Community Development Department.
- Secured a grant in collaboration with 36 Community Solutions from Denver Regional Council of Governments for the installation of a “Bus then Bike” shelter at the US 36/Sheridan Bus Rapid Transit Center.
- Kicked off the Mobility Action Plan Westminster project in early 2016 to identify where the City can improve pedestrian, bicycle, and transit opportunities. Engaged the public and business community through two stakeholder workshops and three mobile public meetings to solicit ideas about type and location of mobility improvements.
- Implemented Summer Lunch Program in partnership with Westminster Public Schools.

Total Budget by Category

| | 2015 Actual | 2016 Amended | 2016 Estimated | 2017 Adopted | 2018 Adopted |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Personnel | \$156,321 | \$184,935 | \$177,590 | \$183,987 | \$187,917 |
| Contractual | \$62,984 | \$74,640 | \$71,915 | \$95,715 | \$95,065 |
| Commodities | \$8,414 | \$8,950 | \$8,950 | \$10,150 | \$8,950 |
| Capital Outlay | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$227,719 | \$268,525 | \$258,455 | \$289,852 | \$291,932 |