

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
November 3, 2003**

Mayor Moss called the Study Session to order at 6:35 PM.

City Council in attendance included Mayor Ed Moss, Mayor Pro Tem Herb Atchison, Councillors Nancy McNally, Chris Dittman, Butch Hicks, Sam Dixon, and Tim Kauffman.

City Staff in attendance included City Manager Brent McFall, Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers, City Attorney Marty McCullough, Assistant City Attorney Sharon Widener, Director of Community Development John Carpenter, Deputy City Manager for Administration Matt Lutkus, Director of Parks, Recreation and Libraries Bill Walenczak, Police Lieutenant Mike Cressman, Senior Projects Coordinator Tony Chacon, and Administrative Secretary Kim Farin.

The guests in attendance were Dave Davia, Jo Ann Price and Tanya Ishikawa of the *Westminster Window*.

REGULAR SESSION

Transit Oriented Housing Pool Private Activity Bond Request

Brent McFall introduced Tony Chacon and John Carpenter who led a discussion regarding the City's participation on the Transit Oriented Housing Pool board. Staff recommends that the City join the board and provide a \$500,000 Private Activity Bond contribution towards the pooled fund. This will support the development of workforce housing throughout the metro area at existing and proposed transit station locations. The Metro Mayors Caucus has partnered with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority and the Regional Transportation District to establish a program to fund the development of affordable workforce housing around potential transit stations.

Council concurred with Staff's recommendation.

Code Amendments re Concealed and Unconcealed Weapons

Brent McFall introduced the interdepartmental team of Matt Lutkus, Mike Cressman, Sharon Widener, and Bill Walenczak who led a discussion regarding updating the City's Municipal Code to achieve compliance with the new State Statutes, SB 24 and 25, and also to establish the City's limited authority (under these statutes) to regulate firearms.

In spite of a proposition by Westminster and many other municipalities, on March 18, 2003, Governor Bill Owens signed into law Senate Bill 24 establishing a statewide regulation permitting concealed handguns, and Senate Bill 25 limiting municipalities' authority to regulate firearms. As a result of this action, municipalities must now ensure compliance with these new laws.

Council directed Staff to rewrite a portion of the Code and then present it back to Council at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

Mayor Moss adjourned the Study Session at 7:44 PM to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.