

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

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REGIONAL BUILDING COMMISSION MINUTES

October 26, 2011

3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Sharon Brown, Fountain City Council
Vice Chairman Dennis Hisey, El Paso County Commissioner
Bernie Herpin, Colorado Springs City Council

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Henry Yankowski, Regional Building Official
Mr. Todd Welch, Regional Building Counsel
Mr. Bob Croft, Special Projects Coordinator
Mr. Roger Lovell, Chief Plans Examiner
Ms. Dorothy Herrera, Accounting Manager
Ms. Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

PROCEEDINGS:

Chairman Sharon Brown called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dennis Hisey to **APPROVE** the September 28, 2011, Building Commission Minutes, as amended, seconded by Bernie Herpin; the motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

3. ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Rick Johnson presented the Advisory Board report for the month of October 2011.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS

a) Financial Statement

Henry Yankowski presented the financial statement for the month of September, 2011. He said the current operating balance is \$4,785,063.71, with a budget of \$9,629,246.00. He said the cash balance is 49.70% as a percent of budget. Mr. Yankowski said the revenue was

\$707,033.20, and total year-to-date revenue was \$7,232,038.74. He said the expenditures were \$703,630.17, which resulted in a net gain of \$3,403.03 for the month of September. Mr. Yankowski said the total year-to-date expenditures were \$7,073,181.98, which resulted in a total year-to-date gain of \$158,856.76.

b) Building Report

Mindy Stuemke presented the Building Report for the month of September, 2011. She said there were 125 detached house permits issued in September, which is an increase of 50.60 percent from last year. Ms. Stuemke said there were 26 townhouses permitted, which is an increase of 62.50 percent from last year. She said there were 151 single-family houses permitted, which is a 52.53 percent increase from this same time last year. She said there were 18 commercial building permits issued in September, which is an increase of 125.00 percent. Ms. Stuemke said the total valuation of permits issued was \$7,393,747, which is an increase of 590.96 percent. She said the total year-to-date valuation was \$844,078,994, which is a 10.37 percent increase. She said there are 113 single-family permits, and 24 building commercial permits to date in October.

c) Plan Review Report

Roger Lovell presented the Plan Report for September, 2011. He presented a valuation chart to the Committee members broken down by jurisdiction and project type. He said to date this year we have done 13 new buildings over \$3 million. Mr. Lovell stated there are several Rapid Response projects currently in the system.

Mr. Lovell said there were 85 single family plans, which is a decrease of 0.9 percent from this time last year; 26 residential alterations plans, which is a decrease of 14.9 percent from last year; 15 new commercial plans, which is a 109.0 percent increase; 79 commercial alterations plans, which is a 16.9 percent increase; and 8 all other plans, which is a 7.1 percent increase. He said new commercial plans are very strong.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Building Commission Membership

RBD would like the Building Commission to make a decision on this issue. Bernie Herpin stated he has had several conversations with stakeholders regarding this issue, and they would like the current membership of the Building Commission to remain as it is currently. A motion was made by Bernie Herpin to keep the Building Commission membership as it is currently, seconded by Dennis Hisey; the motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Presentation by the Colorado Springs Regional Economic Development Corporation

Douglas Quimby, Chairman and Acting CEO of the Colorado Springs Regional Economic Development Corporation (“EDC”), appeared and stated the EDC would like to request another investment in the amount of \$25,000 from RBD. He gave a presentation regarding the current status of new companies now doing business in El Paso County. He said the EDC will merge with the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce to form a new entity.

Henry Yankowski stated that the Walmart Data Center will show the country that Colorado Springs is a good location for many large businesses.

Sharon Brown stated the Building Commission would like RBD to give another \$25,000 donation to the five smaller jurisdictions, and the Advisory Board can determine how those funds will be divided. She requested that the Advisory Board give the Building Commission their proposal regarding the division of these funds during the January 2012 Building Commission meeting.

b) 2012 Budget

Henry Yankowski gave a presentation regarding the 2012 Budget. He said the budget amounts to \$9,548,344 which represents a decrease of \$276,689 from the Fiscal Year 2011 budget of \$9,825,034. He said single family home construction was in line with our 2011 projection of 1600 and we project single family home construction to be 1500 in 2012. Mr. Yankowski said this budget proposes no fee increases, no change to the services provided by Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, and includes the Advisory Board’s proposed 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for all employees.

Mr. Yankowski said the 2012 Budget includes continuation and/or expansion of revenue sources developed over the last couple of years; these include rental income from El Paso County Medical Facility/Pharmacy and Senator Mark Udall’s Colorado Springs Regional Office; provide school inspection and plan examination services to D-2, D-3, D-8, D-11, D-12, D-14, D-20, D-22, D-23JT, D-38, D-54JT and Douglas County School District; plan examination and periodic inspection of elevators within El Paso County; third party inspection services for construction projects on Fort Carson; and online website subscriptions. He said no new programs are proposed in this 2012 Budget.

Mr. Yankowski stated there is a line item for Economic Vitality in the budget for \$25,000 for the EDC, \$25,000 for the smaller jurisdictions, and \$15,000 to assist in the renovations needed for the Sheriff’s building. Dorothy Herrera stated RBD has set aside \$20,000 for the USOC to assist in paying permit fees that can be used until December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Bernie Herpin to **APPROVE** the 2012 Budget, seconded by Dennis Hisey; the motion carried unanimously.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

There were no Future Agenda Item Requests.

8. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Personnel Matters

The Regional Building Commission moved into Executive Session at 4:05 p.m. pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(3) V to discuss personnel matters.

After moving into General Session at 4:34 p.m., Chairman Brown noted that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Yankowski
Regional Building Official

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