

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

REGIONAL BUILDING COMMISSION MINUTES

May 23, 2012

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. Bob Croft, Deputy Building Official for Large
Business Development
Mr. Jim Vernon, Deputy Building Official for Small
Business Development
Mr. Todd Welch, Regional Building Counsel
Mr. Roger Lovell, Chief Plans Examiner
Ms. Mindy Stuemke, Permit Supervisor
Ms. Dorothy Herrera, Accounting Manager
Ms. Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

PROCEEDINGS:

Chairman Sharon Brown called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF APRIL 25, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made Dennis Hisey to **APPROVE** the April 25, 2012, Building Commission Minutes as written, seconded by Sharon Brown; the motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments to discuss.

3. ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Henry Yankowski gave a presentation regarding the Advisory Board meeting. He said year-to-date RBD has incurred \$67,365.20 in credit card fees. He said RBD is contemplating the enactment of a portal fee to help reduce RBD's credit card fees. Mr. Yankowski stated the portal fee would be for internet users only. He said 65% of our permits issued over the internet are paid by credit card. He said RBD also offers ACH payments (electronic check), which is a much lower expense to RBD.

Mr. Yankowski stated the Advisory Board members requested that RBD re-implement the compliance inspection, but RBD staff has not had many requests for compliance inspections and does not feel the compliance inspections are feasible for RBD with the current staff.

4. **BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS**

a) Financial Statements

Henry Yankowski presented the financial statement for the month of April, 2012. He said the current operating balance is \$4,569,903.85, with a budget of \$9,548,344.00. He said the cash balance is 47.86 as a percent of budget. Mr. Yankowski said the revenue was \$931,952.42, and total year-to-date revenue was \$3,084,689.86. He said the expenditures were \$869,698.74, which resulted in a net gain of \$62,253.68, for the month of April. Mr. Yankowski said the total year-to-date expenditures were \$2,836,775.87, which resulted in a total year-to-date gain of \$247,913.99.

b) Building Reports

Mindy Stuemke presented the Building Report for the month of April, 2012. She said there were 191 detached house permits issued in April, which is an increase of 39.42 percent from last year. Ms. Stuemke said there were zero townhouses permitted, which is a decrease of 100.00 percent from last year. She said there were 191 single-family houses permitted, which is a 25.66 percent increase from this same time last year. She said there were 15 commercial building permits issued in April, which is an increase of 87.50 percent. Ms. Stuemke said the total valuation of permits issued was \$5,626,030.00, which is an increase of 78.06 percent. She said the total year-to-date valuation was \$501,547,351.00, which is a 42.67 percent increase. She said there are 187 single-family permits, and 13 building commercial permits to date in May.

c) Plan Review Reports

Roger Lovell presented the Plan Report for the month of April 2012. He said there were 220 single family plans, which is an increase of 27.9 percent from this same time last year; 38 residential alterations plans, which is the same number of plans at this time last year; 18 new commercial plans, which is an increase of 80.0 percent; 106 commercial alteration plans, which is an increase of 15.2 percent; and 16 all other plans, which is an increase of 128.6 percent from this same time last year. Mr. Lovell presented a Valuation Chart, broken down by jurisdiction, for the Commission's review; and gave a presentation regarding the average valuations in construction in each jurisdiction. He said currently we do not have any Rapid Response Projects in the system. He said overall there is a 25 percent increase in plan reviews compared to this same time last year.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Henry Yankowski stated RBD will be taking a number issues to the smaller jurisdictions for approval within the next 30 days, i.e. the flat rate fee for roofs, the two year cumulative construction clause for the Flood Plain Code, adoption of the 2011 National Electrical Code, adoption of Chapter 13 of the 2009 International Mechanical Code, and the combination of the Electrical Committee and Mechanical Committee to form an MEP Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

There were no Future Agenda Item Requests.

8. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate Transaction

The regional Building Commission moved into Executive Session at 3:39 p.m. pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(I) to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate.

After moving into General Session at 3:58 p.m., Chairman Brown noted that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Yankowski
Regional Building Official

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