

spring or early summer 2016.

2016 draft budget

Smith presented the trustees with the first version of a 2016 draft budget. Since there were so many "preliminary" figures in this version, the trustees did not discuss the details.



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They did request a public budget workshop with Smith and Lowe soon so they could ask detailed questions about it.

The final budget will be presented at the Dec. 7 Board of Trustees meeting. The public is welcome to inspect the preliminary budget before then by visiting the Town Hall or by contacting Pamela Smith, interim town treasurer, at (719) 884-8045 or psmith@tomgov.org.

Checks over \$5,000

The trustees unanimously approved the following disbursements over \$5,000 as part of the consent agenda:

- Forsgren Associates Inc., Distribution line R&M –\$6,504
- Forsgren Associates Inc., Water Rates Study – \$7,913
- Martin Marietta Materials, 1.5-inch overlay on Beacon Lite Road by Town Hall and Jackson Creek Parkway between Higby Road and YMCA –\$43,644
- CIRSA Insurance, fourth-quarter workers comp – \$14,238
- CIRSA Insurance, fourth-quarter liability insurance – \$23,920
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, fourth-quarter installment of Chamber support – \$5,000

Williams saves the day

Mayor Rafael Dominguez read a thank-you letter from a stranded motorist who had been assisted by Town Gardener Sharon Williams. She used water from the tank on her

town gardening ATV to prevent the overheated brakes on the man's truck from catching fire, and then she directed him to follow her as she drove to the nearest repair shop. "She didn't judge me even though I was wearing tattoos and camo. She was a magnificent heaven-sent angel," the motorist wrote. Dominguez asked the trustees to approve an increase in Williams' water allowance, and the audience applauded the suggestion.

Executive session

Before the executive session, Interim Town Treasurer Pamela Smith asked if she would be permitted to attend the executive session. Town Attorney Gary Shupp said it was up to the board. Trustee Jeff Smith said he thought it would be inappropriate, and there was no other discussion. At 8:45 p.m., the board went into executive session for negotiations, instructing negotiators, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations.

After the meeting, Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman informed OCN that the board decided to delay a decision on the town treasurer contract with Pamela Smith until the next regular board meeting on Oct. 19.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

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Mon. Planning Commission (Cont. from p1)

Jackson Creek Market Village Lot 3A Final Plat

In regards to the Jackson Creek Market Village Lot 3A Final Plat, this proposal is dealing once again with the plot of land along Baptist Road, across the street from King Soopers. Lot 3A is intended to be developed by a dentist's office, a restaurant, and one as yet undetermined commercial establishment. Access from Baptist Road will provide a ramp for easier pedestrian access.

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John Dick motioned for approval with the condition of a future Final PD Site Plan being provided. Michelle Glover seconded, and this proposal passed unanimously.

Monument Heights Rezoning and Final PD Sketch Plan

The Monument Heights Rezoning and Final PD Sketch Plan garnered a bit more discussion from both commissioners and citizens. Under the proposed rezoning, 87.97 acres of land would change from Planned Commercial Development to Planned Residential Development should this rezoning effort succeed, with 44.140 of those acres adjacent to the west side of Jackson Creek Parkway and 39.837 acres adjacent to the east side, between Highway 105 and Bowstring Road. This property is located less than a mile from downtown Monument. The PD sketch plan proposes that 620 dwellings would be built on this property, including apartments, townhouses and duplexes, intended to be in more generally affordable price ranges than much of Monument.

Representatives of Pinetree Properties were present at the meeting, where they explained the company's belief that this property will prove more lucrative if used for housing. The land has been zoned for industrial use since 1980, and Pinetree Properties suggests that it might not have sold due to being somewhat difficult to see from the highway.

Buffers would be constructed along I-25 to further separate these homes from the busy roads, and an elementary school would be built to accommodate the increase in potential students. The children from this new residential development would have gone to Bear Creek Elementary were there enough room, but as there isn't developers have offered the school district choice of lots

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