

**CITY OF BOULDER
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2006

AGENDA TITLE: Appointment of Members to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Revenue Stabilization.

**PRESENTER/S: Frank Bruno, City Manager
Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the April 4, 2006, Regular Business Meeting, City Council endorsed the concept of creating a Blue Ribbon Revenue Commission on Revenue Stabilization. The purpose of the committee is to:

Establish a long-term, balanced and stable revenue stream for the city of Boulder that accomplishes public priorities while allowing flexibility to meet the varied and dynamic needs of the municipal corporation in the next twenty years.

This agenda item returns with suggested appointees to this commission. The commission consists of community members and technical members. City Council provided nominations for community members and the City Manager's Office presented nominations for technical members.

Key Issue Identification: Appoint the members of the commission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint the nominated members.

COUNCIL FILTER IMPACTS:

- Economic: The intent of this commission is to affect the long-term revenue structure of the municipal corporation while maintaining an economically competitive tax burden for businesses and residents.
- Social: Nominations for community members primarily focused upon those members who had some knowledge of city or state finances and significant understanding of the political dynamics of Boulder. The under-participating groups may still be under-represented on this commission, however, the incorporation of other taxing entities as technical members on this commission

may provide a voice for those who might see an inequitable shift of the tax burden. Additionally, staff intends to introduce and remind the commission of the Community Sustainability model to assist in meeting this filter.

- Environmental: This commission is not anticipated to have a direct environmental impact, however, long-term revenue sources being pursued as part of the Climate Action Plan will likely be considered in any recommendation by this commission.

OTHER IMPACTS:

- Fiscal: This commission has a likely duration of 12-18 months. Research, analysis and meeting expenses have not been budgeted at this time but are anticipated. The Finance Department will examine existing resources for accomplishing these needs.
- Staff time: The City Manager, Deputy City Manager for Administrative Services, the Finance Director and the Budget Manager have incorporated this project into their work plan for 2006 and 2007.

MATRIX OF OPTIONS:

The following nominees have been contacted by staff and expressed a willingness to participate in this commission. A resume or curriculum vita is attached for most of the nominees.

Community Nominees:

Matthew Applebaum
Paul Danish
Susan Graf
Tom Plant
Steve Pomerance

Technical Nominees:

Steven Fisher
Thomas Hagerty
Dickey Lee Hullinghorst (County) – Part Time as needed
Bruce Rothenberg
Leslie Stafford (BVSD) – Part time as needed
Michael Stutzer
Richard Wobbekind

In the case of the nominees from the county and the school district, there was concern about the amount of time this endeavor would require. In order to accommodate this concern, yet ensure that these taxing entities are represented, these members will plan to attend those meetings in which items relevant to their agency are anticipated.

These nominations are true to the meaning of a Blue Ribbon Commission. We have some very distinguished and accomplished members assembled who will provide a nice diversification of view points, expertise and concerns.

Approved By:

Frank W. Bruno,
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS: Please find the resumes for each candidate attached.