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Westminster Water Treatment Plant and Nancy McNally

Well, Last Monday's City Council meeting went "as planned"...at least, planned as the outside developer/bond investment community wanted it to go. The eminent domain proceedings for the Westminster Boulevard proposed water treatment plant site "passed" on 2nd reading.

After public comment from many of the Water Warriors about how this very same plan with only slight differentiations, had caused the voting **OUT** of the previous city council members who espoused it last November of 2021, most on the "New" city council voted to pass this anyway, with only one abstainer, Bruce Baker. Mayor Nancy McNally DID mention that "if it was up to me, I probably would have voted 'no'" or something to that effect.

Well, the voting was up to her. Who else was it up to? Her doppelganger? Or maybe an artificial "intelligence" double who looks, and talks like Nancy McNally, but is really NOT Nancy McNally?

Unfortunately, both David DeMott and Nancy McNally actively campaigned for their positions on Westminster City Council and as Mayor on stances that:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->They would **NOT** vote for the Approval of the Westminster Farm development. Instead, once in office, they did just that...voted for the approval of the Uplands development which has NEVER met basic zoning criteria. The stated reason for voting for it, when they said they would oppose it? Well, it was "private property rights"...the owners had a right to sell the property if they wanted to. No one disagreed that the property owners had a right to sell, only that the planned development did not meet basic zoning requirements and therefore, should not have been approved.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Next, these two ran on the premise that they would not support the water treatment plant plan as proposed...one of the big reasons they stated was because of the "taking of land" (eminent domain) that the plan "required". It (supposedly) went against their beliefs of "private property rights"... that is, no property owner should be forced to sell their land if they did not want to. So, what happened next? What happened right after the "new" city council and

Mayor started their new tenure in November of 2022? Well, the water and sewer pipes were removed from the open space site. This was a great start. Then Nancy set up a kind of round table that included members of the Denver Water Department, and other municipal water departments while also including Bill Christopher, one of Westminster's previous city managers. At this "roundtable" set up, different approaches were discussed. That was a good start. So what happened afterwards? I really don't know, except that we are-basically-back to the same expensive and bad water treatment plan that "requires" the taking of private property. And now, Nancy McNally, as well as David DeMott and the previous water treatment deniers, Lindsey Emmons and Rich Seymour, as well as new city council members Sarah Nurmela and Obi Ezeadi, are now all for it! Again, only Bruce Baker seems to be listening to his own conscience as well as the voices of the residents of Westminster who will be saddled with the debt and bad planning/implementation of this water treatment plant.

Throughout the meeting, Nancy McNally praised the efforts of the water planning staff." Thank you this, and Thank you that", blah, blah, blah.

Isn't this the same water planning staff that promoted the last water treatment plant plan that caused the old city council to be "eliminated" at voting time? Yes, I believe this is the same water planning staff. In fact, one of the members of the water planning staff used to work for the City of Brighton and was "canned" because of her promotion and work on many exorbitant water plans and expenditures within the city of Brighton. So, who inherited this exorbitant water project promoter? Well we did. The city of Westminster did. And it is causing the city some real harm to have a person like her on the payroll who is not looking out for the best interests of the residents of Westminster, but, instead, is looking out for the best interests of herself and the best interests of her consulting and municipal bond investor contacts.

This is just not RIGHT!

Something needs to change!

Please, get some new and fresh eyes on this expensive and far-reaching water project. And the sooner, the better!

Sincerely,

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Old Town, Historic Westminster, Arts District...yes...

But Corporate Town in South Westminster?

That just aint right.

What are you guys doing? Do you have any idea what makes an old town? It is certainly not letting a historic district become nothing but a demolished and derelict place to be designated as "blighted" so that corporate interests can buy up land for cheap!

As usual, the powers-that-be cannot figure out how to make their own city-created mess into anything but a corporate-owned and operated city mess. Fact of the matter, basically anything historic has been taken out, so that we are left with demolished spaces with construction fencing. Whereas a city like Arvada has respect for their old buildings and authentic Mom and Pop owners...which makes for an authentic Old Town...Westminster takes anything old and authentic and demolishes it or mistreats it so that it can use the excuse that it is blighted and sell it off to corporate interests.

Guess what? Corporate Interests cannot POSSIBLY create an old Town, or a Historic Town, or even an art's district. It takes unique and independent people and businesses to do that. But hey, when has the unimaginative Westminster ever tried to encourage unique and independent businesses?

The remnants of an Old Town in South Westminster are just that, remnants left over from constant bullying of residents and businesses with a final blow of letting Walmart on 72nd come in and finish the last survivors off, or barely survive.

The most "unique" shops that Westminster has are the "Tattered Cover" from Denver, Snooze (from Denver), Snarfs (from Denver). Anything else is nothing but generic corporate stores...basically nothing is "hand-grown" from Westminster because Westminster wants corporate to do all the work for them...and hand-grown businesses are not born from corporate interests.

The last thing I was aware of (and actually attended) were the "public meetings" this last fall with regard to getting "input" from residents about what they wanted from an

Old Town. There were some thoughtful suggestions, including mine, with designs to go along.

Well, as usual, this was nothing more than city interests and employees with an already planned agenda "humoring" the residents into believing that their input really mattered or was to be incorporated into a plan that would directly affect them, as well as to provide an authentic Old Town/Historic District.

Some people wanted affordable housing mixed into the area. That was not to be had, because the last time that was brought up, the corporate interests that could be enticed to take over Old Town, were not interested. Now, with the passage of the bill that allows for over \$100 million to be used for affordable housing in the state...well, now, the corporate interests are interested...and so is the city, because the City of Westminster wants nothing to do with anything that would involve actual residents or businesses within the city to help re-build or re-establish an Old Town. They are so LAZY, that only pre-packaged corporate efforts are even considered.

And, once again, corporate interests cannot possibly create an Old Town, a Historic District or even an arts district. It takes people and designs from the Westminster Community itself, to accomplish that!

Please...Stop the continual suckup to corporate interests in the takeover of Westminster. It is not wanted and it is actually a very destructive force within the city!

Sincerely,
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