

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: July 27, 2010	1 st Reading _____ 2 nd Reading _____	Legal Review: N/A	Work Plan #	Agenda Location: Presentations	Agenda Item: 6A-1
Subject: A RESOLUTION HONORING HAMLET "CHIPS" BARRY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF THORNTON, THE DENVER METRO AREA, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES.					
Prepared by: Mark Koleber			Approved by: Jack Ethredge		Ordinance previously introduced by: _____
Reviewed by: Bud Elliot			Presented by: City Council		

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Hamlet "Chips" Barry served in many significant positions with state and local government, as well as organizations serving the people of Colorado, the United States, and the world.
- Mr. Barry has been involved in Colorado water and natural resources matters since 1975.
- Mr. Barry served as the Manager of Denver Water from January 1991 until his untimely death on May 2, 2010.
- The City of Thornton and Denver Water had a difficult, litigious relationship prior to Mr. Barry joining Denver Water and it was through his leadership that the City of Thornton and Denver Water were able to negotiate a number of agreements that provided for the joint construction and operation of infrastructure, water lease agreements, and a "peace pact" regarding water rights litigation.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- None

RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends approval of this Resolution honoring Hamlet J. "Chips" Barry for his service.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING HAMLET “CHIPS” BARRY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF THORNTON, THE DENVER METRO AREA, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, Chips Barry has a long history of providing leadership in water and natural resources matters at the local, national and international level; and

WHEREAS, Chips Barry provided service to the state of Colorado through the various leadership positions he held, including Director of the Mined Land Reclamation Division, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, and as a member of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Energy Impact Advisory Board, Mined Land Reclamation Board and the Inter-Basin Compact Committee; and

WHEREAS, Chips Barry was an untiring advocate for the water community through his participation in organizations including the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Western Urban Water Coalition, and Water For People; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barry provided his valuable insight and expertise in the first statewide water plan developed under Governor Richard Lamm, and subsequent reports and initiatives, such as the Metropolitan Water Supply Investigation and the Statewide Water Supply Initiative, which helped guide the development of water supply policy in the state; and

WHEREAS, Chips Barry worked to break down a culture of hostility among competing water interests, and to establish and maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships among water providers throughout Colorado, continually striving for “win-win” strategies for the benefit of all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership at Denver Water beginning in 1991, Mr. Barry helped create a heightened awareness of water conservation throughout the Denver Metro area and the region, and was among the first executives of major water providers to recognize the need to address the potential effects of climate change on municipal water supplies; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Barry’s tenure at Denver Water, the City of Thornton negotiated numerous agreements with Denver Water, including agreements for joint construction and operation of infrastructure, water lease agreements, and a “peace pact” regarding water rights litigation that would not have been possible except for Chips’ desire to establish more collaborative and cooperative relationships among water providers. These were key agreements for the City of Thornton and became the basis for Thornton and Denver to develop an effective working relationship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barry had announced and was looking forward to his retirement from Denver Water when an untimely accident claimed his life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thornton would like to extend its condolences to Mr. Barry's wife Gail, sons Duncan and Pennan, his work family at Denver Water, and all those that worked with Mr. Barry through the numerous entities in which Mr. Barry was active.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Thornton City Council hereby honors Hamlet "Chips" Barry for his dedicated service to the public at the local, state, national and international level, not only through his leadership at Denver Water, but also for the numerous other ways in which he provided his expertise, vision, and leadership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on _____, 2010.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

Erik Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy A. Vincent, City Clerk