

Council approves course bond

WESTMINSTER, Colo. — An emergency ordinance authorizing a \$21 million sales tax revenue bond sale — which would include \$10 million for development of a city golf course — has received City Council approval.

Lone council dissenter Bob Hartwig said that, while he had no problem with emergency measure use, the council could have started working with local residents two years ago when the golf course was first

proposed.

Two members of the Committee of Concerned Neighbors — originally formed because residents' views of the mountains would be blocked by new houses proposed in the course development — now question several aspects of the development and want the city to consider redesigning it.

The council has given preliminary approval to the agreement dedicating the land for the course.

Feasibility study gets official nod

LASCRCES, N.M. — A feasibility study on whether this city needs a public golf course has received 7-1 City Council approval.

The study will not include how to get water to the course or the effect of using water for the course as opposed to other water needs.

The study will also not take into account an offer from a local developer to donate land behind High Range for the course, nor an offer from a golf course development company to build the course at no cost to the city.

Experiment station plans layout

GRIFFIN, Ga. — Local golfers, at times regarded suspiciously, soon may be ducking "guys in white coats."

The Georgia Experiment Station, an agricultural research center, hopes to build the first course in the nation designed specifically for scientific research.

It would be a 21-hole course built and managed by private developers on 165 acres of Experiment Station land.

The three "extra" holes would be used to conduct experiments on turfgrass varieties, chemical use and water management.

Gerald Arkin, Griffin center director, termed golf course management and design "a booming industry." Keeping the courses healthy and green without using excessive chemicals and water present a variety of problems for agriculture scientists, he said.

Study sets back Minn. track at least 3 months

OWATONNA, Mont. — The timetable for the proposed Hidden Hills Golf Course has been delayed at least three months.

A required environmental assessment worksheet previously overlooked by the county has been unearthed.

The 18-hole golf course, ticketed on land owned by Glen Edin and State Rep. Dean Hartle, can't be approved by the county planning commission until that assessment is complete.

Catherine Brown Furness, an attorney who lives south of the proposed course site, petitioned the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to require the assessment.

Council accepts land donation for golf course

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — The North Platte City Council has accepted a deed of land from the Glenn Chase family for a municipal golf course and entered a lease agreement for a driving range.

The city will pay the Chase family \$1 a year for use of land near the golf course for a driving range.

Created was the City of North Platte Leasing Corporation, a non-profit body to finance the project not to exceed \$3.6 million.

The council approved a conditional-use permit for construction of the golf course in an agricultural zoning district.

Voters endorse bond issuance

JANESVILLE, Mont. — Voters approved a non-referendum vote to issue \$600,000 in bonds to build a golf course and residential development, allowing city officials to take the next step toward construction.

A Golf Course Association feasibility study indicates user fees will pay for the bonds for the nine-hole course.

The referendum tally was 574-407.

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