

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

October 25, 2010

Mayor DiTullio called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present: Karen Adams, Joseph DeMott, Karen Berry, Joyce Jay, Davis Reinhart, Wanda Sang, and Mike Stites. Also present: City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Manager, Patrick Goff; Interim Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Director of Public Works, Tim Paranto; Police Chief, Dan Brennan; staff; and interested citizens.

Council Member Langworthy was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 11, 2010

Motion by Mrs. Sang for approval of the Minutes of October 11, 2010; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 7-0.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES

Molly Hanson and **Greg Seabart** of LiveWell Wheat Ridge were in attendance and presented awards of recognition and appreciation to the Wheat Ridge Police Department for their partnership and commitment in making Wheat Ridge a healthy and safe community. Individual recognitions were presented to the following Police Department personnel: Officer Heather Kendall, Sergeant Paula Balafas, Officer Betsy Sailor, Detective Kyle Eversole, Lieutenant Wade Hammond and Chief Daniel Brennan.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

Jesse Hill expressed his disappointment in the attitude shown by the City Council with their referral of Ballot Issue 2A, assuming they think they're better than the citizens at choosing our trash service company. He also expressed disappointment in Council attempting to buy the votes of seniors by offering a senior discount while pitting one class of citizens against another. The fact that the issue was referred by Council after only a single town meeting and based on a skewed survey, shows this is nothing more than a top-down imposition on citizens. It will kill jobs, put several companies out of business and prevent other trash companies from starting up in the City. Mr. Hill urged Council to recall Ballot Issue 2A.

Karen Thaler warned neighbors in the east end of Wheat Ridge that coyotes have been frequenting neighborhoods and attacking and killing pets. She urged everyone to please take care to protect your pets.

Britta Fisher executive Director of WR2020, expressed the positions of the organization on numerous ballot issues. She believes state issues 60, 61 & 101 are damaging to our local communities and to the business environment. They are in support of Wheat Ridge Ballot Issue 2A, that it will mitigate the damage to local streets from trash trucks which would save city funds for street maintenance. It also allows Council to determine a franchise plan that does not necessarily create a monopoly or send all other trash companies out of business, as the Council has the choice to issue multiple franchises throughout the city.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

1. Council Bill 17-2010 – An Ordinance repealing and reenacting Section 11-53 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning application of the State Liquor Laws within the City.

Motion by Mr. Stites to approve Council Bill No. 17-2010 on first reading, order it published and set for a public hearing on November 8, 2010 at 7:00pm in City Council Chambers, and that it take effect 15 days after publication; seconded by Mrs. Sang; carried 7-0.

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS

2. Motion to accept a Permanent Easement from the Beth Eden Centenary Baptist Church for a sidewalk along Wadsworth Boulevard.

Motion by Mr. Reinhart to accept the permanent easement from the Beth Eden Centenary Baptist Church for the construction and maintenance of a sidewalk along Wadsworth Boulevard; seconded by Mrs. Jay; carried 7-0.

3. Resolution 57-2010 - Approving a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation for the construction of a Multi-Use Path on Wadsworth Boulevard from 26th Avenue to 32nd Avenue.

Motion by Ms. Berry to approve Resolution No. 57-2010; seconded by Mr. Reinhart;

Louise Turner asked Council whether the plans behind the acceptance of this easement include plans to widen Wadsworth and, if so, by how much. If it does, what affect will this widening have on the City Hall property? Why does the plan say it goes from 26th to 32nd on the east and 29th to 32nd on the west? Is this a mistake? Will there be condemnations? Has the City entered into agreements with Crown Hill Cemetery for these plans? She also urged Council to consider that a great many people still use the newspapers to get their information even though most citizens have access to the internet.

Mr. Paranto provided Council an explanation of the trail designs and affirmed that no widening of Wadsworth is planned with this trail construction. The construction of this segment of trail is part of the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Motion carried 7-0.

4. Resolution 58-2010 – A Resolution Levying General Property Taxes for the Year 2010, to help defray the costs of Government for the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for the 2011 Budget Year.

Motion by Mr. Reinhart to approve Resolution 58-2010; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 7-0.

5. Resolution 59-2010 – A Resolution adopting the City Budget and appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies in the amounts specified for the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for the 2011 Budget Year.

Mayor DiTullio opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Goff presented the staff report.

Bill Schroer submitted to Council a memo (attached to this packet) outlining several waste and energy efficiency measures that are opportune to the City.

Motion by Mr. Stites to continue the Public Hearing to November 8, 2010 at 7pm; seconded by Mrs. Sang; carried 4-3 with Council Members Adams, Berry and Jay voting No.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS

City Clerk Michael Snow reminded voters with mail-in ballots to submit them by 7pm on Election Day, November 2, 2010. Ballots may be dropped off at City Hall during office hours and on Election Day from 7am-7pm. Those voters who do not receive mail-in ballots may vote on Election Day. Election and voting information may be obtained by contacting the Jefferson County Elections Division at 303-271-8111.

Council Members Sang and DeMott thanked staff for a very wonderful Boards and Commissions appreciation dinner.

Ms. Berry reminded residents that the Farmer's Market closes this week with the last market of the year this Thursday in the Big Lots parking lot at 41st & Wadsworth.

Council congratulated Clancy's Irish Pub for their grand reopening over the weekend.


ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.



Michael Snow, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON November 8, 2010 BY A VOTE OF 7 to 0



Davis Reinhart, Mayor pro tem

The preceding Minutes were prepared according to §47 of Robert's Rules of Order, i.e. they contain a record of what was *done* at the meeting, not what was *said* by the members. Recordings and DVD's of the meetings are available for listening or viewing in the City Clerk's Office, as well as copies of Ordinances and Resolutions.