

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

November 8, 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, Tracy Langworthy, Wanda Sang, and Mike Stites. Also present: City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; City Manager, Patrick Goff; Interim Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Director of Parks & Recreation, Joyce Manwaring; Community Development Director, Kenneth Johnstone; staff; and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 25, 2010

Motion by Mr. Stites for approval of the Minutes of October 25, 2010; seconded by Mrs. Sang; carried 7-0-1 with Mrs. Langworthy abstaining.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

Cheryl Brungardt spoke on behalf of Enterprise Wheat Ridge to announce the kick-off of this year's *Passport to Wheat Ridge* contest, which will run November 1 through December 31st, 2010. Citizens are encouraged to shop Wheat Ridge businesses and complete their "passport". Three participants this year will win prizes. Passports may be picked up at numerous locations, including 1st Bank, the Active Adults Center, Wheat Ridge Cyclery, Larson Ski & Sport, Wheat Ridge City Hall and the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center. Citizens interested in finding services and shopping in Wheat Ridge may visit the Economic Development link on the City website for a list of Wheat Ridge businesses.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion to approve Award of RFP-10-26 Custodial Locker Room Services to Service Solutions, Denver, CO in the amount of \$31,659.
- b. Motion to approve Award of RFP-10-28 Custodial Services for Citywide Offices to Kleen-Tech, Inc., Denver, CO in the amount of \$45,991.47.
- c. Resolution 60-2010 - approving submittal of the application for a 2011 Joint Venture Grant to Jefferson County Open Space for the Construction of Phase III of Discovery Park.

Consent Agenda was introduced and read by Mr. DeMott.

Motion by Mr. DeMott for approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Reinhart; carried 8-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

2. 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.

Mayor DiTullio opened the public hearing.

Council Bill 17-2010 was introduced on second reading by Mr. Stites. City Clerk Michael Snow assigned Ordinance **1472**.

No citizens were present to speak.

Mayor DiTullio closed the public meeting.

Motion by Mr. Stites to approve Council Bill No. 17-2010 (Ordinance 1472) on second reading and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Mrs. Sang; carried 8-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

3. Council Bill 18-2010 – An Ordinance revising Chapter 20 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws, Concerning Stormwater Quality and Control.

Council Bill 18-2010 was introduced on first reading by Mr. Stites.

Motion by Mr. Stites to approve Council Bill 18-2010 on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Mrs. Sang; carried 8-0.

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS

4. Motion to approve the proposed changes to Council Rules of Order and Procedure.

Motion by Mr. Reinhart to adopt the amended City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, revised November 8, 2010; seconded by Mrs. Langworthy; carried 8-0.

5. Motion to appoint Scott Ohm to fill District II Planning Commission Vacancy.

Motion by Mrs. Jay to appoint Scott Ohm to the Planning Commission representing District II, term to expire 03/02/13; seconded by Mrs. Sang; carried 8-0.

6. 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.

Louise Turner expressed concern for a number of wasteful practices in the City and suggested ways the City could save taxpayer money. She believes there is an unnecessary amount of upper level staff with extremely high salaries in the City. Until the last City Administration, the City had only one City Manager. Today we have two, plus several more highly-paid executive staff. She recommended cutting expenses by not filling positions when they become vacant and to seriously reconsider whether some capital projects are necessary. The idea of a new Public Works and Park Services facility is atrocious and unnecessary. Staff is now asking for \$.5 million a year to fund this new facility, and she believes there are better uses for this money in a down economy. She also believes the 44th & Wadsworth land purchases made by the City were not wise or necessary in this economy considering it eliminated several businesses and approximately 60-70 jobs in the City. Further, she recounted several Resolutions that Council passed throughout this year amending the budget to add more expenditures from the General Fund not originally approved in the Budget. Specifically, the Connections Newsletter was appropriated \$80,000 additional this year. The City's newsletter used to be economically produced and only for informational purposes. Now it's a large, color publication with a lot of promotions. The City Council made two gifts

this year to Urban Renewal (Renewal Wheat Ridge) to conduct a study establishing blight on Kipling in the amounts of \$50,000 & \$70,000 approximately. Kipling is not a blighted area and does not require money to be spent to do a blight study. Considering the population of Wheat Ridge isn't growing, the budget should not be allowed to grow so large. She asked, if you cannot control the budget today, how will it be in the future?

Mayor DiTullio closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mrs. Sang to continue discussion on the Budget at the November 15, 2010 Study Session and to consider its approval at the November 22nd, 2010 Council Meeting; seconded by Mr. DeMott; failed 5-3 with Council Members Sang, Stites and DeMott voting Yes.

Motion by Mr. Reinhart to approve 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; seconded by Mrs. Langworthy; carried 5-3 with Council Members Stites, DeMott and Sang voting No.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS

Mayor DiTullio indicated he would not be able to attend tonight's Study Session following the regular meeting and encouraged Council to fund the \$1 million necessary to support the 44th & Wadsworth development project.


ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.



Michael Snow, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON November 22, 2010 BY A VOTE OF 8 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.