

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

January 24, 2011

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 Attorney, Gerald Dahl; Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Police Chief, Dan Brennan; Public Works Director, Tim Paranto; staff and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 10, 2011

Motion by Mr. Stites for approval of the Minutes of January 10, 2011; seconded by Mrs. Langworthy; carried 7-0-1 with Mrs. Sang abstaining due to her absence from the meeting.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

Dean Gokey complimented Exempla Lutheran Staff Doctors, Nurses and Surgeons in the Kidney Department for their exemplary service during his recent stay.

Mr. Gokey also reflected on his experiences in speaking with numerous citizens concerning their complaints about the City of Wheat Ridge Building Department and specifically the Chief Building Officer John Schumacher, stating that people feel intimidated and dominated by him. The Exit Surveys and Questionnaires that the Building Department sends out are not always answered truthfully as they feel that if they complain there will be reprisal from the Building Department. Even though they say that the Building Department is finally enforcing regulations this is not accurate. A medical group that was interested in moving to Wheat Ridge hired a realtor who stated that because of the costs and time it would take to gain approval they believed another city would be easier and cheaper, so they chose Lakewood. Contractors will charge more for work in Wheat Ridge because of the difficulty in working with the Building Department. The City is losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax and inspection revenues as law-abiding citizens are being forced to subvert building division regulations. Mr. Gokey asked Staff and Council to look closer into issues and find a win-win solution.

Jesse Hill thanked Council for posting meeting video on-line and asked if audio of Study Sessions might also be posted regularly.

Lonna Harris spoke of the progress in the Wheat Ridge 2020 NSP program and how rewarding the change is in the neighborhood she lives in and provided photos of before and after photos of the refurbished home on her street.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Sang to remove Agenda Items 4 and 5; seconded by Mr. Stites and Mrs. Jay; carried 8-0.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to approve the purchase of one passenger van, three marked police sedans, one marked police SUV, one large 4 x 4 pickup truck, one small light duty 4 x 4 pickup truck and two small light duty 4 x 2 pickup trucks in an amount not to exceed \$313,723.
- B. Motion approving Murray Dahl Kuechenmeister & Renaud LLP December 31, 2010 invoices for Attorney services in the amount of \$18,612.78.
- C. Motion to approve payment to Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) for 2011 Workers' Compensation Premium in the amount of \$257,288 and 2011 Property/Casualty Premium in the amount of \$170,897.
- D. A motion for the approval of the 2011 Annual Assessment Fee in the amount of \$27,932 to support operations of the Foothills Animal Shelter for the provision of necessary animal sheltering services to the community.
- E. Motion to encumber funds for On-Call Storm Sewer Cleaning and On-Call Traffic Signal Repair services in a total amount not to exceed \$65,000.
- F. Resolution No. 03-2011 – A Resolution designating the Official Public Notice location and the Official Newspaper of general circulation for the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado.
- G. Motion to award ITB-11-03 2011 Crack Seal to Precise Striping LLC in the amount of \$107,240.
- H. Motion to approve the Annual License and Maintenance Renewal of the Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management, and Mobile Field Reporting Systems for a total amount of \$78,432 to Logistic Systems, Inc.
- I. Resolution No. 04-2011 – A Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2011 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$12,533.40 for the renewal of the WRTV8 Video Streaming Software.
- J. Motion to accept a Permanent Easement from SCI Colorado Funeral Services, Inc. for a sidewalk along Wadsworth Boulevard, and approval of a \$3,264 payment for the Easement.

- K. Motion to approve payment of the Annual Sales Tax Increment for the Town Center and Wheat Ridge Cyclery Projects in the amount of \$248,862 to Renewal Wheat Ridge.
- L. Resolution No. 05-2011 – A Resolution approving the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Ambulance Services among the City, the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District and Rural/Metro of Central Colorado, Inc.

Consent Agenda was introduced and read by Mrs. Langworthy.

Mr. Stites asked to pull Items 1A and 1G from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Langworthy for approval of the Consent Agenda Items 1B through 1F and 1H through 1L; seconded by Mr. Reinhart; carried 8-0.

Motion by Mr. Stites to approve Item 1A with the following changes: purchase (3) 2011 Chevy Caprice Police Option marked sedans, (1) 2011 Chevy Tahoe Police Option marked SUV; (1) 2011 Chevy Silverado 4 x 4 Extended Cab Pick-up; seconded by Mrs. Sang;

Motion to Amend by Mr. Reinhart to also approve the 2011 Chevy G-1500 8 passenger van for purchase; seconded by Mrs. Langworthy; carried 5-3 with Council Members Stites, Sang and DeMott voting No.

Original Motion by Mr. Stites carried as amended 7-1 with Mrs. Adams voting No.

Motion by Mr. Stites to award ITB-11-03 2011 Crack Seal to Precise Striping LLC in the amount of \$107,240; seconded by Mrs. Langworthy; carried 8-0.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- 2. Council Bill 01-2011 – An Ordinance approving the Amendment of Section 26-803 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws pertaining to Floodplain Control.

Mayor DiTullio opened the public hearing.

Council Bill 01-2011 was introduced on second reading by Mrs. Adams. City Clerk Michael Snow assigned Ordinance No. 1475.

Mr. Paranto, Director of Public Works, presented slides showing the previous and current flood plain as shown in the present mapping.

Mayor DiTullio closed the public meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Adams to approve Council Bill 01-2011 (Ordinance 1475) on second reading and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 8-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

3. Council Bill 02-2011 – An Ordinance amending Chapters 11 and 22 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning Business License Requirements and Taxpayer Remedies.

Council Bill 02-2011 was introduced on first reading by Mr. Stites.

Motion by Mr. Stites to approve Council Bill No. 02-2011 on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Mrs. Adams; carried 8-0.

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS

As noted earlier, Items #4 and #5 were removed from the Agenda.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS

Mr. Snow advised the Council and the public that the City Clerk's Office is working on a redistricting plan for the City of Wheat Ridge to incorporate newly annexed land in the City and in order to comply with State law regulating the proportional sizes and boundaries of municipal districts. Mr. Snow stated that Council districts need to be approximately the same in terms of population. Based on estimates from the 2000 census and likely to be confirmed by the 2010 Census figures, it appears there are some districts that are significantly larger or smaller than the mean. The Clerk's Office will present a redistricting plan to the City Council at the February 14th Study Session.

Mayor DiTullio announced for any Wheat Ridge residents that live north of Clear Creek and south of the rail road tracks in District IV there will be two Open Houses, one on Saturday, February 5th from 9 am – 12 pm and another on Saturday, February 12th from 9 am – 12 pm at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, hosted by Mr. DeMott and Mayor DiTullio. At this meeting the Wheat Ridge Fire Department will be presenting options and opportunities to reduce property taxes by having Wheat Ridge Fire cover this area versus Arvada Fire. There has been a committee formed called Committee for Lower Fire Taxes. Come meet with Fire Department officials to learn how to opt out of Arvada Fire and in to Wheat Ridge Fire. Contact either your elected official or the Wheat Ridge Fire Department for information.

Mrs. Langworthy announced that in Wheat Ridge there is a non-profit group called Lead the Future that is assisting the students at mainly Kullerstrand and Pennington Elementary Schools that participate in the free or reduced lunch program to receive meals on the weekend. They are holding a fund raiser on February 5th from 10 am – 4 pm and on February 12th from 10 am – 4 pm at the Wheat Ridge Wal-Mart at 32nd and Youngfield. They will accept either a monetary or non-perishable food donation.

Mr. Stites stated that early Friday morning long-time Wheat Ridge resident Mike Halbach passed away and he sends his condolences to his family. Mr. Stites would like to see everyone do something nice for someone in need. Now is a good time to consider moving your business or residence or both to Wheat Ridge and as always try to find and buy in Wheat Ridge.

Mrs. Jay happily announced that Martenson Elementary School and others will not be closed this year but citizens need to be aware that this is a real possibility in the future.

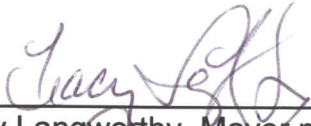
ADJOURNMENT TO STUDY SESSION

Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.



Michael Snow, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON January 24, 2011 BY A VOTE OF 8 to 0



Tracy Langworthy, 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.