

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

August 8, 2011

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 25, 2011

Motion by Mr. Stites for approval of the Minutes of July 25, 2011; seconded by Mr. Reinhart; carried 7-0-1 with Mrs. Sang abstaining due to her absence.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES

#### 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival

Mrs. Wheat Ridge Karen Thaler, on behalf of Mayor DiTullio, read the proclamation regarding the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival.

**Senator Cheri Jahn** was present on behalf of the Carnation Festival Committee. Mayor DiTullio presented the committee with a donation of \$12,500 from the City of Wheat Ridge to support the event.

#### Traffic Safety Month

Mrs. Wheat Ridge Karen Thaler, on behalf of Mayor DiTullio, read the proclamation regarding Traffic Safety Month. Chief Brennan spoke on the significance of traffic safety in our community and the educational and enforcement programs being implemented by the Wheat Ridge Police Department to minimize its impacts.

### CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

**Zachary Urban** announced his intent to run for Council in District 2. He welcomed citizens to contact him regarding his campaign. Information may be found on his website, [www.zachurban.org](http://www.zachurban.org). Mr. Urban proposes a sales-tax holiday twice a year for struggling families to help fund school supply expenses. He also proposes developing a landlord school to teach rental owners how to properly manage their properties in the City.



**Claudia Worth** spoke on behalf of the Wheat Ridge Historical Society and invited all Council and citizens to attend the annual Wheat Ridge Heritage Days on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 10am-4pm at the Baugh Homestead House, located at 44<sup>th</sup> & Robb Street. The event this year will include live entertainment by the O'Brien Family Band from 1-3pm and will showcase the complete restoration of the Baugh House.

**Tom Slattery** requested Council pledge the City's support again of the annual Election Forum hosted by Wheat Ridge United Neighborhoods (WRUN) with the use of the council chambers and videography services. The Forum will have a slightly different format this year, rather than using a slate of secret questions revealed to candidates only minutes before the forum. Instead, WRUN will solicit suggested questions for candidates from the community at-large and openly publish the best of those to be used in the Forum. Candidates will then randomly select from those questions on the night of the forum.

**Kim Calomino** announced the next LiveLocal event and invited elected officials and citizens to attend. The August event which takes place the second Thursday monthly, will take place at Noodles & Co., 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Youngfield Street from 6-9pm, Thursday, August 11, 2011.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT ON THE BUDGET**

**Lloyd Levy** spoke on behalf of Wheat Ridge 2020 and urged Council to continue to fund the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. He believes the budget should continue to provide support of the organization's efforts to reach the City's revitalization goals, specifically the 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue revitalization efforts and funding for its business loan and grant programs as well as funding for capital improvements on 38<sup>th</sup>.

**Kim Calomino** believes the City's budget tells the story of its hopes and values in the community. She would like to see that story shows Wheat Ridge is serious in supporting the goals and vision outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy. She urged the Council to provide increased funding to WR2020 to support its programs that provide grants and loans for businesses and help cover the administrative expenses to support the organization's efforts.

Motion by Mr. Stites to provide City support of the Wheat Ridge United Neighborhoods Election Forum with use of the Council Chambers and videography services; seconded by Mr. DeMott; carried 8-0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

2. Council Bill 23-2011 - amending Chapters 4 and 17 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning Animals Running At Large and Adopting Off-Leash Dog Park Rules and Regulations.

Mayor DiTullio opened the public hearing.



Council Bill 23-2011 was introduced on second reading by Mr. DeMott. City Clerk Michael Snow assigned Ordinance No. 1490.

No staff report was given.

No citizens were present to speak on the item.

Mayor DiTullio closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mr. DeMott to approve Council Bill 23-2011 (Ordinance 1490) on second reading and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; second by Mrs. Langworthy; carried 8-0.

3. Council Bill 24-2011 - concerning Appeals from Decisions of the Director of Public Works.

Council Bill 24-2011 was introduced on second reading by Mr. Reinhart. City Clerk Michael Snow assigned Ordinance No. 1497.

Motion by Mr. Reinhart to continue the hearing to September 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm; seconded by Ms. Berry; carried 8-0.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

4. Council Bill 25 -2011 - approving a Planned Commercial Development (PCD) Specific Outline Development Plan on property located at 7495 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Case No. WZ-11-04/MCPN).

Council Bill 25-2011 was read and introduced by Mr. Reinhart.

Motion by Mr. Reinhart to approve Council Bill No. 25-2011 on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Ms. Berry; carried 8-0.

5. Council Bill 26-2011 – submitting a proposed Amendment to the Wheat Ridge Home Rule Charter to the Voters of the City pursuant to Charter Section 16.8 (b), setting the Ballot Title and Giving Notice and Call of an Election concerning the same.

Council Bill 26-2011 was read and introduced by Mr. Stites.

Motion by Mr. Stites to approve Council Bill No. 26-2011 on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, August 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers; seconded by Mr. DeMott; carried 8-0.

6. Council Bill 27-2011 – amending the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning Annexation of Real Property to the City.

Council Bill 27-2011 was read and introduced by Mrs. Jay.

Motion by Mrs. Jay to approve Council Bill No. 27-2011 on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 8-0.

### **DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS**

7. Resolution 22-2011- authorizing the appropriate City Officials to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, and the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, regarding the Administration of their respective duties concerning the conduct of the Coordinated Election to be held on November 1, 2011.

Resolution 22-2011 was introduced by Mr. DeMott. The Executive Summary was read by Mr. Snow.

Motion by Mr. DeMott to approve Resolution 22-2011; seconded by Mrs. Adams; carried 8-0.

8. Resolution 23-2011 – amending the Fiscal Year 2011 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$1,850 for the renewal of the WRTV8 Scheduling Software.

Resolution 23-2011 was introduced by Mr. DeMott.

Motion by Mr. DeMott to approve Resolution 23-2011; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 8-0.

### **CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

Mr. Goff announced that, as part of the City's environmental sustainability efforts, audits were conducted of the Active Adults Center and the Recreation Center. Funds for the Active Adult Center audit were provided by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Several upgrades have been recommended as a result of this audit, for which staff will be recommending appropriations in the budget process for 2012. The Recreation Center audit is also being provided for free. Group 14 will perform the audit and is performing it for free as one of their first audits.

The Police Department has been awarded the coveted CALEA National Accreditation. Fewer than 10% of Police Agencies in America have been awarded this accreditation.



The Recreation Center has a scheduled closure planned the week of August 22-26<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements have been made with the City of Golden for Wheat Ridge patrons to use their facilities during the closure.


**ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Revitalization community meeting will be held at the Recreation Center on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

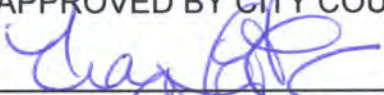
The Chili Cook-off will take place again as part of the upcoming Carnation Festival in August. Restaurants are invited to participate by preparing two gallons of chili for the event.

Information on the upcoming election and the candidates who are running for office may be found on the City Clerk's webpage on the City of Wheat Ridge website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

  
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Michael Snow, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON August 22, 2011 BY A VOTE OF 8 to 0

  
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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.