

# **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**

**December 12, 2011**

Mayor DiTullio called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present: Davis Reinhart, William "Bud" Starker, Joyce Jay, Kristi Davis, Mike Stites, George Pond, Joseph DeMott, and Tracy Langworthy. Also present: City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; City Manager, Patrick Goff; Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Chief of Police, Dan Brennan; Parks and Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring; Public Works Director, Tim Paranto; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; staff and interested citizens.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 28, 2011**

Motion by Mr. Stites for approval of the Minutes of November 28, 2011; seconded by Mr. Starker; carried 8-0.

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES**

### **Presentation of Civic Academy Awards**

Mayor DiTullio presented Certificates to:

- Sally Banghart
- Marcie Emily
- Daniel Feimster
- Maureen Keller
- Peter Marks
- Susan Ogard
- Gene Shirley

### **Police Citizen Award to Sharon Bridenstine**

Chief Brennan presented Sharon Bridenstine with the Police Citizen Award for her assistance to a disabled citizen who had been struck in his wheelchair by a moving vehicle. Mrs. Bridenstine assisted by transporting the victim's electric wheelchair to the hospital when the Police and Emergency Services personnel were unable to accommodate it in their vehicles.

## **CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK**

**Lori Snow** expressed her concern at the Mayor's choice to use discretionary funds to pay back election candidate Lily Griego the fines she was assessed when failing to submit her campaign finance reports on time. She stated concern that the future Clerk and future Council will have trouble enforcing reporting requirements because this sets a precedent.

**Matt Cloutier**, Wheat Ridge business owner and president of the Wheat Ridge Rotary, presented the first of five annual contributions of \$3,000 to the City's public art fund and off-leash dog park. Mr. Cloutier described several programs that the Wheat Ridge Rotary has taken part of in the City of Wheat Ridge.

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

**1.** Motion to adopt the 2012 Regular City Council Meeting Calendar

Motion was introduced by Mr. Stites.

Motion by Mr. Stites to adopt the 2012 Regular City Council Meeting Calendar with the following amendments: add a Special Study Session after the Regular Council meeting on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and add an additional Study Session on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Mr. Reinhart;

Ms. Davis asked Council to consider possible Study Session dates that could be cancelled to allow Council members to hold district town meetings.

Motion by Ms. Davis to amend the calendar to add fifth Monday's in April, July, and October as district or town hall meetings; seconded by Mr. Starker; carried 8-0.

Original meeting calendar carried as amended 8-0.

**2.** Motion to appoint an Election Commission term ending December 2013

Motion was introduced by Ms. Davis.

Motion by Ms. Davis to appoint Lloyd Levy and Wanda Sang to the Election Commission term ending December 2013; seconded by Mr. Stites;

Mr. Starker asked for a division of the question. Carried 8-0 to appoint Mr. Levy; carried 8-0 to appoint Ms. Sang

**3.** Motion to approve Communication Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless, LLC

Motion was introduced by Mr. Starker.

Motion by Mr. Starker to approve Communication Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless, LLC; seconded by Mr. DeMott; carried 8-0.

**4.** Motion to award the Bike Pedestrian Streetscape Design Contract to Charlier Associates, Inc., Boulder, CO, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$89,917

Motion was introduced by Mr. Pond.

Motion by Mr. Pond to award the Bike Pedestrian Streetscape Design Contract to Charlier Associates, Inc., Boulder, CO, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$89,917; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 8-0.

### **CITY MANAGER MATTERS**

Chief Brennan and Mr. Goff visited with the new principal of Wheat Ridge Middle School and were updated with the progress of the changes being made at the school. Mr. Goff was pleased and amazed with what is happening at the school with the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade concept that is new this year. Mayor DiTullio echoed Mr. Goff's sentiments.

### **CITY CLERK MATTERS**

Mr. Snow reiterated his reasons for fining Lily Griego and stated that it was more important for the City to incur the costs of her complaint than to set a dangerous precedent.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS**

Mr. DeMott thanked all that attended the Wheat Ridge Housing Authority open house of the first house that was rehabilitated using the CDBG funding. The house goes on the market tomorrow and there are two more almost ready for sale as well.

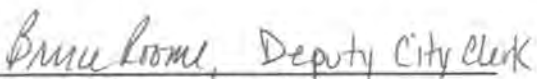
Motion by Ms. Davis for a Study Session review of Chapter 2, Part 1 of the Charter regarding Elections and Chapter 7 of the Code of Laws to examine election regulations; seconded by Mrs. Jay; carried 8-0.

Council and the Mayor expressed their appreciation and thanked Mr. Snow for his service as the City Clerk.

Council and the Mayor congratulated the graduates of the Civic Academy and encouraged them to stay engaged within the City.

Mrs. Langworthy thanked Peter Marks for his service as Election Commissioner.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm

  
Michael Snow, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON January 9, 2012 BY A VOTE OF 8 to 0

  
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Mike Stites, 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.