

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
7500 WEST 29TH AVENUE, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

October 28, 2013

Mayor DiTullio called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Joyce Jay Davis Reinhart Bud Starker Kristi Davis
Joseph DeMott Tracy Langworthy Mike Stites George Pond

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; City Manager, Patrick Goff; Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Parks Director, Joyce Manwaring; other staff and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 28, 2013

Motion by Councilmember Stites for approval of the Minutes of October 28, 2013; seconded by Councilmembers Starker and Reinhart; carried 8-0.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

Rick Adams (Wheat Ridge) invited everyone to an open house at the Rec Center this Wednesday to see the progress on the Gold Line. It will be open from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. There will be displays and people available to answer questions. People need not stay the entire time. A short presentation will repeat at 6:00, 6:45 and 7:30.

Tiffany Barnhart (Wheat Ridge) praised the City for the plans to put a bike lane on Pierce Street next year and for the improvements on 38th Avenue.

Rachel Hultin (Wheat Ridge), the LiveWell Wheat Ridge transition coordinator, thanked the Council, Mayor, and City for their continued investment in our vibrant, healthy and active community. She supports the continued streetscape build-out on 38th Avenue and projects like the bike facilities on Pierce. Her family went to Trunk or Treat and ate with neighbors at Right Coast Pizza. She suggested the City solicit input from citizens.

Rick Kratzer (Wheat Ridge) spoke of his support of Ridge at 38. His family is excited about it. His 3 children like to ride their bikes and they like going to Right Coast Pizza.

Amanda Weaver (Wheat Ridge) supports the things that are happening with bikes and pedestrians. She appreciates the connection with citizens, food, bikeways and walkways.

Carol Sue Frickel (Wheat Ridge), coordinator for the Backpack program at Kullerstrand School, thanked the Council for their support of \$10,000 for the program. She displayed the food that might go into a typical weekend backpack (dry beans, a can of ravioli and a can of corn, 2 fresh oranges, an energy bar and apple juice). Each child gets a bag. The program is not getting commodities from the federal government this year; they have to buy all the food. Any and all support is appreciated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

1. Resolution 42-2013 – 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 2014 Budget Year

Councilmember Jay introduced Resolution 42-2013.

The proposed 2014 budget includes:

- \$8.3 million in proposed expenditures directly linked to City Council strategic goals
- Revised proposed General Fund budget in the amount of \$27,760,611, which includes reductions in the amount of \$113,000 and Council additions in the amount of \$50,000 for a surplus of \$63,000 which has been transferred to the CIP budget for bicycle/pedestrian improvements along Pierce Street
- Proposed Capital Investment Program (CIP) Funds in the amount of \$4,186,000
- Proposed Special revenue Funds in the amount of \$4,922,715
- Proposed budget (all funds) in the amount of \$36,869,326

Motion by Councilmember Jay to approve Resolution No. 42-2013, 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 2014 Budget Year; seconded by Councilmember Starker;

Motion by Councilmember Stites to move \$230,000 from WR2020 funding to the General Fund allowing economic development department staff to handle the tasks WR2020 does and save 10% administrative fees; seconded by Mr. DeMott.

Included in the discussion was the recent request from the WR Historical Society for \$10,000 for the City to hire a part-time employee (\$10/hr) to help them keep the historic buildings open. Some Councilmembers agreed that certain items should be looked at again by the new Council, but Mr. Goff confirmed that unless an expenditure is over \$35,000 it will not come back to Council.

Amendment failed 1-7, with Councilmembers DeMott, Pond, Davis, Starker, Langworthy, Jay and Reinhart voting no.

Motion by Mr. DeMott to decrease the 38th Avenue Events Fund by \$15,000 (reducing the fund from \$80K to \$65K) and transferring that money to the Carnation Festival fund (increasing that fund from \$12.5K to \$27.5K); second by Mr. Stites; failed 4-4, with Councilmembers Pond, Langworthy, Jay and Reinhart voting no.

Motion by Mr. DeMott to amend the 38th Avenue Events Fund budget by removing \$10K from 38th Ave Events Fund and transferring it to the Carnation Festival; second by Councilmember Stites. Motion carried 7-1, with Councilmember Reinhart voting no.

Motion by DeMott to eliminate the 44th Avenue corridor marketing budget of \$10K and put the money towards hiring a part time employee for the Historical Society; seconded by Mr. Stites. ~ Discussion followed. Mr. Goff did report there is no specific plan for the \$10K at this time, but staff intends to meet with 44th Ave businesses to see how the City can help. ~ Councilmember Starker posed a friendly amendment to leave the 44th Ave marketing funds in place and instead reduce the Greenbelt Trail master plan study by \$10K, from \$50K to \$40K. Mr. Goff informed Council that money is from Open Space funds and cannot be used for this purpose. ~ There was discussion about taking the money from the General Fund unallocated. Motion, as originally stated by Councilmember DeMott failed 2-6, with Councilmembers Pond, Davis, Starker, Langworthy, Jay, and Reinhart voting no.

Motion by Councilmember Davis to reduce the 38th Avenue Corridor Marketing Materials/Website from \$35K to \$25K and allocate \$10K for the Historical Society [for a part time employee]; seconded by Councilmember Stites; failed 3-5, with Councilmembers Pond, Starker, Langworthy, Jay and Reinhart voting no.

Motion by Councilmember Stites to take \$10K from unallocated reserves to fund \$10K for the Historical Society; seconded by Councilmember DeMott; failed 4-4 with Councilmembers Pond, Davis, Langworthy, and Reinhart voting no.

Motion by Councilmember Starker to add language related to the \$63K that was transferred to the CIP budget for bike/ped improvements along Pierce as follows: "and other items in the bicycle/pedestrian master plan [citywide] for any surplus funds [from the Pierce project] up to that number"; seconded by Councilmember Langworthy; carried 7-1 with Councilmember Reinhart voting no.

Main motion, approval of the 2014 budget as amended, carried 7-1 with Councilmember Stites voting no.

2. Resolution 43-2013 – Levying General Property Taxes for the year 2013, to help defray the costs of government for the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for the 2014 Budget Year

Councilmember Langworthy introduced Resolution 43-2013.

The City's property tax mill levy will remain at 1.830 mills, raising \$751,889 in revenue, an increase of \$9,357 compared to 2012.

Motion by Councilmember Langworthy to approve Resolution No. 43-2013, a resolution levying a mill levy of 1.830 on general property taxes for the year 2013, to help defray the costs of government for the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for the 2014 budget year; seconded by Councilmember DeMott; carried 8-0

3. Resolution 44-2013 – approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Cities of Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Westminster, and Wheat Ridge to share Criminal Intelligence Information using the CrimeNtel Shared Database

Councilmember Stites introduced Resolution 44-2013

Sharing this database will allow all the jurisdictions to enter, store and share criminal intelligence information at a cost lower than a standalone system for each city. The initial start-up cost for Wheat Ridge is \$3,377.50 and the annual operating cost will be \$832.17.

Motion by Councilmember Stites to approve Resolution No. 44-2013, a resolution approving the MOU with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and the cities of Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Westminster and Wheat Ridge to share criminal intelligence information through the CrimeNtel database; seconded by Councilmember /Starker ; carried 8-0

4. Motion to approve the annual Police Radio System Contract Payment to the West Metro Fire Protection District in the amount of \$101,934.54 for Police Radio System Services

Councilmember DeMott introduced agenda item #4.

These services include technical support, system maintenance, equipment repair, a lease agreement for the antenna site, and associated software and hardware costs. It provides significant improvement to our radio system and improved public safety.

Motion by Councilmember DeMott to approve payment to the West Metro Fire Protection District in the amount of \$101,934.54 for police radio system services; seconded by Councilmember Langworthy; carried 8-0.

5. Motion to appoint Rocco "Rocky" Germano to the Board of Adjustment, Alternate At-Large Vacancy, term to expire 3/2/16

Councilmember Pond introduced agenda item #5.

Motion by Councilmember Pond to appoint Rocco "Rocky" Germano be appointed to the Board of Adjustment as an At-Large Alternate, term ending March 2, 2016; seconded by Councilmember Stites; carried 8-0

6. Motion to Ratify Mayoral reappointment of Jesse Hill to Renewal Wheat Ridge, term to expire November 30, 2018

Councilmember Starker introduced agenda item #6.

Motion by Councilmember Starker to ratify the Mayoral appointment of Jesse Hill to be reappointed to Renewal Wheat Ridge representing District I, term to expire November 30, 2018; seconded by Councilmember DeMott; carried 8-0.

7. Motion to Cancel the Regular Meeting of the City Council on November 25, 2013, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and that a Regular Meeting be convened prior to the Study Session on November 18, 2013

Councilmember Reinhart introduced agenda item #7.

Motion by Councilmember Reinhart to cancel the regular meeting of the City Council on November 25, 2013 due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and that a regular meeting be convened prior to the study session of November 18, 2013; seconded by Councilmember Starker; carried 8-0.

CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS none

CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS none

CITY CLERK'S MATTERS

Clerk Shaver thanked all the candidates and committee representatives for filing the first campaign finance reports on time. The reports are posted on the City website and are available for public viewing.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS

Bud Starker wished citizens a safe Halloween.

Davis Reinhart thanked the staff and citizens for their help and support the last 4 years.

Kristi Davis thanked the organizers and volunteers for a very successful Trunk or Treat. ~ She thanked Mrs. Frickel for coming in about the backpack program, and Chief Brennan for his continued support of it. ~ As chair of Renewal Wheat Ridge she welcomed Mr. Hill back to the urban renewal authority.

Joyce Jay expressed her delight to have served on Council. ~ She said the open house for the Gold Line is important and encouraged folks to attend. ~ She read parts of a letter from a new business coming to Wheat Ridge to lease a greenhouse that grows organic tomatoes. The letter speaks highly of the staff for the City's support.

George Pond thanked everyone who has shown up to comment on the budget.

Mike Stites thanked staff for 10 years' worth of great information and thanked the residents of District III for the pleasure of serving them. He thinks we got an awful lot done. Mike's positive thing: Make sure all the kids in your neighborhood have a coat. ~ And as always, please try to find it and buy it in Wheat Ridge.

Tracy Langworthy commented on the great success of Trunk or Treat. Be careful on Halloween; watch out for the kids. ~ This Saturday is "Rake It Up!" If you're unable to rake your own leaves or you'd like to help rake leaves for those who can't, contact the Volunteers of American

Joseph DeMott reported he was very honored last week to receive the plaques for the Fruitdale Elementary School and the Baugh House – which have both been accepted to the National Historic Register of Public Places. This took place at an awards ceremony of the Jefferson County Historical Society.

Mayor DiTullio thanked the citizens of Wheat Ridge for 18 good years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm



Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON November 18, 2013 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.