

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

July 23, 2007

Mayor DiTullio called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: Karen Adams, Karen Berry, Dean Gokey, Lena Rotola, Wanda Sang, Larry Schulz, Mike Stites, and Terry Womble. Also present: City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Manager, Randy Young; Deputy City Manager, Patrick Goff; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; Director of Public Works, Tim Paranto; Interim Director of Community Development, Sally Payne; Treasurer, Mary Cavarra; Senior Planner, Meredith Reckert; Police Commander, Jim Lorentz; staff; and interested citizens.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 9, 2007

Motion by Council Member Gokey for approval of the Minutes of July 9, 2007; seconded by Council Member Sang; carried 8-0.

### PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES

National Night Out: Mayor DiTullio proclaimed Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as National Night Out for crime prevention and introduced Commander Jim Lorentz who commented on the City's participation in the program.

Mayor DiTullio recognized citizen, Board Member and Wheat Ridge Business owner, **Cheryl Brungardt** for her award of the 2007 Bess Cohn Humanitarian Award from the Advertising Specialty Institute.

Business Awards: Mayor DiTullio and Council presented the Wheat Ridge 2007 Business Awards to the following businesses:

Cultural Commission Award: **Big Sky Espresso Café**

Vision Award: **Jefferson Center for Mental Health**

Reinvestment Award: **Dennis Mantas, owner of The Wheat Ridge Pharmacy**

Volunteer of the Year Award: **Tom Abbott**

Small Business of the Year Award: **303 Boards**

Prestigious Business of the Year Award: **DI Graphics**

Mayor and City Council's Partnership Award: **Wheat Ridge Cyclery**

Mayor DiTullio called a break at 7:32pm for a reception with the 2007 Business Award Winners; Meeting resumed at 7:56pm.

### **CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK**

No citizens were present to speak.

#### **Item 1.        CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Bike and Pedestrian Route Master Plan.
- B. Approve Award of ITB-07-25 Police Evidence Locker Replacement in the Amount of \$38,539.58.

Consent Agenda was introduced and read by Council Member Stites.

Council Member Adams requested that Item A be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Council Member Stites for approval of the Consent Agenda Item B; seconded by Council Member Sang; carried 8-0.

Motion by Council Member Adams for approval of the Consent Agenda Item A; seconded by Council Member Rotola.

**Ralph Hughes** noted some features missing from the Bicycle Master Plan, particularly those that would provide access from the residential areas around 32<sup>nd</sup> & Kipling to the Recreation Center and Clear Creek Trail and the connecting trails and routes west to the Applewood Shopping Center.

Mr. Paranto and Ms. Payne answered questions from Council.

Motion carried 8-0.

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

#### **Item 2.        Public Meeting on 2008 Budget.**

**John Miks, Pat Roush, Elouise Newell and Tim Story** spoke to the benefits and citizens' wishes for the development of the City's park property known as Einarson Park at 38<sup>th</sup> & Kipling. Citizens encouraged Council to appropriate funding for its development in the 2008 budget.

Item 3. COUNCIL BILL 06-2007 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE WHEAT RIDGE CODE OF LAWS PERTAINING TO SIGN CODE.

Council Bill 06-2007 was introduced on second reading by Council Member Sang. City Clerk Michael Snow read the Executive Summary and assigned Ordinance No. 1396.

Meredith Reckert presented the staff report.

Motion by Council Member Sang to approve Council Bill 06-2007 (Ordinance 1396) on second reading and that it take effect 15 days after final publication with the following conditions:

1. The provision for campaign signs be modified requiring removal within seven days following an election.
2. The provisions for portable (temporary) signs be modified so that each business can have one.
3. The provision that all signs have light copy on a dark background be eliminated.
4. The provision that all illuminated signs be turned off one hour after business closure be eliminated.
5. The number of semi-public signs per organization be increased from 2 to 3.
6. Home occupation signs be permitted for all locations in the city.

Motion seconded by Council Member Womble.

Motion by Council Member Berry for the following amendment to the Ordinance:

Section 26-707, C.2.: No sign is allowed in the public right-of-way, with the exception of signs on bus benches and shelters pursuant to article IV of chapter 21, and public, semi-public, traffic, ***strikeout*** and regulatory signs **and projecting signs as outlined in Section 26-710.**

Seconded by Council Member Womble; carried 8-0.

Original motion by Council Member Sang carried 8-0.

Motion by Council Member Stites to direct the City Manager to cause amendments to the Sign Code with respect to off-premises signs in industrial and commercial districts to be brought forward for Council consideration at an upcoming Study Session; seconded by Council Member Gokey; carried 8-0.

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

Item 4. Acceptance of the 2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Motion by Council Member Rotola to accept the 2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report from Swanhorst & Company, LLC; seconded by Council Member Schulz.

**Wendy Swanhorst** of Swanhorst & Company, LLC made comments to the CAFR report produced for Council.

Mrs. Cavarra commended Swanhorst & Company, LLC for their quality service to the City.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item 5. RESOLUTION 28-2007 – APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE AND THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON FOR COST-SHARING OF IMPROVEMENTS AT THE I-70/32<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE INTERCHANGE.

Resolution 28-2007 was introduced by Council Member Stites.

Motion by Council Member Stites to approve Resolution 28-2007; seconded by Council Member Sang; carried 8-0.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS**

Mr. Snow read aloud a letter sent to Mayor DiTullio from William Knott, County Librarian for the Jefferson County Public Library, expressing their interest in further discussions with the City of Wheat Ridge regarding the idea for developing a Library on South-East site of 44<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth.

Mr. Schulz, Mrs. Sang and Mr. Womble thanked and commended the 2007 Business Award winners and acknowledged the strength of Wheat Ridge area businesses.

Mr. Stites reminded citizens to “find it and buy it in Wheat Ridge.”

Mrs. Rotola reminded citizens of the District IV meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August and welcomed the City’s new Chief Building Inspector, John Schumaker.

Mrs. Adams acknowledged Collier Hospice at Exempla Lutheran Hospital for their design award from Jefferson County Zoning and Planning commission for their new facility in Wheat Ridge, opened in 2006. Mrs. Adams also acknowledged the cooperation between the City of Wheat Ridge and Exempla Lutheran Hospital for the Project Life-Saver program.

Mrs. Berry, in anticipation of the development of the Light Rail station in Wheat Ridge, made the following:

Motion by Council Member Berry to direct the City Manager to:

1. Create a transit-oriented overlay district for the Northwest subarea to include incentives such as: reducing off-street parking requirements, counting on-street parking toward a portion of parking requirements, allowing the installation of street trees along future sidewalk locations to fulfill landscape and open space requirements of existing zoning, waive side and front-setback requirements and establish them from future street locations, and include future Right-of-Way dedications in density calculations. The district will be developed in collaboration with property owners in the area.
2. Develop illustrated development guidelines for the Northwest subarea to provide guidance on building design when development or redevelopment would occur. The guidelines will be developed in collaboration with property owners in the area.
3. Research and propose alternatives for the creation of a district or districts for the subarea to provide a mechanism to finance, construct and maintain parking facility, drainage facilities, parks and recreation facilities and streetscape improvements. The alternatives will be developed in collaboration with property owners in the area.

I further Move to direct the City Manager to develop a detailed action plan and schedule, with milestones, for implementation of the Northwest Subarea Plan. The action plan and schedule shall be presented to Council, in a study session, by October 1, 2007.

Motion seconded by Council Member Schulz; carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54p.m.

Signed: Michael Snow

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Michael Snow, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 13, 2007 BY A VOTE OF 7-0.

Signed: Mike Stites

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Mike Stites, Mayor pro tem

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