

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

September 26, 2016

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Monica Duran	Zachary Urban	Janece Hoppe	Kristi Davis
Tim Fitzgerald	George Pond	Larry Mathews	

Absent: Genevieve Wooden

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; Assistant City Attorney, Carmen Beery; Community Development Director, Ken Johnstone (sitting in for City Manager, Patrick Goff); Parks Director, Joyce Manwaring; other staff and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 12, 2016 and Study Session Notes of August 1, 2016

There being no objection, the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 12, 2016 and Study Session Notes of August 1, 2016 were approved as published.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES none

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

Dan McMinimee (Littleton), superintendent of Jeffco schools, distributed handouts to Council and shared information about the \$535M bond and \$33M mill levy that will be on the ballot this November. He asked for Council's support.

Griff Worth (Golden), principal of Wheat Ridge High School, expressed the reasons he supports the school district bond and mill levy.

Ali Lasell (Golden), member of the Jeffco school board, listed needs for the school district that will be addressed by the bond and mill levy. She asked for a resolution of support from the Council.

Alan Krenek (WR) described how an abatement hearing was held about his property while he was on vacation, and subsequent events. He provided a packet of material for each councilperson, the mayor and the City Manager.

Don Lombardi (Lakewood), Fire Chief for West Metro Fire, reminded folks about the special fire district election on October 4. It is open to residents and property owners. Voting will be available at both Wheat Ridge Fire Stations and at the Edgewater Rec Center. Voters will be asked to vote on two questions: 1) Do you want to dissolve the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District, and 2) Do you want to be included in the West Metro Fire Protection District. People should vote on both issues. It is a walk-in election and the polls will be open from 7am – 7pm on October 4.

Carolyn Dorn (Lakewood), events manager for LocalWorks, thanked the City for its support of Ridgefest. She provided handouts about the event to Council.

Coleen Obrien (WR) would like to see the City take more steps toward environmental sustainability. We are behind some of our neighbors. She would like to see the City provide more resources and incentives to encourage environmentally friendly practices by residents, businesses and developers. She believes Lakewood is leading the way.

Roger Morin (WR) made five comments on Chief Brennan's annual report on crime.

- 1) The Chief's perspective is vital; he wishes the presentation was easier to watch. He would like the Clerk to include a link to it in the minutes, or for any presentation she deems of high community importance.
- 2) Regarding the rise in crime, he urged the City to use whatever leverage it has with regional leaders to find out why the change and what can be done, and to publish and be clear about what distinguishes WR from other cities - what sets us apart and how might we buffer ourselves from regional trends?
- 3) WR High School had a 13% increase in marijuana possession and teens are more at risk for abuse. He asked Council to consider putting on the table a ban on marijuana facilities in the city.
- 4) He thanked the Chief for alerting us to the potential for abuse of heroin.
- 5) If time and resources were not a limit, what would the Chief want for his department? Also, since time and resources are limited, what are his priorities?

John Clark (WR) has worries about the upcoming election. He noted state issues Amendment 69 (\$25 Billion) and Amendment 72 (\$299 Million) are both large tax increases, and are excluded from TABOR spending limits. 3A and 3B are to allow Jeffco schools to bond \$535M. The Dept of Wildlife has doubled hunting and fishing fees from \$35 to \$70 for next year. 4B asks to continue a tax that raises \$38M/year for SCFD for 12 years. Now WR wants to borrow \$33M and pay interest on that for 12 years. How much is enough? Marijuana tax was supposed to be so good, but there's been no tax relief anywhere since it passed and four years later they want more. Think about it.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Motion to approve payment to Insight Public Sector in the amount of \$76,958.42 for the annual renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement *[Budgeted; for all Microsoft licenses; for support/maintenance of the software]*
- b) Motion to award a contract to American Facility Services Group, Lakewood, Co., in an annual amount of \$88,524.57 for professional cleaning services *[Budgeted; one-year, plus administrative renewal option up to four more years]*
- c) Resolution No. 41-2016 – authorizing submittal of a 2017 application for a Colorado State Recreational Trails Grant for the reconstruction of Clear Creek Trail in Johnson Park *[Rebudgeted from 2016; grant \$125K, City match \$125K]*

Councilmember George Pond introduced the Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Pond to approve the Consent Agenda items a), b) and c).
Seconded by Councilmember Hoppe; carried 7-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- 2.** Council Bill No. 22-2016 –An Ordinance repealing and reenacting Section 26-615 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning Commercial Mobile Radio Service and adding conforming amendments in connection herewith (Case No. ZOA-16-04)

Cell tower regulations have not been updated since 2001. Revisions are needed to align the code with current technology and FCC regulations.

Councilmember Larry Mathews introduced Council Bill 22-2016.

Motion by Councilmember Mathews to approve an ordinance repealing and reenacting section 26-615 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning commercial mobile radio service and adding conforming amendments in connection herewith on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Councilmember Duran; carried 7-0.

- 3.** Council Bill No. 23-2016 –An Ordinance amending Section 26-711 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws, concerning Billboards, to establish a Billboard Vacancy Process (Case No. ZOA-16-05))

This ordinance codifies the existing administrative policy that outlines the process for declaring, advertising, and filling a billboard vacancy.

Councilmember Kristi Davis introduced Council Bill No. 23-2016.

Motion by Councilmember Davis to approve Council Bill No. 23-2016, an ordinance amending Section 26-711 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws, concerning billboards, to establish a billboard vacancy process on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Councilmember Pond; carried -0

CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS

CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS Carmen Beery noted it was nice to see the Council again and looked forward to meeting the new faces.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S MATTERS

Janelle Shaver reported there is a nice display of oil paintings of Jefferson County Open Space scenes on display at the Jeffco Courts and Administration Bldg. Also, 25 artists will be participating in the program Plein Air (painting outdoors) at some of the Open Space parks next week. On Thursday, October 4 they will be at Crown Hill Open Space from sun-up to sun-down. The public is invited to come watch them paint. ~ To clarify a point from last week's study session, she informed Council that the Deputy Clerk is the one who reviews Special Event Liquor License applications. She also presented the issue of a change in state policy that now allows the City to keep the state's portion of Special Event Liquor permit fee. She inquired about the process to make this happen – administrative or requiring Council approval. Ms. Berry suggested it was probably administrative, but she will look into it.

Monica Duran gave locations for voting for the Fire District election next Tuesday. Fire Station #16 at 3880 Upham Street, Fire Station #17 at 10901 W 38th Avenue, and in Edgewater at 5845 W 25th Avenue.

Zach Urban invited the public to the Cool Duo 5K. It's happening this Saturday at 9am starting at 39th & Pie. He invited the public to check the Parks & Rec website for information about other 5K's that are coming up.

George Pond announced he and Tim Fitzgerald would be having Coffee with Council on October 8 at the Rec Center from 9:30am – 11:00.

Kristi Davis asked about putting info on the website about the fire district election. Mr. Johnstone said he would check into that.

Larry Mathews reported doing a ride-along with the WRPD last week. He encouraged people to continue to give their support to our officers for the work they do. They are a fine group and richly deserve it.


Joyce Jay announced her Coffee with the Mayor this Saturday at Vinnola's at 9am.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.


Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON October 10, 2016


George Pond, 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.