

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

December 10, 2018

Mayor Starker 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	Janeece Hoppe	Zachary Urban
George Pond	Leah Dozeman	

Absent: Kristi Davis, Tim Fitzgerald, and Larry Mathews are excused

Also present: Deputy City Clerk, Robin Eaton; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; City Manager, Patrick Goff; Chief of Police, Daniel Brennan; Parks and Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring; Community Development Director, Ken Johnstone; Public Works Director, Scott Brink; other staff, guests and interested citizens.

Mayor Starker announced the postponement of item #2 of the agenda and to move it to the January 14, 2019 meeting, as it requires a vote of the full council

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

Kimary Marchese being part of the Victorian Society of Colorado and Wheat Ridge Historic Society has been showing off beautiful historic sites for 18 year. Sites from across the state, excluding the Richard Hart estate. She is asking for a non-profit fee discount to use the site, being a social club that benefits mutually with their members that come in from all points. Those members would eat and stay in Wheat Ridge as well as getting the word out about the estate for rentals. She then introduced the other members of the Society.

John Voles the President of the Society from Douglas County, detailed some of their events throughout the State that includes a cannon for use with the 1812 overture. He would appreciate that the council consider the discount fee request for non-profits.

Lorraine Burger from Boulder stated that even if the roles have changed dramatically from olden times, history is no less important and if we don't know where we came from can't really know where we are. She supports the Society and other non-profits having access to the estate.

Public Comment was closed

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion to approve Monthly Payments to Kaiser Permanente for January through December 2019 Membership Billing not to exceed a total of \$2,420,526
- b. Resolution No. 70-2018 – a resolution approving an amended and restated Intergovernmental Agreement to establish the West Metro Drug Task Force
- c. Resolution No. 71-2018 – A resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wheat Ridge and the United States Secret Service for membership in the Colorado Electronic Crimes Task Force

Councilmember Pond introduced the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Pond to approve Consent Agenda Items a.), b.), and c.), seconded by Councilmember Urban; motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

2. Council Bill 34-2018 – An Ordinance approving the sale of designated park land at the Intersection of West 38th Avenue and Johnson Street and in connection therewith, authorizing execution of an Agreement for said sale

The City has the opportunity to sell the vacant parcel of park property located on the southwest corner of 38th Avenue and Johnson Street for the development of a CVS Pharmacy. This parcel was not originally developed as part of Discovery Park due to:

1. Maximizing efficient use of site to meet the goals of the Park Master Plan; and
2. The site's proximity to the Apple Ridge Café, currently located on the southeast corner of 38th Avenue and Kipling Street.

Councilmember Pond introduced Council Bill 34-2018.

The City Charter requires a unanimous vote of city council to dispose of park property. The Wheat Ridge Charter addresses the disposal of park land in Section 16.5.

Motion by Councilmember Pond to postpone Item No. 2, Council Bill No. 34-2018 Until January 14, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Dozeman; motion carried 5-0

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

3. Motion to award a contract and approve subsequent payments to HDR Engineering, Inc., Denver, CO in the amount of \$1,344,394.91 for professional services for ROW Acquisition services for the Wadsworth Boulevard Improvement Project.

Councilmember Dozeman introduced Item 3.

Staff Presentation

Mark Westberg gave a brief presentation and update on the scheduling, acquisitions, and title commitments and was then ready for questions.

Public Comment - none

Council Questions and concerns - none

Motion by Councilmember Dozeman to award a contract and approve subsequent payments to HDR Engineering, Inc., Denver, CO in the amount of \$1,344,394.91 for professional services for ROW Acquisition services for the Wadsworth Boulevard Improvement Project; seconded by Councilmember Duran; motion carried 5-0

4. Motion to award a contract and approve subsequent payments to HDR, Inc., Denver CO in an amount not to exceed \$75,139 for Professional Services for ROW Acquisition Services for Ridge Road

Councilmember Urban introduced Item 4.

Staff Presentation

Mark Westberg gave another presentation on possible 2E projects, ROW Acquisition Contracts, and scheduling.

Public Comment

Connie Burg would like to thank you for being a council of integrity in agreeing to uphold the city commitments. She admires council and staff to think outside the box and explore creative solution to address transportation issues which might help everyone in the long run.

Public Comment was closed.

Council Questions and concerns

Councilmember Dozeman asked for an update for RTD on the G-line and its testing, and the response was that no updates are available at this time.

Councilmember Urban asked if there are plans to put sidewalk on the south side of project and it was responded that it was determined there is nothing on south side as a destination, so there is no need for one.

Motion by Councilmember Urban to award a contract and approve subsequent payments to o HDR, Inc., Denver CO in an amount not to exceed \$75,139 for Professional Services for ROW Acquisition Services for Ridge Road; seconded by Councilmember Hoppe; motion carried 5-0

5. Resolution No. 69-2018 – A Resolution approving an Agreement with the Wheat ridge Sanitation District regarding 29th Avenue Street Improvements

The City has been working for several years with Denver Water and the City of Edgewater on the reconstruction of 29th Avenue between Kendall and Fenton Streets. In order to simplify design and construction coordination, the City negotiated agreements with Denver Water and the City of Edgewater for the City of Wheat Ridge to construct the improvements and be reimbursed by both entities for their shares. This year, the City was approached by the Wheat Ridge Sanitation District to reach a similar agreement to reconstruct a portion of their sanitary sewer main within the limits of the project.

Councilmember Duran introduced Item 5.

Staff Presentation

Mark Westberg presentation included Denver Water's requests along with Wheat Ridge Sanitation district sewer main fixes, funding partners, and scheduling.

Staff recommends approving the amendment to the IGA with the Wheat Ridge Sanitation District.

Public Comment - none

Council Questions and concerns - none

Motion by Councilmember Duran to approve Resolution No.69-2018, a resolution approving an Agreement with the Wheat ridge Sanitation District regarding 29th Avenue Street Improvements, seconded by Councilmember Hoppe; motion carried 5-0

6. Resolution No. 72-2018 – A Resolution accepting the resignation of Councilmember Monica Duran and thanking her for her contributions to the City of Wheat Ridge

Councilmember Monica Duran was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives on November 6, 2018 to represent Colorado in House District 24. Ms. Duran tendered her resignation to the Mayor and City Council on November 18, 2018, with an effective date of December 31, 2018.

Councilmember Hoppe introduced Item 6 and read in the resolution which included in part:

Ms. Duran was elected as a District I City Councilmember in November 2015. Monica also served on the Wheat Ridge Planning Commission, the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Board, represented the City on the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee and was involved with Wheat Ridge Partnered in Faith.

Motion by Councilmember Hoppe to approve resolution No. 72-2019, a resolution accepting the resignation of Councilmember Monica Duran and thanking her for her contributions to the City of Wheat Ridge; seconded by Councilmember Urban.

Discussion on the motion followed:

Motion by Councilmember Duran to amend the resolution to add serving on the Wheat Ridge Fire Board, seconded by Councilmember Hoppe; motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Pond thanked Councilmember Duran and wishes her well down at the State. He would love to hear from her, as promised earlier, and wishes her the best of luck.

Councilmember Urban mirrored that congratulation along with appreciating her desire to work at the State level. He remembers that it was not always the funniest place to be and appreciates her service to the City of Wheat Ridge.

Councilmember Duran wanted to thank the citizens of Wheat Ridge for their support and she will continue to represent everyone, albeit in a different way. She appreciated everyone who reached out to her to consider staying on and regrets that it is not possible to do so. She is grateful for the opportunity that she has had in the last four years for it has been a great experience.

Councilmember Hoppe thanked Councilmember Duran for being her counter-part in District 1 and always being able to work together. Always being able to come together and find common ground, even if they agreed to disagree.

Councilmember Dozeman congratulated Councilmember Duran, wishing her the best of luck and hopes to have her ear when she is working down at the capital.

Lastly, Mayor Starker congratulated Councilmember Duran on being a very faithful councilmember that was good for the district. He is glad to see her going down to the state capital to represent the citizens of Wheat Ridge and wishes her the best of luck.

Motion carried, 5-0

7. Resolution No. 73-2018 – A Resolution accepting the resignation of City Treasurer Jerry DiTullio and thanking him for his contributions to the City of Wheat Ridge

City Treasurer Jerry DiTullio was elected as the Jefferson County Treasurer on November 6, 2018. Mr. DiTullio tendered his resignation to the Mayor and City Council on November 26, 2018, with an effective date of midnight on January 7, 2019.

Councilmember Urban introduced Item 7 and read in the resolution which included in part:

Mr. DiTullio served on the Wheat Ridge City Council from 1995 to 2005 and again from 2013 to 2015, as Wheat Ridge Mayor from 2005 to 2013 and was elected as Wheat Ridge City Treasurer in November 2015. Mr. DiTullio also served on the Board of Trustees for the Wheat Ridge Police Pension Fund, the Jefferson County Community Development Advisory Committee, the Wheat Ridge Housing Authority, the Wheat Ridge Business District, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control Board, the Metro Mayors Caucus, the Wheat Ridge Rotary and was active with many other community organizations.

Motion by Councilmember Urban to approve resolution No. 72-2018, a resolution accepting the resignation of City Treasurer Jerry DiTullio and thanking him for his contributions to the City of Wheat Ridge; seconded by Councilmember Hoppe.

Discussion on the motion followed:

Councilmember Hoppe spoke on some of the achievements Mr. DiTullio had as city treasurer and appreciated those. These included moving the finds into a CSAFE program which made for larger returns on the cities investments, reports on commercial sales corridors and giving a clear picture where sale tax revenue is coming from.

Councilmember Dozeman thanked Mr. DiTullio for his hard work being the City Treasurer, being invested in the community as well as being a special education teacher at Wheat Ridge High School. It's been an honor and privilege working with him and he helped her navigate the process to be an elected official and volunteer as well.

Councilmember Urban stated that Mr. DiTullios tenure with the city is somewhat unprecedented. It showed his ability to get things done for the greatest amount of good for everyone involved. He has a tremendous amount of skills which is good for JeffCo, but it's a loss to the City of Wheat Ridge.

Councilmember Pond added that along with some of the other former titles given to him tonight, Mr. DiTullio is an avid viewer of channel 8 and he expressed his thanks to him. He had admired his boundless enthusiasm and energy for the city and knows that he will bring it to the county as well.

Lastly Mayor Starker gave his congratulations to Mr. DiTullio, a citizen and long standing member of District 1, that is going on to electoral office with the county. He has done great work in our city and is a dedicated public servant. He thanks him for his service and sends him off with our best wishes.

Motion carried; 5-0

CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS

Mr. Goff has a reminder for council and the citizens of the open house this Wednesday for the neighborhood revitalization strategy at the recreation center 5:30 – 8 pm. This is a great chance for the public to give input on what they want to see in the city and to please show up.

CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS

ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS

Councilmember Dozeman reminded the public that the Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce Christmas party will be at the Grange December 13 with food and beverages, there will also be a silent auction and please bring items that will be donated to the homeless.

Councilmember Duran wishes to thank everyone and hopes to continue helping by holding meetings on Saturdays for District 24.


Mayor Starker wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season and to please watch out for the kids as the streets are dark and could be slippery.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Robin Eaton, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON January 14, 2019


Janece Hoppe, Mayor Pro tem

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