

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

March 11, 2019

Mayor Pro-Tem Hoppe 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

Zachary Urban	Janeece Hoppe	
Kristi Davis	Tim Fitzgerald	Larry Mathews

Absent: Mayor Starker (excused), George Pond (excused), Leah Dozeman (excused),

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; Parks & Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring (filling in for Mr. Goff); other staff, guests and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES of February 25, 2019 and Special Council Minutes of March 4, 2019

There being no objections, the City Council minutes of February 25, 2019 and Special Council Minutes of March 4, 2019 were approved as published.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

CITIZENS RIGHT TO SPEAK

Dan Larson (WR), member of Planning Commission and board of Garrison Village Condos, gave an update on the repair of hail damage that has been done. The roofs were repaired. The lawsuit against the insurance company has been settled. Siding will be replaced starting in April. He thanked the City for its help and the residents for their patience.

Abigail Lantz (Golden) Her property is next to Clear Creek Crossing. The developer has been working with the neighbors. She wanted council to know that Evergreen Development Company has raised the height of site PA 5 which will be a hotel – now making the hotel much higher. Now the 5 stories will look into their bedrooms. She expressed other concerns, such as the migrant population on Clear Creek, and drainage. A drainage ditch has been removed. This is all going to affect their property value. The neighbors were told this would be a family friendly development – not on top

of them. She recommended Evergreen should be required to put in a barrier – for safety and privacy.

Rachel Hultin (WR) said 25 people came to Coffee with the Mayor. She is grateful when elected officials take time to meet with the people.

Carol Mathews (WR) congratulated the City for the NRS response by citizens. She announced dates for the Open Houses that will be held and urged people to come and provide input.

- March 19: 9-11 at the Active Adult Center, and 4-6pm at WR High School.
- March 20: 7:30-9:30am at the rec center and 5-7pm at Colorado Plus

There will also be presentations to the Planning Commission on March 18, and to the City Council on March 21. These are also opportunities for the public to come give input about the future of Wheat Ridge.

Andy Rasmussen (WR) presented some letters for former Councilmember Tim Fitzgerald. He explained how Tim helped him learn about Wheat Ridge. He and Rachel Hultin presented the letters and spoke in tribute to Tim Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Mathews responded concerning the problems the Garrison Condos have been having. He has been in contact with them for 2 years on this, and will be attending a meeting with them this week.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

1. Council Bill 04-2019 – An Ordinance amending Sections 11-51, 11-52, 11-53, 11-56, 11-63, 11-64 and 17-27 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning the licensing and use of alcohol beverages and making additional housekeeping revisions to said Code updating statutory citations to conform to recent legislative changes

Consideration of an ordinance updating the Wheat Ridge Code to reflect amendments that have been made to the state's Liquor and Beer Codes.

Councilmember Kueter introduced Council Bill 04-2019.

Motion by Councilmember Kueter to approve Council Bill No. 04-2019, an ordinance amending Sections 11-51, 11-52, 11-53, 11-56, 11-63, 11-64 and 17-27 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning the licensing and use of alcohol beverages and making additional housekeeping revisions to said Code updating statutory citations to conform to recent legislative changes on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, and, if adopted, that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Councilmember Urban; carried 6-0.

*March***DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

2. Resolution No. 15-2019 – A Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Public Art Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$18,500 and approving payment to Nancy Lovendahl in the amount of \$79,500 with a \$4,000 Contingency for the purchase of “Sweet Grass Dance”, a stone sculpture

The sculpture is part of the renovation of Anderson Park.

Councilmember Mathews introduced Item 2.

Staff presentation – Joyce Manwaring

Ms. Manwaring introduced **Dina Miller**, hired by the City to oversee the public art process.

Ms. Miller outlined the selection process as defined in the Public Art Management Plan.

- An art selection Committee made up of citizens, representation from the Cultural Commission and Councilmember Mathews met twice between Oct. and Jan.
- The Committee set the parameters for design and artist selection criteria.
 - They defined the function of the art, the theme and aesthetic quality.
 - They wanted the piece to add to the park – not overwhelm it, celebrate the park as a festival park, and be interactive and immersive.
- They reviewed qualified artists and selected an artist and a design to recommend to the Cultural Commission.
- A limestone sculpture entitled “Sweet Grass Dance” by artist Nancy Lovendahl was selected unanimously by the Committee.
- Ms. Miller explained the message of the piece.
- It will be located at a junction of three paths between the pavilion and the parking lot.
- It will include 8 pieces of stone reminiscent of grass blades, with a dot pattern on one side of each stone to depict dew drops.
- A model was presented. The tallest stones will be 8 feet tall.
- She presented the budget for the project.
- Cost of the acquisition is \$79,500 plus a \$4,000 contingency for unanticipated issues.
- A summer installation is planned.
- There is a plan to have graffiti proof covering on the stone.
- “Dew drops” will be acid stained onto the nearby sidewalk.

Councilmember Urban asked about the flood plain. Ms. Miller said a flood would not affect the structures.

Councilmember Mathews noted the Committee put a lot of thought and effort into this; he enjoyed working with them. He assured other grumpy old men this will not have any blazing red eyes. It will enhance the park, and he looks forward to seeing it installed.

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Clerk Shaver had questions about the aerial view. The dots in the grass are from the landscape overlay. The pinkish ground is crusherfine, so mowers can go around the sculptures without running into them.

Councilmember Mathews added that the layout accommodates emergency vehicles.

Motion by Councilmember Mathews to approve Resolution 15-2019 a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Public Art Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$18,500 and approving payment to Nancy Lovendahl in the amount of \$79,500 with a \$4,000 Contingency for the purchase of "Sweet Grass Dance", a stone sculpture; seconded by Councilmember Urban; carried 6-0.

3. Resolution No. 16-2019 – A Resolution in support of House Bill 19-1009 concerning supports for persons recovering from substance use disorders

House Bill 19-1009 is a bill designed to support individuals recovering from substance abuse addiction in Colorado communities through the regulation of substance abuse recovery residences and establishment of state funding and support services for housing assistance for qualified individuals.

Councilmember Urban introduced Item 3.

In lieu of a staff presentation, Councilmember Urban took questions – as he has done a great deal of research on this.

- Regarding the status of the bill, it has passed out of the House and will go to the Senate.
- Councilmember Urban will make sure the legislature is aware of the support from the City of Wheat Ridge.
- Mr. Urban noted that to allay citizen concerns about recovery houses/facilities, this bill requires that such houses be certified by the Colorado Association of Recovery Residences. This will help deal with issues that arise and ensure the facilities are safe for the individuals in recovery.
- Councilmember Hoppe thanked Councilmember Urban for bringing this to the Council so they can support it.

Motion by Councilmember Urban to approve Resolution 16-2019, a resolution in support of House Bill 19-1009 concerning supports for persons recovering from substance abuse disorders; seconded by Councilmember Davis.

The motion carried 6-0.

4. Resolution No. 17-2019 – A Resolution in support of Senate Bill 19-008 concerning treatment of individuals with substance use disorders who come into contact with the Criminal Justice System

SB 19-008 is designed to provide services and treatment to addicted individuals in lieu of entering the criminal justice system. It adds low level drug crimes to a simplified record sealing process and identifies funding to expand the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programs in Colorado communities through the regulation of substance abuse recovery residences and establishment of state funding and support services for housing assistance for qualified individuals.

Councilmember Urban introduced Item 4.

There was no staff presentation or questions from the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Urban to approve Resolution 17-2019, a resolution in support of Senate Bill 19-008 concerning treatment of individuals with substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the Criminal Justice System; seconded by Councilmember Mathews; carried 6-0.

5. Resolution No. 18-2019 – A Resolution authorizing Wheat Ridge's participation in the 2019 Metro Mortgage Assistance Plus Program and delegating to the City and County of Denver the Authority of Wheat Ridge to take action and exercise power under a Delegation and Participation Agreement on behalf of Wheat Ridge with respect to the program

This is the renewal of an agreement with the City and County of Denver to participate in the Metro Mortgage Assistance (MMA) Plus Program. MMA helps low- and moderate-income persons or families with competitive mortgage loans, down payments and closing costs. The City has participated in this program since 2013.

Councilmember Davis introduced Item 5.

Councilmember Davis listed some of the particulars of the program. She noted that since 2013 this program has helped originate nine loans in Wheat Ridge - totaling \$2,172,307 in loan amount and \$86,892 in closing costs.

Councilmember Mathews noted there is no cost to the City and it helps folks out.

Councilmember Urban encouraged first-time home buyers to attend a HUD approved homebuyers' education class. They are free. There will be classes on March 15 and 23, and April 12 and 27 in Edgewater.

Councilmember Davis remarked that she had used a program like this when she bought her first home in Denver, and the classes are very helpful.

Motion by Councilmember Davis to approve Resolution 18-2019, a resolution authorizing Wheat Ridge's participation in the 2019 Metro Mortgage Assistance Plus Program and delegating to the City and County of Denver the Authority of Wheat Ridge to take action and exercise power under a Delegation and Participation Agreement on behalf of Wheat Ridge with respect to the program, seconded by Councilmember Urban; carried 6-0.

CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS

CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS

ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS

Kristi Davis asked for someone to join her in putting the Clear Creek Crossing issues on a study session agenda so Council, as a body, can follow up on the concerns of the neighbors. Mr. Urban agreed to join her on that.


David Keuter congratulated Mayor pro tem Hoppe on the short length of the meeting.

Mayor pro tem Hoppe welcomed Councilmember Weaver and thanked Carol Mathews for reminding folks about the NRS open houses coming up. She added that all the gatherings except the one at Colorado Plus will have an ASL interpreter. ~ She announced that the NRS will be reporting to Council at the March 18 Study Session and on March 21 to the Planning Commission.

Larry Mathews asked if those meetings were on the website. Ms. Hoppe said they were.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.


Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON May 13, 2019


Janeece Hoppe, 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