

# **City Council Meeting Minutes**

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**  
**7500 WEST 29<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**March 8, 2021**

**Note:** This meeting was held virtually, using Zoom video-teleconferencing technology. As duly announced and publicly noticed, Council previously approved this format in order to continue with normal business and respond to the CoVid-19 Pandemic and the related public emergency orders promulgated by the President of the United States, the Governor of Colorado, and the Wheat Ridge City Council. Before calling the meeting to order, Mayor Starker stated the rules and procedures necessitated by this meeting format.

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**

Janeece Hoppe      Judy Hutchinson      Zachary Urban      Rachel Hultin  
Amanda Weaver      Korey Stites      Leah Dozeman      Valerie Nosler Beck

Also present: City Clerk, Steve Kirkpatrick; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; City Manager, Patrick Goff; City Treasurer, Chris Miller; Administrative Services Director, Allison Scheck; Police Chief Chris Murtha; Director of Parks and Recreation, Karen O'Donnell; other staff, guests and interested citizens.

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES**

### **Women's History Month and International Women's Day**

Mayor Starker read a proclamation that recounted the history of these celebrations, and of the Suffrage Movement and the right to vote for women, as well as the significant contributions of women to science, the arts, and government.

Councilmember Hoppe accepted the proclamation on behalf of the women Councilmembers, the uniformed women of the WR Police Department and women everywhere. She acknowledged the significance of this proclamation honoring women everywhere and thanked the Mayor.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Without objection or correction, the City Council Minutes of February 22, 2021 and City Council Study Session Notes of March 1, 2021 were approved as published.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection or correction, the agenda stood as announced.

## **CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK**

No one came forward to speak tonight.

### **Note about Wheat Ridge Speaks:**

Citizens may visit the Wheat Ridge Speaks website and enter written comments of up to 1,000 words on any Council agenda item. The deadline for citizens to submit comments is 12:00 Noon Mountain Time on the day of a Council session so that Council members, other elected officials and City Staff have time to review the comments before the meeting on Monday evening.

The City Clerk's Office transcribes those Wheat Ridge Speaks comments into these minutes, placing each comment along with the record for that agenda item, including items that address a public hearing (verbatim, if the comments do not contain lascivious language or unlawful hate speech).

No comments appeared in Wheat Ridge Speaks related to this Council session.

## **1. CONSENT AGENDA**

Discussion began at approximately 7:01 PM

Councilmember Weaver introduced the consent agenda.

- a. Motion to approve the purchase and payment of 2021 vehicle replacements and the purchase and payment for installation of lighting, and auxiliary equipment in a total amount not to exceed \$479,235
- b. Motion to amend to the Bayou Ditch contract to approve additional costs exceeding contract and contingency in the amount of \$13,250.59, and approve a revised contingency of \$11,749.41
- c. Resolution No. 13-2021 - a resolution amending the fiscal year 2021 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$62,000 for the purchase and payment of a Police department vehicle.

Motion by Councilmember Weaver to approve Consent Agenda Items a.), b.), and c.)  
Seconded by Councilmember Stites, motion carried 8-0.

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

None

## **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

None

## **DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

Discussion began at approximately 7:10 PM

2. Resolution No. 12-2021 - A Resolution approving a waiver of the Liquor Occupation Tax for calendar year 2021 for certain eligible businesses within the City

Discussion began at approximately 7:10 PM

Councilmember Dozeman introduced the Resolution.

### **Issue**

To help local businesses weather the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, City Council requested that the City Clerk's Office develop a program to waive and/or refund revenues due the City through Liquor Occupation Tax (LOT).

### **Staff Presentation**

City Clerk Kirkpatrick summarized the two previous study sessions where this item was spoken about and was available for questions from council.

### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak.

### **Council Questions**

Councilmembers had no comments or questions, having thoroughly reviewed and discussed the proposed action in two previous Study Sessions.

**Motion** by Councilmember Dozeman to approve Resolution No. 12-2021, a resolution approving a waiver of the Liquor Occupation Tax for calendar year 2021 for certain eligible businesses within the City, seconded by Councilmember Urban, motion carried 8-0.

Councilmember Hoppe reported that the application required for businesses to receive this waiver will soon be on the City website. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2021.

## **CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

Mr. Goff reported that Jefferson County, which recently moved to Blue on the CoVid Dial, is in jeopardy of regressing to Yellow because our numbers are creeping upward again.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

Nothing tonight.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS**

Councilmember Dozeman wished all of her fellow women leaders a meaningful International Women's Day. She also commented on her recent NLC educational event related to CoVid 19.

*She also announced that the Carnation Festival will be held this August! Due to the pandemic, the Festival will operate with understandably limited activities.*

Councilmember Hultin will host a District II meeting on March 24 on Zoom to discuss the Wadsworth development project. A link to the meeting will appear on the City website soon.

Councilmember Hutchinson congratulated all who worked on the Mayor's Matters newsletter; she found it the "most informative newsletter," she has ever read.

She also reminded us that we spring forward to Daylight Savings Time this Sunday.

Mayor Starker reminded people of Coffee with the Mayor this Saturday at 9 AM in the familiar virtual format.

He noted the progress we have made against the virus, but we must continue to be vigilant and get our vaccines when it is our turn. He also expressed his happiness that the Carnation Festival will be held this year.

**ADJOURNMENT to SPECIAL STUDY SESSION**

This meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.



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Steve Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON March 22, 2021



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Janeece Hoppe, Mayor Pro Tem

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