

City Council Meeting Minutes

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

June 14, 2021

Note: This meeting was conducted both as a virtual meeting and hybrid, where some members of the Council or City staff were physically present at the Municipal building, and some members of the public attended in person as well. All eight members of Council were present in Council Chambers for this session. 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

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 Division Chief Jim Lorentz; Director of Parks and Recreation, Karen O'Donnell; Assistant to the City Manager, Marianne Schilling; Lauren Mikulak, other staff, guests and interested citizens. Sara Chimulac; AT&T; Councilmember Hultin excused herself as she is traveling out of the country.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection or correction, the City Council Minutes of May 24, 2021 and City Council Study Session Notes of June 7, 2021 were approved as published.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection or correction, the agenda stood as announced.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

No citizens spoke to Council this evening on subjects not on the agenda.

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).

The following comment related to agenda item 4 was posted:

I would like for Council Bill No. 08-2021 to be approved.

June 14, 2021, 11:57 AM

Emily Smith
4510 Reed St
Wheat Ridge, 80033

The following comment related to agenda item 5 was also posted:

I would like to see this approved. Thank you,

June 14, 2021, 12:01 PM

Emily Smith
4510 Reed St
Wheat Ridge, 80033

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Discussion began at approximately 7:11 PM

1. Resolution No. 29-2021 – A Resolution concerning the proposed financing of certain activities and undertakings within the I70/Kipling Corridors Urban Renewal Plan Area, and the proposed issuance of certain tax increment revenue refunding and improvement bonds by the Wheat Ridge Urban Renewal Authority in connection therewith; declaring the City Council's present intent to appropriate funds to replenish the reserve fund securing such bonds, if necessary; and authorizing a cooperation agreement and other related actions.

Councilmember Hoppe introduced Resolution No. 29-2021 at 7:08 pm.

Issue

The Wheat Ridge Urban Renewal Authority (Authority) dba Renewal Wheat Ridge (RWR) will be issuing tax-exempt bonds (Bonds) this July for various capital projects within the I-70/Kipling Corridors Urban Renewal Plan Area (Plan Area). In order for

RWR to receive the highest rating and lowest interest rate on the Bonds, it is necessary for City Council to approve a Replenishment Resolution authorizing the City Manager to replenish the Reserve Fund on the Bonds, with General Fund reserves, in the event RWR does not have adequate funding to pay annual debt service on the Bonds. A Cooperation Agreement between the City and RWR will require that RWR repay the City for any loan made to replenish the Reserve Fund.

Mayor Starker opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Staff Presentation

Mr. Goff reprised the discussion held during a Study Session on this item, and also spoke of how the bonds will be payable from the property tax increment revenues generated in the Plan Area and will also be secured by a Reserve Fund that will be funded with Bond proceeds. To the extent that there are insufficient revenues to pay the debt service on the Bonds at any given time, the Reserve Fund will be drawn upon to meet those obligations. In the event there are not sufficient revenues to replenish the Reserve Fund at any given time, the Replenishment Resolution declares the City Council's non-binding intent to replenish the Reserve Fund, subject to appropriation by the City Council in its sole discretion.

Sally Tasker, bond attorney for the City, will assist the RWR as the underwriter for this Bond issuance. Ms. Tasker explained the reasons for this proposed resolution and the implications of approving this resolution. She emphasized how this agreement will help save interest compared to other funding arrangements.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions and comments

Councilmembers asked whether we have replenished other funds for other bond issues. Mr. Goff answered that we have not.

Councilmembers asked if there are other, less risky options. Mr. Goff gave a detailed response, including that these funds may only be used for the project in the NW Urban Renewal District.

Council asked detailed questions about the total debt service.

Mayor Starker closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Hoppe to approve Resolution No. 29-2021 – A Resolution concerning the proposed financing of certain activities and undertakings within the I70/Kipling Corridors Urban Renewal Plan Area, and the proposed issuance of certain tax increment revenue refunding and improvement bonds by the Wheat Ridge Urban Renewal Authority in connection therewith; declaring the City Council's present intent to

appropriate funds to replenish the reserve fund securing such bonds, if necessary; and authorizing a cooperation agreement and other related actions, seconded by Councilmember Stites, motion carried 7-0.

2. Resolution No. 31-2021 – A Resolution approving a special use permit and height variance to allow a new freestanding commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) facility on property zoned Residential-Two (R-2) and located at 7500 W. 29th Avenue.

Councilmember Hutchinson introduced Resolution No. 31-2021

About 7:20 pm.

Issue

The applicant is requesting to install a new 140-foot freestanding commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) facility to replace the existing 159-foot CMRS facility located at 7500 W. 29th Avenue due to structural issues. The property contains existing municipal government facilities and is owned by the City of Wheat Ridge. Because the property is zoned Residential-Two (R-2), which does not permit new freestanding CMRS facilities and has a maximum height restriction of 35 feet, the Community Development Department, in conjunction with the City Attorney, has determined this request can be considered through review of a Special Use Permit (SUP) with a height variance through a City Council public hearing.

Mayor Starker opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Staff Presentation

Planning Manager Lauren Mikulak explained to council that Council has taken no previous action on this application. She explained that the property is located on the southeast corner of W. 29th Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard. According to the Jefferson County Assessor, the total area of the subject site is 396,262 square feet (9.097 acres). The subject site contains the City of Wheat Ridge's City Hall and Hayward Park. The property is zoned R-2, a zone district established to provide high quality, safe, quiet, and stable low to moderate-density residential neighborhoods, and to prohibit activities of any nature which are incompatible with the residential character. Properties to the immediate south, east, and northeast are also residentially zoned and primarily contain low-density residential uses.

Current CMRS regulations prohibit freestanding CMRS facilities in the R-2 zone district. Therefore, the existing structure is considered legally non-conforming. The existing structure is 159 feet tall.

Staff recognizes the existing tower is critical for cellular communications in this part of Wheat Ridge, Lakewood, Edgewater, and unincorporated Jefferson County. Also, visually, this location is inconspicuous and only impacts a small number of residential

properties, who are presumably used to the sight of the structure, as it has been at this location since the 1970s.

Ms. Sara Chimulac representing AT&T explained the cell providers' need to replace the tower.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions and comments

Councilmembers asked about the new tower's ability to withstand severe weather. Mr. Goff provided an answer; the new tower will be more stable than the current one.

Mayor Starker asked whether the new tower would provide better cell service. It will, per Ms. Mikulak. He also asked how many parking spaces will be closed during construction. The answer was 8.

Mayor Starker closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Hutchinson to approve Resolution No. 31-2021 – A Resolution approving a special use permit and height variance to allow a new freestanding commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) facility on property zoned Residential-Two (R-2) and located at 7500 W. 29th Avenue, seconded by Councilmember Urban, motion carried 7-0.

3. Resolution No. 33-2021 – A Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wheat Ridge and the Jefferson Conservation District for the Regenerate Wheat Ridge Growing Urban Agriculture Partnerships project

Councilmember Weaver introduced Resolution No. 33-2021

Issue

The City and the Jefferson Conservation District (JCD) developed and submitted a project proposal for the National Association of Conservation District's (NACD) Urban Agriculture Conservation grant initiative. The proposal, titled "Regenerate Wheat Ridge: Growing Urban Agriculture Partnerships" was awarded \$50,000 in funding. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the parties is required to detail the purpose, term, goals, responsibilities, and reimbursement requirements for the collaboration.

Mayor Starker opened the public hearing.

Staff Presentation

Brandon Altenburg, the Grant and Special Project Administrator, gave the background on how the NACD initiative funds local conservation districts up to \$50,000 to implement

urban agriculture projects. The City reached out to Jefferson Conservation District (JCD) to discuss potential projects that would fit with this grant initiative. Subsequent meetings led to the development of the “Regenerate Wheat Ridge: Growing Urban Agriculture Partnerships” project. The goals of the project are as follows:

1. Increase regenerative urban agricultural production in Wheat Ridge by identifying eligible parcels of land and providing technical assistance to facilitate at least two Local Land Producer Partnerships using the Happiness Gardens model.
2. Connect the community with Happiness Gardens to establish it as a community hub to elevate awareness of regenerative urban agriculture as well as current practices and opportunities to participate.

The initiative provides reimbursement for incurred project expenses, and the City and JCD are each eligible for \$25,000 in reimbursed funds. Project components and expenses must be completed and incurred between April 12, 2021 and April 12, 2022.

Also, that the grant is split between JCD and the City. The City will be reimbursed \$25,000 for staff time and supplies for two community events (Arbor Day and Harvest Festival) and five regenerative agriculture events at Happiness Gardens.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions and comments

Councilmember Hoppe asked about the goals for this project. Ms. O'Donnell gave a detailed answer.

Councilmember Dozeman asked about funding from this grant for a Harvest Festival. Again, Ms. O'Donnell provided details. Councilmember Dozeman noted that Arvada sponsors an event called Harvest Festival, so perhaps we need to choose a different name for the event if Wheat Ridge sponsors one.

Councilmember Weaver thanked staff and the city for supporting this measure. She believes there will be many benefits from the effort.

Mayor Starker closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Weaver to approve Resolution No. 33-2021 – A Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wheat Ridge and the Jefferson Conservation District for the Regenerate Wheat Ridge Growing Urban Agriculture Partnerships project; seconded by Councilmember Hoppe, motion carried 7-0.

4. Council Bill No. 08-2021 - An Ordinance adopting section 16-69 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning pedestrians hindering the flow of traffic.

Councilmember Stites introduced Council Bill 08-2021.

Issue

The ordinance is intended to reduce motorist and pedestrian crashes by prohibiting actions by pedestrians that obstruct or hinder traffic, including pedestrians being physically in traffic lanes or extending objects, hands, etc., into traffic lanes.

Mayor Starker opened the public hearing.

The Mayor reviewed the procedures. No citizens appeared in chambers to address this issue. There were none who wanted to speak through the Zoom format.

City Clerk Steve Kirkpatrick assigned Ordinance No. 1714

Staff Presentation

City Attorney Gerald Dahl spoke to the Council about the issue and prior actions where the code amendment was first raised with City Council at the October 19, 2020 study session. Consensus was reached by City Council to bring forward an ordinance for consideration to address pedestrians hindering the flow of traffic.

The ordinance was approved on first reading at the December 14, 2020 council meeting. However, a motion was made and approved at the January 25, 2021 council meeting to cancel the public hearing on the ordinance and republish for a future public hearing after the item was reviewed again in study session.

Consensus was reached at the May 17, 2021 study session to bring the ordinance, with minor amendments, back for 1st and 2nd reading.

Chief Lorentz explained why the Police Department supports passing this ordinance. If approved, the ordinance provides Wheat Ridge police officers with an enforcement tool to maintain separation between motorists and pedestrians, thereby reducing motorist and pedestrian crashes and improving overall traffic safety in the City.

Public Comment

Justin Conyers called to ask whether this ordinance limits persons rights to ask for the public for money or other assistance on public sidewalks. Mr. Dahl provided a detailed legal answer for Mr. Conyers, including an opinion that it will not disallow asking for help in public places.

Council Questions and comments

Councilmember Urban noted that these new ordinances will go into effect in 15 days. He asked whether the Police Department will allow a period of grace with warnings vs. citations. Chief Lorentz indicated that the Department would provide guidance to officers during a period of transition.

Mayor Starker closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Stites to approve Council Bill No. 08-2021 - an ordinance adopting section 16-69 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning pedestrians hindering the flow of traffic, on second reading, and that it takes effect 15 days after final publication, seconded by Councilmember Weaver.

Councilmember Urban **moved** to amend the motion to state that it shall take effect immediately. Amendment seconded by Councilmember Weaver; passed 7-0.

Then the amended motion then passed 7-0.

5. Council Bill No. 09-2021 - An Ordinance adopting section 16-70 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning pedestrian use of roadway center medians, and in connection therewith amending section 16-113, sales and solicitation in certain places prohibited.

Councilmember Urban introduced Council Bill 09-2021 about 7:58 pm.

Issue

The ordinance is intended to reduce motorist and pedestrian crashes by regulating center medians that are unsafe for occupation by pedestrians. The ordinance adopts a new section of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws governing pedestrian and traffic safety and amends the current section on solicitation activities to add a legislative declaration.

Mayor Starker opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Steve Kirkpatrick assigned Ordinance No. 1715

Staff Presentation

City Attorney Gerald Dahl re-emphasized what he had previously opined, that this ordinance is intended to reduce motorist and pedestrian crashes by regulating pedestrian behaviors that interfere with traffic, including entering the roadway in a way that obstructs or hinders traffic flow, and soliciting in areas that are unsafe for such activity.

Chief Lorentz reported on the high number of injuries and fatalities that occur when people stand in the medians. This ordinance prevents many of these accidents, especially pedestrian vs. motor vehicle.

Public Comment

Deann Thurman, Independence St., called to support passage of this ordinance. There are too many people asking for money who sit on lawn chairs in the median, sometimes with small children present. We need to prevent this risk to both motorists and pedestrians.

Council Questions and comments

Council had no further questions or comments.

Mayor Starker closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Urban to approve Council Bill No. 09-2021 - an ordinance adopting section 16-70 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning pedestrian use of roadway center medians, and in connection therewith amending section 16-113, sales and solicitation in certain places prohibited, on second reading, and that it takes effect 15 days after final publication, seconded by Councilmember Stites, motion carried 8-0

Councilmember Hoppe discussed the reasons why this ordinance came to Council and why its passage is important. This version of the proposed ordinance has penalties for violations more to her liking, so she voted for the proposal this time.

Councilmember Urban commented that this is not the first action Council has taken related to this ordinance and a number of other, related issues, including homelessness. He supports it.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Discussion began at approximately 8:12 PM

6. Resolution No. 30-2021 - A Resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement concerning the proposed finance of certain activities and undertakings within the I70/Kipling Corridors Urban Renewal Plan area secured by the proposed incurrence of a bond by the Wheat Ridge Urban Renewal Authority to be secured by certain tax increment revenues generated by the plan area

Councilmember Nosler Beck introduced the Resolution.

Issue

The Wheat Ridge Urban Renewal Authority (Authority) dba Renewal Wheat Ridge (RWR) will be issuing tax-exempt bonds (Bonds) this July for various capital projects within the I-70/Kipling Corridors Urban Renewal Plan Area (Plan Area). A majority of the revenues from the Bonds will be used for City initiated public improvement projects. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and RWR will detail the partnership between the two parties to fund and construct the public improvement projects.

Staff Presentation

Mr. Goff referred to presentations by Mr. Steve Art, Executive Director, Renewal Wheat Ridge, who spoke briefly at a recent Study Session about how the issuance of the Bonds by RWR will provide funding for public improvement projects within the Plan Area during prior Study Sessions. The IGA between the City and RWR details the responsibilities of both parties in funding and constructing the public improvements.

RWR shall provide the necessary funds for the capital projects and the City shall appropriate those funds and use City staff and processes in order to contract for the completion of those projects.

Also, how the issuance of the Bonds by RWR will provide funding for public improvement projects within the Plan Area. The IGA between the City and RWR provides details on the responsibilities of both parties in funding and constructing the public improvements. RWR shall provide the necessary funds for the capital projects and the City shall appropriate those funds and use City staff and processes in order to contract for the completion of those projects

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 Nosler Beck to approve Resolution No. 30-2021, a resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement concerning the proposed finance of certain activities and undertakings within the I70/Kipling Corridors Urban Renewal Plan area secured by the proposed incurrence of a bond by the Wheat Ridge Urban Renewal Authority to be secured by certain tax increment revenues generated by the plan area, seconded by Councilmember Stites, motion carried 7-0.

7. Resolution No. 32-2021 - A Resolution amending the fiscal year 2021 General Fund budget to reflect the approval of a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$1,134,656 for the purpose of funding employee positions, vehicles, priority projects and other operating expenditures that were excluded from the 2021 budget due to COVID-19 related budget constraints.

Councilmember Hoppe introduced the Resolution.

Issue

The 2021 budget was adopted based on conservative revenue projections and with minimal expenditures sufficient to deliver quality services to the community, while maintaining a healthy budget reserve. The 2021 budget excluded funding for some vacant and new employee positions, fleet replacements, technological investments, priority projects and initiatives and staff training and development due to the economic uncertainty caused by the pandemic. Given the strength of Wheat Ridge's local economy combined with continued demand for services, staff requests that Council restore several positions, vehicles, projects and initiatives to the 2021 budget.

Staff Presentation

City Manager Patrick Goff, and Allison Scheck, Administrative Services Director spoke on the how the City's conservative 2021 budget projected a 10% decrease in revenue compared to 2020 year-end revenues. Through April 30, 2021, revenues overall have increased 2.1% compared to the same period in 2020. Most notably, sales tax is up approximately 10% over the same period last year and likewise, licenses and permits have increased 12.6% in that same period. Revenues associated with development and construction, excluding the new SCL Health medical campus, are now projected to exceed budget by over \$1 million this year. Overall, revenues are tracking against or beating the projected budget in all categories.

Additionally, the City will be receiving revenue through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and from building use taxes and permits associated with the new medical campus. The City expects to receive approximately \$7.9 million from the ARPA and approximately \$10.0 million in permit fees and building use taxes associated with the new medical campus construction over the next two years. None of these revenues were included in the 2020 budget.

The 2021 General Fund budget appropriation was 13% less than the 2020 adjusted budget and expenditures are tracking against budget. However, the workload associated with current activities and demand for services in the City necessitates restoring positions, vehicles, projects, and initiatives as the City is in a financial position to do so.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions

Councilmembers Weaver, Dozeman and Hoppe explained their support for this motion and thanked staff for their excellent management of the budget during the pandemic. This amendment to the budget restores priorities programs that are in our Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Dozeman thanked the staff for their stewardship of the City's resources and their conservative approach to budgeting for 2021 during the pandemic in 2020.

Motion by Councilmember Hoppe to approve Resolution No. 32-2021, a resolution amending the fiscal year 2021 General Fund budget to reflect the approval of a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$1,134,656 for the purpose of funding employee positions, vehicles, priority projects and other operating expenditures that were excluded from the 2021 budget due to COVID-19 related budget constraints, seconded by Councilmember Nosler Beck, motion carried 7-0.

8. **Motion approving the revised Council Rules of Order and Procedure dated June 14, 2021**

Councilmember Dozeman introduced the item at 8:24.

Issue

The Charter of the City of Wheat Ridge provides that the Council may determine its own rules of procedure for meetings. Section B of Suspension and Amendment of these Rules states “These Rules may be amended, or new Rules adopted by a majority vote of City Council Members present at a Regular or Special Meeting, provided that the proposed amendments or new Rules shall have been submitted in writing to City Council at a preceding meeting or a Study Session. Any City Council Member, or the Mayor, may initiate an amendment of these Rules in the manner provided for initiation of Agenda Items by Rule V.D. These Rules shall be reviewed and revised by the City Council as needed and as provided for herein.”

Staff Presentation

Mr. Dahl gave a brief report on the rules that included the changes, which received a consensus from City Council that have been incorporated into the revised Council Rules of Order and Procedure. The major categories and issues include the following:

1. Replace "Citizen" with "Public" or "Member of the Public" for "Citizen's Right to Speak"; and replace "Citizen" with "Public" or "Member of the Public" throughout the document.
2. Clean-up the rules throughout to consistently use the term "Chair" instead of "Presiding Officer".
3. Sections II.A.2 & II.A.3: add sections allowing for an additional three minutes for speakers requiring translation services.
4. Section II.A.3.(c): strike the second “will” and replace with “may”.
5. Section II.A.4(e): amend to take into account comments received by the public through Wheat Ridge Speaks.
6. Section II.A.4.(g): insert “or his or her designee” after “The City Clerk...”.
7. Section IV.A.1: amend to strike the words “in the Municipal Building”.
8. Section IV.A.5: add language that council members are expected to attend Council meetings in person unless in the event of illness, weather, or other necessity, members may attend virtually by telephone or through the zoom or other remote attendance platform provided by the City.
9. Section IV.C: add language to specify a majority of city council or the chair can adjourn a meeting.

10. Section V.B: move Approval of Minutes and Approval of Agenda to before Proclamations and Ceremonies on City Council agendas.
11. Section IV.D.3: add “or the discussion be returned to the stated matter” at the end of the paragraph.
12. Section V.E.1: revise the second sentence to read: “There is no limit on individual public testimony, provided, however, that the presiding officer may impose a limit on individual speaker’s time IN CONSIDERATION OF THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS SIGNED UP ON THE HEARING ITEM AND THE AVAILABLE TIME FOR THE HEARING.
13. Section V.F.2: strike the last sentence, “Amendments to a proposed ordinance may be made during First Reading.”

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions

Councilmembers had no further comments or questions.

Motion by Councilmember Dozeman to approve the revised Council Rules of Order and Procedure dated June 14, 2021, as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Urban, motion carried 7-0.

CITY MANAGER’S MATTERS

Mr. Goff thanked those who worked on the application for the All-American City award that we won recently. He recounted the early conversations Councilmember Hultin had with him and with other Councilmembers when the application process began. He also described the many meetings, the hours of work and the effort to make Wheat Ridge’s presentation to the judges recently. It was truly a team and community effort.

He also commented on the groundbreaking ceremony held last week for the Clear Creek Crossing campus of Lutheran Hospital Campus.

CITY ATTORNEY’S MATTERS

Nothing tonight.

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ MATTERS

Councilmember Nosler Beck thanked the staff members who worked so hard on the application for the AAC Award. It was truly a community-led effort to win the award, and this is a perfect example of how we made the dream work for the past year to .

Several members expressed gratitude that we are all back in chambers in person.

Councilmember Dozeman attended the groundbreaking for the new Lutheran Hospital Campus and is delighted to see the project coming to fruition.

Councilmember Urban thanked the staff for their work making it possible for us to come back to chambers and meet in person.

Councilmember Stites asked Mr. Goff when the Study Session item on trees will appear on a Study Session agenda.

Councilmember Stites also thanked the staff for their hard work during the pandemic. And he reminded us all, that if you can find it in Wheat Ridge, buy it in Wheat Ridge.

Councilmember Weaver announced opportunities for the public to participate in the design of the Lutheran Legacy Campus. She also commented that several constituents have inquired about the nature of the business under construction near 38th and Kipling. Staff responded is a franchise auto repair business.

The annual Goat Parade will occur this weekend, from the west side of Prospect Valley Elementary to Lewis Meadows.

Councilmember Hoppe reminded us that What's Up Wheat Ridge contains massive amounts of information and resources, as well as information on how the public can get involved in our City.

The Mayor congratulated all who made the ACC Award possible.


Many, many great things are happening in Wheat Ridge. He participated in the Lutheran groundbreaking at Clear Creek Crossing and is excited about what that new facility will mean. Please, participate in the discussion on the future of the Lutheran Legacy Campus. He thanked staff for seeing that all City facilities have reopened, thanks to their hard work.

This summer there will be 14 days of focus on sustainability and clean-up.

Now that school is out, slow down as you drive, please.


ADJOURNMENT TO SPECIAL STUDY SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Steve Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON June 28, 2021



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 by contacting the City Clerk's Office, as well as copies of Ordinances and Resolutions.