

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

August 22, 2011

Mayor DiTullio called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present: Karen Adams, Karen Berry, Mike Stites, Davis Reinhart, Joseph DeMott, Joyce Jay, Wanda Sang and Tracy Langworthy. Also present: City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Manager, Patrick Goff; Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Parks and Recreation Director, Joyce Manwaring; Chief of Police, Dan Brennan; Municipal Court Judge, Cristopher Randall; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; staff and interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 8, 2011

Motion by Mr. Stites for approval of the Minutes of August 8, 2011; seconded by Mr. DeMott; carried 8-0.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES

September 11th Anniversary Proclamation

Mrs. Wheat Ridge Karen Thaler, on behalf of Mayor DiTullio, read the proclamation declaring September 11, 2011 as a day of service and remembrance. Mayor DiTullio held a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of September 11, 2001.

Pro Challenge Proclamation

Mrs. Wheat Ridge Karen Thaler, on behalf of Mayor DiTullio, read the proclamation regarding the USA Pro Cycling Challenge in Colorado August 22nd through August 28th

CALEA National Accreditation Presentation

Colorado Springs Police Chief Richard Myers, Commissioner on the National Accreditation Board acknowledged the July 30th award of accreditation to the City of Wheat Ridge Police Department. Chief Brennan cited accomplishments of the department's leaders in their pursuit and attainment of national accreditation.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

Genevieve Wooden spoke on behalf of Wheat Ridge 2020 regarding a mid-century and modern home tour in Wheat Ridge on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The organizers need volunteers as hosts at the homes to assist with directions and questions from those on the tour. Call 720-259-1030 to sign up or visit www.tourmodernwheatridge.com for information.

Jesse Hill thanked the citizens of District I who nominated him as a candidate for the position of City Council Representative. Mr. Hill has accepted the nomination and is excited about the potential impact he can have as a City Council member. Visit www.votejessehill.com for more information.

Ken Wiig spoke on behalf of the Second Wind Fund which is a teen suicide prevention program started ten years ago in Lakewood. Colorado has the 6th highest teen suicide rate in the country so these teen suicide services are needed. Over 2,500 children have been provided services since its inception with dozens here in Wheat Ridge. Second Wind Fund is hosting a fund raiser September 18th. This will be a 5k race/walk & music festival featuring over ten bands. For more info visit www.5kmusic.org.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By unanimous consent, Council added to the agenda as Item 5, Council Resolution 26-2011.

PUBLIC INPUT ON THE BUDGET

Ted Heyd spoke on behalf of LiveWell Wheat Ridge and commended the Mayor and Council for the expansion of the bike and pedestrian network as well as handicap facilities. Funding for projects such as the Wadsworth and Kipling multi-use trails will increase the city's multi-modal transportation network. For the 2012 budget, Mr. Heyd recommends funding Phase III of Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan. Knowing the budget constraints, LiveWell Wheat Ridge supports striping on Pierce from 32nd to 38th (Half of proposed project.) This would support the ongoing revitalization of 38th Avenue Corridor by providing access to hundreds of homes in the area. Support is offered in the 2012 budget by LiveWell Wheat Ridge for specific improvement funding.

Janece Hoppe owner of Compass Construction asked City Council to continue supporting new businesses to the area, including those programs offered by Wheat Ridge 2020 and the Wheat Ridge Business District. Ms. Hoppe hopes the City of Wheat Ridge will continue to fund Wheat Ridge 2020 loan programs for outreach, branding and business support.

Genevieve Wooden, licensed realtor and resident, believes the City should continue to support Wheat Ridge 2020 programs to revitalize homes. Ms. Wooden would like to see continued support from Council for implementation of 38th Avenue Revitalization Plan.

Jesse Hill supports continued capital improvements in the City, more specifically the sidewalks and street improvements in District I. Mr. Hill feels that the City cannot expect to attain federal budgeting as has been done in the past and it is the responsibility of Council to plan and budget for these capital improvements.

Mayor DiTullio recommends fully funding Wheat Ridge 2020 as it was decided in the beginning with meaningful brick and mortar project that were dedicated to certain areas of the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- 2.** Council Bill 26-2011 – submitting a proposed Amendment to the Wheat Ridge Home Rule Charter to the Voters of the City pursuant to Charter Section 16.8 (b), setting the Ballot Title and Giving Notice and Call of an Election concerning the same.

Mayor DiTullio opened the public hearing.

Council Bill 26-2011 was introduced on second reading by Mr. Stites. City Clerk Michael Snow assigned Ordinance No. 1498.

No staff report was given.

No citizens were present to speak on the item.

Mayor DiTullio closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mr. Stites to approve Council Bill 26-2011 (Ordinance 1498) on second reading and that it take effect immediately upon adoption; second by Mr. Reinhart; carried 8-0.

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS

- 3.** Resolution 25-2011 – amending the Fiscal Year 2011 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 for the replacement of the Audio-Video Communications System in the Municipal Court.

Resolution 25-2011 was introduced by Mrs. Sang.

Motion by Mrs. Sang to approve Resolution 25-2011; seconded by Mrs. Jay; carried 8-0.

4. Motion to approve payment of Murray Dahl Kuechenmeister & Renaud LLP July 2011 Invoices for Legal Services in the Amount of \$17,836.63.

Motion by Mrs. Langworthy to approve payment of July 2011 Invoices for Legal Services in the Amount of \$17,836.63 to Murray Dahl Kuechenmeister & Renaud LLP; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 8-0.

5. Resolution 26-2011 – supporting the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Comprehensive Joint Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

Resolution 26-2011 was introduced by Ms. Berry.

Motion by Ms. Berry to approve Resolution 26-2011; seconded by Mrs. Jay; carried 8-0.

CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS

The City celebrates the opening this past weekend of a new restaurant at 7000 W. 38th Avenue called Cebiche Authentic Peruvian Dining. Mr. Goff encouraged citizens to visit this new restaurant in Wheat Ridge.

Construction of the City's new dog park at Fruitdale Park is expected to begin this month with completion anticipated in early September.

Wheat Ridge Police Officer Sergeant Paula Balafas was recently elected to the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE) Board of Directors.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS

City Clerk Snow, Council and Mayor DiTullio congratulated and commended the Police Department on their award for National Accreditation.

Mayor DiTullio announced that September is Traffic Safety Month and the Police Department will be paying particular attention to red light, stop sign and turning violations during this time.

Commendations and thanks to the Carnation Festival Committee for their hard work in creating a quality event from the Mayor and Council.

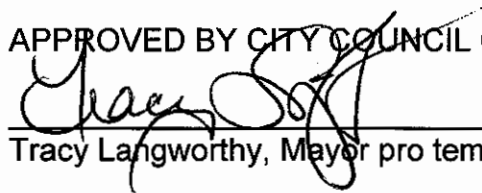
September 18th is the 30th Anniversary of the Wheat Ridge Farmer's 5000 race which is a fund raising event for Wheat Ridge High School. Participation from all is encouraged.

Meeting adjourned to Special Study Session at 8:00 pm.



Michael Snow, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON September 12, 2011 BY A VOTE OF 7 to 0



Tracy Langworthy, Mayor pro tem

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