

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

January 14, 2008

Mayor DiTullio called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Councilmembers present: Karen Adams, Karen Berry, Dean Gokey, Tracy Langworthy, Lena Rotola, Wanda Sang, Mike Stites, and Terry Womble. Also present: City Clerk, Michael Snow; City Manager, Randy Young; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; Director of Community Development, Kenneth Johnstone; Director of Public Works, Tim Paranto; Chief of Police, Dan Brennan; staff; and interested citizens.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 10, 2007

Motion by Mr. Gokey for approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2007; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 7-0, with Mrs. Sang abstaining due to her absence.

**Christine Ekleberry and Karmen Hanson** of the American Cancer Society spoke to Council and citizens about the **Wheat Ridge Relay for Life**, an event benefiting cancer victims. The event takes place on August 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. at Everitt Middle School. Ms. Ekleberry and Hanson welcomed and encouraged Wheat Ridge citizens and elected officials to participate in or volunteer for the event. An informational meeting will take place at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Interested citizens can also find information on their website at [www.wheatridgerfl.org](http://www.wheatridgerfl.org), or by e-mailing [wheatridgerelay@gmail.com](mailto:wheatridgerelay@gmail.com) or by calling the Event Chair Karmen Hanson at 303-915-2787.

### Item 1.      **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Award of RFP-07-32 Towing and Impounding Services.
- B. Approval of the Revised Personnel Policies.
- C. RESOLUTION 01-2008 DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE LOCATION AND THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE.
- D. Payment to Murray Dahl Kuechenmeister & Renaud LLP for December, 2007 City Attorney Services in the amount of \$28,072.53.

The Consent Agenda was introduced and read by Mr. Stites.

Motion by Mr. Stites for approval of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Adams; carried 8-0.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**Item 2.** PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET WIDTH DESIGNATION FOR

- 1) 32<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE, ZINNIA STREET TO WRIGHT COURT
- 2) YOUNGFIELD STREET, FROM 500 FT SOUTH TO 600 FT NORTH OF 32<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE
- 3) YOUNGFIELD FRONTAGE ROAD, 32<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE TO 600 FT NORTH AND PORTION LOCATED BETWEEN INTERSTATE 70 AND THE LA QUINTA PROPERTY.

Item 2 was introduced by Mr. Stites, who read the Executive Summary.

Mayor DiTullio opened the public hearing.

Mr. Paranto presented the staff report.

**Mike Coen**, had questions for Mr. Paranto.

**Bill Smithson**, asked for further clarification regarding the specific segments being widened.

**Dr. Rob Jackson**, stated that road access during the last construction was positive during last project; asked that the same be done this time; asked for provisions for wheel-chair accessible sidewalks on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave area East of I-70.

Mr. Paranto answered citizens' questions, clarifying and further describing the proposed road changes.

**Shirley Coen**, asked Mr. Paranto how high the new wall along Cabela Drive will be.

**Mike Coen** had further questions regarding the utility access.

Mayor DiTullio closed the public hearing.

**Motion** by Stites that a street width for Youngfield Street, Youngfield Frontage Road and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as presented in the attached exhibits be established; seconded by Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Sang; carried 8-0.

Item 3. COUNCIL BILL 27-2007 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14-15 AND 14-16 OF THE WHEAT RIDGE CODE OF LAWS CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL COURT MARSHAL.

Council Bill 27-2007 was introduced on second reading by Mr. Womble, who read the Executive Summary.

Mayor DiTullio opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Michael Snow assigned Ordinance No. 1406.

No one was present to speak.

City Attorney Jerry Dahl presented the staff report.

Mayor DiTullio closed the public hearing.

Motion by Womble to approve Council Bill 27-2007 (Ordinance 1406) on second reading and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Mrs. Sang; carried 8-0.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

Item 4. COUNCIL BILL 01-2008 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING A POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY CLERK.

Council Bill 01-2008 was introduced on first reading by Mrs. Adams

Motion by Mrs. Adams to approve Council Bill 01-2008 on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 8-0.

**DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

Item 5. RESOLUTION 02-2008 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2008 BUDGET TO REFLECT ACCEPTANCE OF THE WALMART COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT GRANT.

Resolution 02-2008 was introduced by Mrs. Langworthy, who read the Executive Summary.

Motion by Mrs. Langworthy to approve Resolution 02-2008 amending the fiscal year 2008 budget to reflect acceptance of the Wal-Mart Community Involvement Grant and adding \$1,000 into Police Department Account 01-201-650-660; seconded by Mr. Gokey and Mrs. Rotola; carried 8-0.

Item 6. RESOLUTION 03-2008 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING FUTURE EXPENDITURE OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT JURISDICTIONAL ALLOCATION.

Resolution 03-2008 was introduced by Mr. Stites.

Motion by Mr. Stites to adopt Resolution 03-2008; seconded by Mrs. Rotola; carried 8-0.

Item 7. MOTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF THE CITY'S JURISDICTIONAL ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND THE SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER'S NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND.

Motion by Mrs. Adams to award the City's CDBG jurisdictional allocation as follows:

- \$50,000 to the Jefferson County Housing Authority Single Family Rehabilitation loan program.
- \$50,000 to the Senior Resource Center to be directed toward new facility construction.
- The balance of approximately \$533,000 will remain unallocated, but is tentatively "earmarked" to go toward WR 2020 initiatives, such as the redevelopment efforts at 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Wadsworth Blvd.

Motion seconded by Mr. Stites.

Substitute Motion by Mr. Gokey to award the City's CDBG jurisdictional allocation as follows:

- \$100,000 to the Jefferson County Housing Authority Single Family Rehabilitation loan program.
- \$50,000 to the Senior Resource Center to be directed toward new facility construction.
- The balance of approximately \$483,000 will remain unallocated, but is tentatively "earmarked" to go toward WR 2020 initiatives, such as the redevelopment efforts at 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Wadsworth Blvd.

Motion seconded by Mr. Womble; **failed** 2-6, with Mr. Womble and Mr. Gokey voting Yes.

Original Motion by Mrs. Adams carried 8-0.

Item 8. Approval of a contribution to Wheat Ridge 2020 (WR2020) in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of implementing the vision and mission of the City Council as outlined in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy.

Motion by Ms. Berry to approve a contribution to Wheat Ridge 2020 in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of implementing the vision and mission of the City Council as outlined in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy; seconded by Mrs. Adams.

City Clerk Michael Snow read to Council a memo from Rob Osborn, Executive Director of Wheat Ridge 2020, addressed to Randy Young, praising the existing relationship between the City of Wheat Ridge and Wheat Ridge 2020 and urging them to further support the organizations' efforts with the proposed contribution.

Motion carried 7-1 with Mr. Womble voting No.

Item 9. Allocation of \$40,000 from the 2008 General Fund Budget to the Wheat Ridge Business District.

Motion by Mrs. Rotola to allocate \$40,000 from the General Fund to the Wheat Ridge Business District; seconded by Mrs. Sang; carried 8-0.

Item 10. Appointment of City Director for Wheat Ridge Business District.

Motion by Mrs. Rotola to appoint Loretta DiTirro-Schwankl to the Wheat Ridge Business District, effective March 2008, term ending March 2011; seconded by Mr. Stites; carried 8-0.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS**

City Clerk Michael Snow informed Council that Veterans Day will fall on a Tuesday in 2008 and the Council Calendar should be amended to hold a Regular Council Meeting on November 10.

Motion by Mrs. Sang to reinstate the November 10, 2008 Council Meeting; seconded by Mr. Gokey; carried 8-0.

Mr. Gokey is excited about all the upcoming positive projects in the City.

Mrs. Sang thanked everyone for the gestures of sympathy and caring on the death of her husband Jerry.

Mrs. Langworthy recommended that neighbors help neighbors to clear their sidewalks and driveways.

Mrs. Adams is very pleased with Chief Brennan and the program of Seniors having lock boxes on their houses and Police and Fire Department can enter to help if necessary.

Mr. Stites is very excited about this year and asked citizens to get involved in a positive manner. He thanked Walmart for the grant and advised Seniors that 75 of these lock boxes are available. Find it and buy it in Wheat Ridge.

Mayor DiTullio has heard some comments from citizens stating that this Council only votes during Council Meetings and doesn't hold discussions. He stressed that this Council does a lot of their homework during Study Sessions and they are also doing their homework individually. When they come to the City Council Meeting they are prepared.

He read a memo from Ryan Stachelski on Enterprise Wheat Ridge. It states that Enterprise Wheat Ridge is hosting the first Wheat Ridge Business Showcase to be held on January 29, 2008 at the Recreation Center from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. It will showcase what there is to love about Wheat Ridge. Everybody is invited to this free event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Signed: Michael Snow

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Michael Snow, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 28, 2008 BY A VOTE OF 8 to 0

Signed: Mike Stites

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Mike Stites, 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.