

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

January 26, 2015

Mayor Jay 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

Jerry DiTullio	Bud Starker	Zachary Urban	Kristi Davis
Tim Fitzgerald	George Pond	Tracy Langworthy	Genevieve Wooden

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; Community Development Director, Ken Johnstone; Police Chief, Daniel Brennan; other staff, guests and interested citizens.

Mayor Jay made three announcements:

- A public hearing will not be held tonight on #5 (TIF financing for 38th & Wadsworth) due to insufficient information from the developer. This hearing will be continued to the meeting of February 9.
- The February 2 Study Session will feature a speaker to review TIF financing. The public is welcome to attend.
- She read a statement about Councilmembers' ability to attend public meetings held by various groups and candidates in the upcoming election season.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 12, 2015 and January 5, 2015

There being no corrections Mayor Jay declared the Minutes of the January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting and the Notes from the January 5, 2015 Study Session approved as published.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES

Police Citizen's Award to Melanie Barr

Chief Brennan announced a Citizen's Award to Melanie Barr who, on a brutally cold night last November, offered to the WRPD to pay for shelter for homeless persons at the American Motel. Ms. Barr came from her home in Evergreen at 3:00am and paid for two nights for a woman who had no shelter and likely would have frozen to death. Officers also used this generous offer to help another lady on a different shift. Chief Brennan

recognized her generosity, charity, and making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Ms. Barr was not present to receive the award.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO SPEAK

Ian Stone principal, spoke about Maple Grove Elementary. The school is 130 years old, feeds into Everitt Middle and WRHS, has 2 classes per grade, serves 360 kids in grades K-6, and has highly involved parents. Their high academic achievement results in a long waiting list. Their program for kids with hearing loss (cochlear implants and hearing aids) offers diversity for their community.

Richard Squire (WR), founder of Breckenridge Brewery (14 locations), said he'd wanted to come to WR and spend \$3-4 million to build another restaurant. However, they need more traffic and it was impossible with 38th Ave pinched off like it is. Now, since the voters clearly said they don't want the 38th street like it is, he asked when the changes will be made that the citizens asked for.

Vivian Vos (WR) said there is still interest in the revitalization of 38th Ave. The vote was three months ago and citizens would like to know when they'll find out what's going to happen. ~ Council agreed in December to remove the back in parking, and it's still there. ~ She encouraged that attention be paid to the other commercial corridors in the City.

Denise Spencer (WR), legislative chair of Pennington PTA, said they're concerned about the consolidation plan that was presented to the Council recently; they believe losing neighborhood schools will hurt the City. They also oppose the proposed pay-for-performance Evaluation System for teachers, which they believe will drive good teachers away and destroy Title 1 schools because it unfairly ignores the demographics of the school. She asked City Council to look into this situation and express these concerns to the School Board.

John Clark (WR) expressed pride for WRHS's STEM program. They are building hydrogen, fuel cell powered car and will compete in Detroit in April. ~ He noted that Stober students are going to Ameritown. ~ He attended a meeting and learned about the school consolidation plan, but is more worried about the plan coming from the WR Education Alliance. He encouraged people to educate themselves about it, because a lot of things being said are just not true.

Connie McCoy (WR) pointed out inaccuracies in Councilmember Fitzgerald's recent statements about the approval of marijuana by Colorado voters. Amendment 64 gave each community the right to accept or reject the sale of marijuana; WR residents were never given that opportunity. His comparisons of alcohol and marijuana lack contextual relevance. She pointed out several disparities and inaccuracies in the Denver Post poll he referenced. ~ Using time donated by **Mary Fedje** (WR) Mrs. McCoy related an experience she had at the County Courthouse. She and her husband witnessed 8 of 9 defendants be sentenced to prison, and all cases were drug related – including the girl who stole their mail.

Sharon Schillereff (WR) said the election was in November. It's now the end of January and we've seen no design, proposal or timeline to return 38th Ave to its original 5-lane design. When will this be coming? Citizens want to know now – not months in the future.

Jesse Hill (WR) reported submitting a public information request on January 9 to view the original TIF application for 38th & Wadsworth (Walmart). Staff has used a loophole to deny his request for a redacted document. He can't do his job as a citizen and Urban Renewal Board Member without that information. The process is not public. He asked Council to direct staff to make future initial TIF applications available to the public. There needs to be sunshine on this process.

Deanna Leino (WR) spoke of almost getting hit on 38th Ave twice recently. When two lanes funnel into one east of Wadsworth, drivers cut you off and it's dangerous. She wants to know when the street will be returned to its design when it was easy to navigate.

Tom Lundy (WR) said policies are being created and paths taken that give the appearance of keeping citizens out of the process and create mistrust of the Council and the City. When citizens can't speak out on an issue it breeds mistrust.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Resolution 05-2015 – approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Lakewood and the City of Wheat Ridge for Crime Lab/Crime Scene Services and authorizing payment of \$69,600 for calendar year 2015 [*Quarterly payment*]
- b. Resolution 06-2015 – amending the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$62,000 for specific Code Enforcement Strategies [*\$27,000 for 2 non-benefitted code enforcement officers, plus \$35,000 for a pick-up for their use*]
- c. Motion to approve the purchase of five vehicle replacements, one additional vehicle, and the purchase and installation of lighting and auxiliary and communications equipment in a total amount not to exceed \$248,411 [*3 police SUV's replacing sedans (Patrol); 1 small 4x2 pickup (Community Service Div); 1 hybrid sedan (replacement; Investigations); 1 large 4x4 extended cab pickup with plow replacing small 4x2 (Parks); lighting, marking, and communications equipment \$77,000*]
- d. Resolution 02-2015 – amending the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$20,256 for the renewal of the 2015 Contract to Support the WRTV8 Community Bulletin Board Software [*Users' Public Education Government (PEG) fees pay this*]

e. Resolution 01-2015 – adopting changes to the City of Wheat Ridge Investment Policy

f. Motion to approve the annual renewal of licensing and support for the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System in the amount of \$85,993 payable to Logistic Systems, Inc. *[all inclusive package; Police Dept.]*

g. Motion to approve \$179,172 payment to Jefferson County for the reimbursement of funding for the Foothills Animal Shelter Facility *[WR share; total divided equally by Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Westminster and WR per 2012 IGA]*

h. Motion to approve payment of the Sales Tax Increment Share Back for December of Fiscal Year 2014 from the Wheat Ridge Urban Renewal Authority Town Center Project in the amount of \$41,312.80 to Renewal Wheat Ridge *[Urban Renewal receives 100% of the sales tax increment share back through December 31, 2014]*

i. Resolution 04-2015 – amending the Fiscal Year 2014 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget appropriation in the amount of \$58,417.91 for the Annual Sales Tax Share to Renewal Wheat Ridge *[For 17 years Urban Renewal continues to receive the enhanced portions of the property and sales tax generated by the WR Cyclery project that finished in 2012; referenced sum is excess of budgeted estimate]*

Councilmember Starker introduced the Consent agenda.
Councilmember DiTullio asked to pull Item g.

Motion by Councilmember Starker to approve consent agenda items a, b, c, d, e, f, h, and i; seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald; carried 8-0.

Councilmember DiTullio explained that a few years back a nonprofit was created in the County to raise \$1M for the new Foothills Animal Shelter. That didn't happen, and the cities are now stuck with the bill. Without more information he cannot support this.

Motion by Councilmember Fitzgerald to approve Item 1(g); seconded by Councilmember Wooden.

Councilmember Davis noted that all cities in the IGA pay the same amount regardless of population, and she would like to have more information too.

Motion by Councilmember DiTullio to continue this item to a future study session; seconded by Councilmember Urban. Some questions and discussion followed.

- Attorney Dahl advised the terms of the IGA require payment by 1/31/15, but a 30 day cure period is available. There is time for information gathering, a study session, more deliberation and still fulfill the obligation by the end of February.

- Chief Brennan explained the IGA clause that triggers this obligation by the cities if the Foundation failed to raise the money by January 1, 2015.
- If the City defaults on the IGA, our ability to use the Foothills Shelter will terminate.
- It was recommended that staff contact other cities regarding possible renegotiation of the IGA.

Motion to continue carried 7-1, with Councilmember Pond voting no.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

2. Council Bill No. 02-2015 – amending Chapters 5, 11 and 26 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning the Regulation of Medical Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Establishments

Councilmember Pond introduced Council Bill No. 02-2015.

The main changes are:

- Establishes a cap on the maximum number of marijuana-related businesses allowed in the City (5 storefronts; 3 infused product manufacturers);
- Designates all "storefront" operations (where the public can purchase marijuana) as a Special Use in the C-1 (commercial) zone district;
- Limits cultivation activities to a maximum of 5,000 square feet;
- Designates cultivation facilities as the same type of use (special or permitted) as the contiguous storefront or manufacturing facility they serve;
- Imposes a 1,000 ft separation requirement from storefront operations to improved City parks and the WR Recreation Center;
- Incorporates certain state regulations concerning signage and establishes a review process for such signage.

Clerk Shaver assigned Ordinance 1563.

Mayor Jay opened the public hearing.

City Attorney Dahl gave the staff report. He explained the seven (7) suggested amendments contained in Exhibit A. They provide functional corrections and clarifications within the ordinance; they do not alter the policies for which Council gave direction. He noted that the Planning Commission is recommending against adding the 1,000 ft separation from parks. There were questions and comments from Council.

Public Comment

Samantha Walsh (Arvada), representing Options Medical, thanked the Council for balancing the needs of the community, small businesses and marijuana customers and patients. She elaborated on how teen use and prescription drug overdoses are down, and crime and DUI fatalities are at all-time lows. She listed the positive economic benefits for the state, including the creation of 10,000 jobs. She encouraged passage of both ordinances as drafted.

Barbara St. John (WR) questioned the statistics on low crime. She's concerned about the future of WR and asked Council not to make bad decisions that will be regretted years later. Citizens want the City to be family friendly, and not be held hostage by the revenue that marijuana sales generate.

Babak Behzadzadeh (Englewood), owner of the property at 38th & Miller explained being promised by the City that if he purchased the gas station and cleaned it up he would be given an administrative decision to build a marijuana facility – that there would be no Special Use permit and no public hearing. Based on those promises he spent \$700,000 on the property and cleanup. He believes responsibility should be taken for these promises. He's happy to compromise on design to accommodate the neighbors' worries.

Jeff Gard (Boulder), attorney for Mr. Behzadzadeh, explained how his client met with City staff and received directions related to what was expected of him to open a marijuana facility. He was told if he followed staff's directions he could move forward. Instead, the proposed caps are deliberately intended to prevent him from opening. ~ Mr. Gard referenced his January 8 letter - a governmental immunity notice necessary to begin litigation on the issue. Offers to meet with neighbors have been rejected. Mr. Gard urged Council to let the zoning buffers work and not fall into fear. If not, it will be unfortunate for everyone.

Kevin Cheney (Broomfield), also representing Mr. Behzadzadeh, repeated the assurances City staff gave numerous times throughout the process that a marijuana facility would be approved for 38th and Miller. He explained the negative impacts the proposed ordinance changes would have on his client's investment and that it wasn't fair to make him pay for the City's mistake.

John Berquist (WR) said while some people have lost faith in government and think their vote doesn't count, he trusts that Council will do what their citizens want – not what some outside interests are dictating.

Tony Rodriguez (WR) said he is OK with the marijuana ordinance as written.

Marianne Rodriguez (WR) agreed with her husband.

Tom Klinger (WR) asked Council and Mayor to stand strong on this issue. He's unclear where the staff stands; he feels in some respects they make decisions (right or wrong) with no written rule to follow. ~ He also urged that Council and staff speak distinctly into the microphones so people can hear them – here and at home on TV.

Mary Ellen Butler (WR) spoke of the harmful impacts marijuana has on the brain. She urged Council to adopt the ordinance as written and continue to monitor this issue.

John Axtell (WR) keeps hearing marijuana compared to alcohol. He thinks it's unwise to use similar tools for control because they are so different. He noted edibles and vapes are half of the marijuana sales, and that the antique shops on Broadway are having problems due to the marijuana shops.

Kelly Brooks (WR) appreciates the politics and dynamics of this issue, but remains disappointed there's been no discussion of the merits and costs of commercial

recreational marijuana within our community. He contended WR voters weren't given the opportunity to say what level of participation they wanted, if at all – as Amendment 64 prescribed. To ensure transparency and accountability he asked Council to impose the following:

- 1) Police be given first right of refusal for all retail MJ tax revenue to be used for MJ and substance abuse programs – for youth and adults and continuing education for law enforcement,
- 2) The amount of MJ tax revenue be reported to council regularly, and any tax not used for education be reported,
- 3) Police collect data sufficient to monitor youth use rates in WR and compare with neighboring communities that don't have marijuana sales and commercial promotion,
- 4) Police collect data and report on any increase in vehicle related marijuana incidents and violations,
- 5) City Council commit to revisiting the issue of commercial marijuana regularly to see if further regulations are necessary.

He referenced a recent presentation at the high school by the West Metro Drug Task Force and the director of West Pines Behavioral Health Services. No elected officials were present. He encouraged continued vigilance, dialog and education by Council on this prominent experiment.

John Clark (WR) addressed the documented dangers of marijuana and said that the statistics quoted by proponents of marijuana are suspect. You can make statistics say whatever you want. He encouraged passage of the ordinance as written.

Joe Dice (Ft Collins) corrected some statements that were made about cultivation centers. He said the 5,000 feet for cultivation space should be specifically defined for just the actual growing space.

Cassandra Dittus (Arvada), manager of MJ Supply, supports the ordinance as drafted and Mr. Brooks' suggestion to use some of the revenue for education. They have nothing to hide and have invited WRPD to inspect their business. ~ She reported that in the last year, since becoming a recreational facility, they have quadrupled their number of customers with medical ailments who seek an alternative to prescription pharmaceuticals.

Jim Otten (Lakewood) chaired the successful passage of Lakewood's prohibition of recreational marijuana. He noted that Lakewood voters supported Amendment 64, but last November voted against having it in their City. He suggested that Council refer to WR voters in 2016 whether or not to continue the sale of recreational marijuana. ~ He agreed total traffic fatalities are down, but marijuana related traffic fatalities are up 100%.

Roger Morin (WR) requested two amendments: 1) Keep day cares, treatment centers and schools on the map for one year if they close – to give the community time to fill the void, and 2) Change the term "legally non-conforming" to "permitted and non-conforming" so as not to mislead the public.

Dr. Lynn Jutson (Lakewood), a pharmacist, spoke in favor of the 1,000 foot separation from schools, day cares and parks. Protecting the health and safety of youth benefits the entire community. She listed numerous negative effects of marijuana.

Becky Grant (WR) suggested the owner of the property at 38th and Miller had incompetent real estate advisors who should have had the sale of the property contingent on final approval of the license. She suggested the City buy the property, and offered to list and help sell it for zero commission. ~ She thinks the revenue marijuana generates is small and insufficient to justify the documented and costly impacts.

Jennifer Yates (WR) cautioned people to be careful about data and statistics they encounter, and gave examples. She asked for approval of the ordinance as drafted with only the amendments in Exhibit A.

Patricia Lazzari (WR) said other speakers have summarized her position well. She wants to know if citizens can draw up a petition to fight this and how many steps it would take to change something that isn't good for our community. She noted the retail marijuana shops are not owned by people who live in Wheat Ridge, and the citizens of Wheat Ridge should be the Council's first priority.

Clayton Trapp (WR) apologized to DiTullio for misquoting him. ~ The current marijuana situation is an example of what happens when industries prey on weak communities that aren't prepared and when citizens aren't given a voice. He understands a previous Council caused this. He doesn't like marijuana but encouraged passage of the ordinance.

Fran Langdon (WR) thanked the Councilmembers who said they will not support the Planning Commission's recommendation to delete the 1,000 foot boundary. ~ She spoke about all the residents near 38th & Miller who have also followed all the rules to protect the investment they have in their homes; they also have volunteered with youth, served on City boards and commissions, fought for bond issues to build our fire department, our Rec Center and parks, and paid their taxes over the years. Their investment needs to be protected too.

Lucas Tsubota (Lakewood) works at a dispensary in Wheat Ridge. He voiced support for the ordinance as is.

James Wade (Arvada) also works at a dispensary and thinks the ordinance in place is good. He thanked Council for all their work.

Christina Acquotta (Lakewood) appreciates the open communication with the industry and supports passage of the ordinance as written.

Reuben Martinez (WR) has sent a couple of emails to Council and got only 1 or 2 responses. He'd appreciate an acknowledgement of receipt to know it's been read. If it's being ignored he won't waste his time. ~ He asked Council not to be intimidated by outsiders.

Mayor Jay closed the public hearing.

Attorney Dahl gave corrections for Exhibit A.

Motion by Councilmember Pond to approve Council Bill No. 02-2015, with those corrected amendments set forth in **Exhibit A**, order it published and that it shall become effective upon the signature of the Mayor, with the following condition:

At an upcoming City Council Study Session discuss the 5 conditions presented by Kelly Brooks for consideration as inclusions into the City Budget process, staff administrative practices and City Council practices;
seconded by Councilmember Langworthy.

Councilmember Wooden thanked the staff for their work on the ordinance.

Ken Johnstone confirmed for Councilmember Starker that common areas such as bathrooms will not be included in the calculation for area for cultivation.

The motion carried 8-0.

A break was taken at 9:50. The meeting resumed at 10:00

3. Council Bill No. 03-2015 – amending Sections 11-305, 11-415 and 11-416 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning the collocation of Medical Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Establishments

Councilmember Fitzgerald introduced Council Bill No. 03-2015.

Clerk Shaver assigned Ordinance 1564.

Mayor Jay opened the public hearing.

Attorney Dahl explained this ordinance applies to legal non-conforming locations. It will allow those locations to add another use - retail or medical.

Council comments and questions followed.

- One medical MIP (Manufacturer of Infused Products) that didn't apply for retail in their initial paperwork would be accommodated.
- Two other storefronts would be able to add another use, which would add traffic to their respective neighborhoods.

Public Comment

Samantha Walsh (Arvada) testified in favor of the ordinance. Collocations could be used to restrict sales to persons 21 and older.

Roger Morin (WR) urged Council not to pass this as it bypasses the review process. He made four points: 1) Medical and retail are different types of businesses and sell different types of marijuana. 2) User density for retail marijuana is higher – producing more traffic and require more parking. 3) Retail operations will have a higher risk for blighting. 4) Medical licenses could be used as a pretense for later retail operation.

Jennifer Yates (WR) urged a no vote on this ordinance as it allows marijuana businesses to circumvent proper procedure.

Patricia Lazarri (WR) spoke against the ordinance and gave details about how retail is a very different product and business type.

John Clark (WR) talked about how medical versus retail is actually medical versus recreational. Retail means recreational and medical marijuana is sold as a retail product.

Sandy Mador (Conifer), one of the owners of Chronic Therapy, explained why they started out as retail. She supports this ordinance because she doesn't think it's fair for some storefronts to be able to have both licenses and other not.

Mayor Jay closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Fitzgerald to approve Council Bill No. 03-2015, an ordinance amending sections 11-305, 11-415 and 11-416 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning the collocation of medical and retail marijuana establishments, order it published and that it shall become effective upon the signature of the Mayor; seconded by Councilmember Pond.

Motion by Councilmember DiTullio to postpone indefinitely Council Bill No. 03-2015, an ordinance amending sections 11-305, 11-415 and 11-416 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning the collocation of medical and retail marijuana establishments for the following reasons:

1. This ordinance serves the purpose of assisting one MIPs business applicant that incorrectly completed its paperwork submitted to the City; errors on the applicant's part do not constitute a code amendment on the City's part.
2. Members of the community have expressed a concern of allowing two current marijuana store fronts to be collocated which are near parks, increasing traffic from additional customers near neighborhoods.

seconded by Councilmember Urban.

Discussion followed. Attorney Dahl explained what "indefinitely postpone" means.

The motion to postpone indefinitely carried 5-3, with Councilmembers Starker, Fitzgerald and Pond voting no.

4. Council Bill 17-2014 – vacating any interest held by the City in a portion of 44th Avenue, a public roadway.

Councilmember Langworthy introduced Council Bill No. 17-2014.

Clerk Shaver assigned Ordinance 1565.

Mayor Jay opened the public hearing.

Attorney Dahl gave the staff report. As required by Code this vacation of public right of way went before the Planning Commission. Due to a disparity in the legal description of

Fruitdale School (currently being sold) there is question that the southern 30 feet of the property may be under some City right of way. It's clear the City has no right of way interest in this piece of property. The ordinance will remove this cloud from the title for the current and future real estate transactions.

Public Comment

John Clark (WR) doesn't know if it's proper for the City to give up this 30 feet just yet. He referenced a recent Denver Post article about the school. The City spent \$250,000 upgrading the building and then the Housing Authority sold it to Mountain Phoenix School for \$1. According to the article it appears likely the City will end up owning this property and it makes sense to keep the 30 feet. He urged a no vote.

In answer to a question Attorney Dahl advised that Council could include a conditional effective date

- **Motion** by Councilmember Davis to continue the meeting past 11:00pm, finish Item 4, consider Items 5 and 9, and then adjourn; second by Councilmember Starker; carried 8-0.

Mayor Jay closed the public hearing for Item 4.

Motion by Councilmember Langworthy to approve Council Bill 17-2014, an ordinance vacating any interest of the City in a portion of 44th Avenue, order it published, and that it take effect upon approval and signature by the Mayor, as permitted by Section 5.11 of the Charter; seconded by Councilmember Wooden.

Motion by Councilmember DiTullio for an amendment to provide that the vacation become effective if, and only if, the pending sale of the property takes place; seconded by Councilmember Urban; carried 7-1, with Councilmember Fitzgerald voting no.

The motion to approve Council Bill 17-2014 carried 8-0.

At the request of Councilmember Davis Item 9 was considered next.

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

9. Resolution 08-2015 – A resolution approving the renewal and amendment of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Ambulance Services among the City of Wheat Ridge, the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District and Rural/Metro of Central Colorado dba Pridemark Paramedic Services, LLC

Councilmember DiTullio introduced Resolution 08-2015.

Chief Brennan presented for the staff. The City, the WR Fire Department and Pridemark meet monthly to assess performance and address any issues. Two changes are recommended for the annual renewal of the agreement.

- 1) Currently, any increase in fees to patients cannot exceed the Denver-Boulder-Greeley medical CPI of 2.9%. Pridemark is asking for a 5% increase.
- 2) Currently the committee meets monthly. They've developed a good working relationship and would like to meet quarterly, with the ability to meet oftener if necessary.

Chief Brennan noted that the Wheat Ridge Fire Department approves of these changes.

Chantel Benish spoke on behalf of Pridemark to explain the need.

Payer mix - The payer mix for this service area includes Medicare, Medicaid, non-pay, self-pay and insurance.

Saline - In 2014 the country began experiencing a mass shortage of saline due to an accident/flood at a manufacturing facility. One-third of the country's saline supply is lost. Other manufacturers have been trying to meet demand, but have been unsuccessful and had to import from overseas. The cost is 800% higher and resumption of production is not expected until next year.

Billing - They have a 3-tiered rate: base transport, fee for procedures/services and supplies, and mileage rate. They are not asking for an increase in mileage rate, but are asking for an increase in base rate and the fee for supplies.

She noted some neighboring colleagues charge 40% more for base rate and supplies in non-emergent transports and 37% more in emergency transports. She said they try to keep costs low and are low for the metro area, but the 5% increase would really help them out.

From questions:

- The 5% increase is only for one year. Hopefully the saline shortage will be over and the allowed CPI increase will be adequate.
- Yes, other companies have experienced the same shortage, but they charge more to begin with so they can absorb it better. Pridemark's profit margin is 1%.

Motion by Councilmember DiTullio to approve resolution No. 08-2015, a resolution approving the renewal and amendment of an Intergovernmental agreement for ambulance services among the City of Wheat Ridge, the Wheat Ridge Fire Protection District and Rural/Metro of Central Colorado dba Pridemark Paramedic Services, LLC; seconded by Councilmember Davis; carried 8-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (continued)

5. Resolution 07-2015 - A resolution approving a first amendment to the Wadsworth Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan to allow for the utilization of Tax Increment Financing - Continue to February 9, 2015

Councilmember Davis introduced Resolution 07-2015.


Mayor opened the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Davis to continue the hearing on Resolution No. 07-2015, a resolution approving a first amendment to the Wadsworth Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan to allow for the utilization of tax increment financing to the regularly scheduled Council meeting of February 9, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Starker.


Mayor Jay read a correction into the record stating this is the first, not the second, amendment to the Wadsworth Corridor Plan, as was published. It was noted that an amendment to the plan (adding property along Upham Street) was attempted in 2002, but that amendment was not approved.

The motion carried 8-0.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 11:16 pm.


Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON


Bud Starker, 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.

