

# **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

**May 22, 2017**

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**

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| Monica Duran | Zachary Urban  | Janece Hoppe  | George Pond      |
| Kristi Davis | Tim Fitzgerald | Larry Mathews | Genevieve Wooden |

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; City Attorney, Jerry Dahl; Administrative Services Director, Heather Geyer; Community Development Director, Ken Johnstone; Public Works Director, Scott Brink; Parks & Recreation Director, Joyce Manwring; guests and interested citizens.

### **APPROVAL OF Minutes of the Council Meeting of May 8, 2017 and the Study Session Notes of May 1, 2017**

There being no objections, the minutes of May 8, 2017 and the Study Notes of May 1, 2017 were approved as published.

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES**

### **West Chamber's Non-Profit of the Year Award – Localworks**

Mayor Jay read a proclamation recognizing and congratulating Localworks for being named 2017 Non-Profit of the Year by The West Chamber. **Britta Fisher**, Executive Director of Localworks, received the proclamation and thanked the partners across the City, the Localworks volunteers, board and staff, and everyone at the City.

### **National Public Works Week**

Mayor Jay read a proclamation designating the week of May 21-27 as Public Works Week. **Scott Brink** received the proclamation and introduced **John Madrano** (representing the Operations Division) and **Mark Van Dant** (representing the Engineering Division). He thanked them and all the 30-some public works employees for the fine work they do. They do their job so well, you don't even know they're there.

### **Senior Heroes Awards**

Mayor Jay explained that the Jefferson County Council on Aging had recently given awards to outstanding senior volunteers. Of the eight recipients, four from Wheat Ridge were among those honored at a recent award luncheon. The Mayor introduced:

**Glenda Emrie** (87 years old), a retired nurse, who has volunteered 35 hours per month for 28 years at Lutheran Hospital and the Jeffco Action Center

**Gerry Mathie** (87 years old), who has volunteered 25 hours a month for 46½ years at Lutheran Hospital assembling patient information packets and helping filling prescriptions in the pharmacy

**Paul Stouff** (70 years old), who has volunteered 64 hours a month for 7 years for the Seniors Resource Center - driving clients to medical appointments and radiation treatments, and trips to the grocery store. His base is the Recreation Center.

Not present were **George and Marie McCoughlin** who were also award recipients.

The Mayor recommended giving these folks Police Challenge Coins. Ms. Geyer said that would be taken care of.

### **CITIZENS RIGHT TO SPEAK**

**Leah Dozeman** (WR) shared some joys of being a lifelong resident of Wheat Ridge and raising her children here. She and all the Pennington families are very concerned about the recent placement of Pennington Elementary on a potential school closure list. She asked everyone, especially people in District 4, to rally around the school and support it. On behalf of the Pennington families she asked Council and the community to join them for their Enrichment Program tomorrow to see the many good things that are happening at the school. The families really want people to come, and they encourage people to show up at school board meetings to advocate for them. If Pennington closes, District 4 will not have one neighborhood school. The Enrichment Showcase is Tuesday, May 23 from 4-6pm, followed by a carnival. The school is on Independence Street north of 44th.

**Kathryn Wirkus** introduced herself as the new constituent services representative for Congressman Ed Perlmutter. She is retired military and has handled all the veteran and military issues for 5 years; now she will represent Wheat Ridge and Edgewater. She explained about the Viet Nam War Commemoration Ceremonies. The response has been so enormous that eight different ceremonies are scheduled. She encouraged all Viet Nam era veterans to call them and get scheduled to be honored at one of the ceremonies. If someone is not able to come, they will still send them a pin.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Motion to award four contracts for on-call Forestry Maintenance Services to selected vendors in an amount not to exceed \$143,000 *[to Blue River Tree Care, Davey, Root Tree Service, and Wright Tree Services; includes tree planting, pruning and removal, stump removal, tree assessment and emergency work; budgeted]*

- b) Motion to amend the contract for Environmental & Engineering Consulting Services for Phase I of the Wadsworth Boulevard Improvement Project with HDR Engineering, Inc., Denver CO, to incorporate additional historical evaluation and redesign in the amount of \$179,984.46 for a total project cost of \$1,500,148.66 *[several properties to reevaluate; addition of continuous flow intersections at 38<sup>th</sup> & 44<sup>th</sup> exhausted contingency fund; will use 2E funds]*
- c) Resolution No. 15-2017 – amending the Fiscal year 2017 Open Space Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$211,167 for the purpose of awarding a contract to Calahan Construction Services, Inc. for the construction of an Equipment Storage Building in the amount of \$317,000 and a ten percent contingency amount of \$31,700 for a total of \$348,700 *[redesigned indoor equipment storage building next to Public Works shops; Fund 32 Open Space]*
- d) Motion to award a contract to iParametrics, LLC., Alpharetta, GA, in the amount of \$45,603 for Facility Security Assessment Services for City-Owned Buildings *[includes security master plan and recommendations for security upgrades; funding identified by management and transferred to Bldg Maint]*
- e) Resolution No. 14-2017 – amending the Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 for the purpose of accepting Grant Funds for the purchase of Cardio Fitness Equipment to be installed in Hayward Park *[grant from Jefferson County Public Health; two apparatuses along circular trail]*

Councilmember Davis introduced the Consent Agenda.

**Motion** by Councilmember Davis to approve the Consent Agenda items a), b), c), d), and e); seconded by Councilmember Pond;

The Mayor suspended the rules and called on Mark Westberg to provide some information about Consent Agenda Item 1b.

Mr. Westberg reported on developments for the Wadsworth corridor.

- 11 additional properties on the corridor have been revisited; four are now eligible and two potentially eligible for historic designation
- Design treatment at each of these properties will be different.
- This will delay the project about 5 months; should be finished by mid-June.
- The changes may affect the redesign around Three Acre Lane and 47<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- He clarified that the original \$120K contingency fund was used for redesign with the CFI's; this \$180K is for the historical evaluation and redesign.

The motion carried 7-1, with Councilmember Mathews voting no.

## **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

2. Council Bill 09-2017 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws to regulate and allow Small Cell Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Facilities

The Colorado state legislature recently enacted House Bill 17-1193 pertaining to small cell wireless service infrastructure. For local governments, the bill does two significant things: 1. Makes such facilities a use-by-right in all zoning districts; and

2. Allows them to locate in public rights-of-way (ROW) and on utility and traffic signal poles in those locations, and in public utility easements, with some limitations and subject to City review and approval.

To be in compliance with this impending statute, which goes into effect July 1, 2017, changes to our Code are necessary

Councilmember Wooden introduced Council Bill 09-2017.

**Motion** by Councilmember Wooden to approve Council Bill 09-2017, an ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws to regulate and allow small cell commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) facilities on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, and that it take effect immediately, seconded by Councilmember Duran; carried 8-0.

## **DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

3. Resolution 16-2017 – a resolution of the Wheat Ridge City Council recognizing and supporting the Mission of the Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee

On May 8, 2017 Mayor Jay appointed eleven residents to the new Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee (WRESC) for a limited one-year term. The purpose of WRESC is to involve the community in recommending and prioritizing environmental sustainability goals for the City operations and other community-wide efforts. The committee will provide recommendations on programs and policies to the City Council and will serve as a forum for the community to offer input on:

- Green Building
- Education & Communication
- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- Solid Waste & Recycling
- Transportation
- Water

Councilmember Pond introduced Item 3.

Councilmember Mathews raised a point of order about this being on the agenda without a reconsideration from the last meeting. Discussion followed and everyone gave their

opinion. It was confirmed that the empanelment of the committee did not require Council ratification; this is just a resolution of support.

Councilmember Mathews expressed concerns that the resolution has elements of current and future funding attached – not just words of support. Councilmember Pond noted that he and the Mayor have contributed from their outreach funds for this initial effort.

Councilmember Mathews withdrew his point of order.

**Motion** by Councilmember Pond to approve Resolution 16-2017, a resolution of the Wheat Ridge City Council recognizing and supporting the mission of the Wheat Ridge Environmental Sustainability Committee; seconded by Councilmember Hoppe.

Councilmember Mathews asked what type of additional resources will be asked for in three months. Councilmember Pond said that is unknown at this time. Other councilors commented and discussion followed.

Councilmember Davis, noting it could be small things, gave an example of a community program they had talked about that involved cost sharing by the City and the citizens.

Councilmember Hoppe reminded Council that one of the retreat goals agreed upon by everyone was to create a sustainability department by 2018.

Councilmember Fitzgerald noted the committee was formed to tell us what could and should be done – to tell us what we don't already know. Future funding can be debated.

Councilmember Mathews shared that he doesn't support forming a new bureaucracy.

Councilmember Wooden noted that citizens have been asking for this for years. We are behind the times on this; other cities already have staff for this.

Councilmember Urban asked why applicant Guy Nahmiach, who has had a sustainability committee in Wheat Ridge for years addressing these very things, wasn't appointed to this committee. Mayor Jay stated it was a difficult decision with many things to consider.

Councilmember Duran requested that homelessness be added to the list of six sustainability topics considered by the WRESC. Mayor Jay said she would bring that before the committee.

The motion carried 7-1, with Councilmember Mathews voting no.

### **CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

**Heather Geyer** announced that the City of Wheat Ridge fielded two relay teams yesterday in the Colfax Marathon. Team #1, which finished in 3:59:13, included Patrick Goff, Tammy Odean, Juan DeLaVara, Shelby Wright and Steven Brooks. Team #2, with



a time of 4:20:46, included Zach Wallace, Justin Lampe, Reyna Johnson, Heather Geyer, and City Attorney Jerry Dahl.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

Mr. Dahl thanked the City for the opportunity to run the last leg. He noted that Team #2 didn't have so many policemen on it, but they did beat the City of Blackhawk.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS**

**George Pond** thanked everyone who volunteered to be part of the sustainability committee.

**Zachary Urban** reminded folks of Pennington Elementary's Enrichment Showcase on Tues, May 23, 4-6pm, and Lutheran's Hospital's Leaves of Hope Run on Sun, June 4.

**Mayor Jay** announced the open house at Martensen school, which is now a community safety training center, will be on Thursday, June 1, from 4-5:30. The public is invited for tours and a program of speakers.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

  
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Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON June 12, 2017

  
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George Pond, 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.