

City Council Meeting Minutes

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

November 8, 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 Rachel Hultin
Amanda Weaver Korey Stites Leah Dozeman Valerie Nosler Beck

Also, present: City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; City Manager, Patrick Goff; City Clerk, Steve Kirkpatrick; City Treasurer, Chris Miller; Municipal Judge Christopher Randall; Community Development Director, Ken Johnstone; Lauren Mikulak, Planning Supervisor; other staff, guests and interested Members of the Public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None for this evening

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection or correction, the agenda stood as announced.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CEREMONIES

Mayor Starker read and presented the Proclamations

Swearing-in of Newly Elected Officials

Judge Christopher Randall administered the statutorily prescribed Oath of Office to Janeece Hoppe as Councilmember District I, Scott Ohm as Councilmember District II, Amanda Weaver as Councilmember District III, Leah Dozeman as Councilmember District IV, and Bud Starker as Mayor. The new and returning officials took their places on the dais.

Recognition of Outgoing Elected Official

Mayor Pro-Tem Janeece Hoppe presented Councilmember Zach Urban with a years of service plaque and a framed photograph.

Mayor Starker thanked outgoing Councilmember Urban for his dedication and service to the City of Wheat Ridge. He recognized the voters of Wheat Ridge for their participation in our democracy. He recognized all of the candidates – noting it is not an easy thing to do.

Mr. Urban then delivered these comments about his experiences.

My first introduction to Wheat Ridge was in 3rd grade, Swanson Elementary took us on a field trip to Wheat Ridge. I remember the bus taking us westbound 44th Avenue to a magical place called "Prospect Park" for "Day on the Prairie" it was then that I began to appreciate all Wheat Ridge had to offer, including the rash of poison Ivy I caught running around the trails that day. In middle school I applied for and was turned down for being too young for a job at Valent's Italian Restaurant, at 38th and Reed Street (where Colorado Plus is today). By high school my rash of disappointments in Wheat Ridge had improved with my successful Eagle Scout Board of Review at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 45th and Wadsworth. Taking these early mixed results into consideration, my wife and I gave Wheat Ridge a chance, and thankfully Wheat Ridge gave us a chance. For my family and I, Wheat Ridge has always been a home, a playground and a place of employment. I have not always achieved what I set out to do here in Wheat Ridge, and that's the best part about this town, that no matter the setbacks and disappointments it presents us with, Wheat Ridge always balances out these obstacles with joys and blessings in a way only Wheat Ridge could deliver, including our two children born at Lutheran Medical Center. While I won't be up here on the dais, I haven't lost my itch for serving Wheat Ridge. I look forward to working with each of you to continue making Wheat Ridge the best place to live, work and play for all.

My advice to this City Council and future Council members is three-fold, Listen to your Constituents, Read the Packet and Show Up. That's it, everything else will balance out in time. The more you do these three things the better your judgements and decisions will be, and so will our fair City of Wheat Ridge be for your efforts.

Thank you to the Citizens, business owners, and employees of the City of Wheat Ridge, specifically the Voters of District 2, and individually I want to say "Thank You!" to Melinda Urban, Isabella Urban, Isaiah Urban, Steve and Andrea Urban, Kathy Tolman, Vivian Vos and Greg Picchione, Michael LaSasso, Rev. Jason Thuerlauf, Ralph Mancinelli, Tony Flasco, Harry Hanley, Ken Siler, Kent Davis, Mike Stites, Hank Stites, Wanda Sang, Joyce Jay, Kristi Davis, Monica Duran, David Kueter, Gretchen Cerveny, Lilly Greigo, George Vendeginia, Chad Harr, Joe Demott, Larry Matthews, Janelle Shaver, Michael Snow, Louis Turner, Tracy Langworthy, Chris Miller, Larry Schultz, Genevieve Wooden, Tim Fitzgerald, Terry Womble, Don Efanti, Walt Pettit, Scott Ohm,

Jerry Ditullio, Former. Police Chief Dan Brennan, Dominick Breton, Dean Gokey, Dean took the time to meet me for Coffee at the Chalet 13 years ago, sparking my interest to serve the Citizens of Wheat Ridge. Thank you, Dean Gokey!

And finally, to SRO Barry Malloy, who gave me my first moving violation back in high school, and all sworn law enforcement officers past and present who put on a badge and swore an oath to serve and protect the great City of Wheat Ridge. THANK YOU.

¡Via con Dios Wheat Ridge!

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Veterans Day, November 11, 2021 and National Veterans and Military Families Month

Mayor Starker proclaimed November 2021 as National Veterans and Military Families Month where our veteran and military families do so much and ask for little. They are strong and adaptable, changing course to accommodate the needs of our country, often foregoing personal wishes. They are capable and proud, holding down the home front during their loved one's deployments, coping through their absence, knowing the risk but providing unwavering support, and helping them readjust when they come home.

He also recognized and honored our veterans for their service on Veterans Day, Thursday November 11, 2021. Where America has the greatest armed forces in the history of the world.

Law Enforcement Records Personnel Appreciation Week, November 8-12, 2021

Mayor Starker proclaimed November 8, 2021, through November 12, 2021, as Law Enforcement Records Personnel Appreciation Week. Where the dedicated Law Enforcement Records personnel serve the state of Colorado to provide communities with vital services and are crucial to assisting law enforcement agencies identify, pursue, capture, and process suspects

PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO SPEAK

Work on this item began at 7:29 p.m.

Jerry DiTullio, 32nd and Newland. Began by thinking former CM Urban for his service to our residents. He also congratulated each of our newly (re-) elected public officials. He reported a robust response to the City's dead tree removal program.

Lastly, he spoke about property taxes in his official capacity as the Jefferson County Treasurer.

Jefferson County taxpayers who paid property tax in 2020 (both residential and commercial) will soon receive a TABOR refund check in the mail, as required by the state's Taxpayer's Bill of Rights Amendment (TABOR). The Treasurer's

Office is working with the county administration on preparing the checks and the mailing. Checks should be mailed later in November/2021.

Preliminary data:

- \$1.5 million to be refunded via check
- Approx. 212,000 checks will be mailed totaling \$1.5 million
- Average check will be approx. \$7, from one cent up to \$44,000
- Approx. cost to mail is \$200,000 which is approx. .95 cents per envelope
- Treasurer's Office will cash checks for taxpayers at \$100 or less
- Questions? Please call 303-271-8330

Jerry DiTullio, Jefferson County Treasurer and Wheat Ridge Resident

Ken Burnett, 6995 W.33rd Avenue. Ken recounted his life residing here in Wheat Ridge from his schooling as a child and adolescent, to his success as a local businessman. He purchased his current home a few years ago. He installed solar features in his home. All of this got turned upside down when he learned that Century Link is installing a 5G tower in the easement in front of his home. Like many others he had no idea that the tower was coming. He called the City and learned that there are no restrictions on installing these radioactive devices wherever the telecom carriers want. We need to amend the building code so that residents have some opportunity to give input.

Franklin Salazar, 6990 W. 33rd. Place, came to speak about the cell towers Mr. Burnett spoke about. He gave detailed information about the Code and the placement of these cellular 5G towers. He asserted that the planned locations of these towers should be moved to major intersections, which are much more logical positions for these towers. He distributed two designs for locating cell towers at the site in his neighborhood, asserting that his suggested plan would achieve the same cellular coverage without locating a single tower in a residential neighborhood. He urged Council to consider changes to Code, including building code, to give residents an opportunity to give their input before construction of these towers get permitted.

Tom Burnett 6999 W. 33rd Ave. Also urged Council to require that residents have more notice, more input and more options when a cell tower permit application is submitted to the City staff.

Casey Burnett 6999 W. 33rd. Ave. urged Council to make a specific amendment to Code to disallow placing these towers anywhere. We want a stop work order on the current project until we can have input.

Note about Wheat Ridge Speaks:

Members of the Public 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 members of the public 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).

CONSENT AGENDA

None for this evening.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

1. Resolution No. 54-2021 - A Resolution approving a major subdivision at 3900-3920 Upham Street in the Residential-Three (R-3) Zone District (Case No. WS-21-02 / Fox Hollow on Upham).

Discussion began at approximately 7:40 pm

Councilmember (**CM – see footnote**) Hultin introduced Resolution No. 54-2021

Issue

The applicant is requesting approval of a major subdivision on property located at 3900 to 3920 Upham Street. The purpose of the request is to subdivide the existing two (2) lots into six (6) lots and a drainage tract.

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.

Because CM Ohm voted on this matter, as he was obliged to do while serving on the Planning Commission, on advice of the City Attorney, Mr. Dahl, it was proper to ask CM Ohm several questions before CM Ohm votes on this matter as Council considers this quasi-judicial resolution. Mr. Dahl asked several detained questions.

CM Hoppe moved to approve participation of CM Ohm on Council as it considers this matter, Resolution No. 54-2021. Seconded by CM Stites. Motion passed 6 -1 with CM Dozeman voting no and CM Ohm abstaining.

Beginning with these minutes and going forward, the title Councilmember is abbreviated as CM (like other common, title abbreviations: Rep. for Representative, Sen. for Senator and MC for Member of Congress).

Staff Presentation

Ken Johnstone, Community Development Director, Lauren Mikulak, Planning Manager, and Scott Cutler, Senior Planner, presented that the property is located on east side of Upham Street between 38th Avenue and 44th Avenue. The site is 56,714 square feet (1.3 acres) and contains two lots that are roughly the same size:

- 3900 Upham Street: contains a single-family home built in 1942
- 3920 Upham Street: contains a single-family home built in 1932

The property is zoned Residential-Three (R-3), as are all properties in this area along Upham Street. Properties to the south are zoned Mixed Use – Neighborhood (MU-N) and Mixed Use – Commercial (MU-C) and contain a variety of uses, including office, the fire department, a public school, and the 4-story building known as West 38 containing high-density apartments and retail. Properties along Upham Street in this area contain a variety of residential uses, including apartment buildings and single-family homes. Part of the school property to the east is zoned Residential-Two (R-2), and the school building abuts the southeast corner of the subject property.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions and comments

Councilmembers had no comments or questions, having thoroughly studied this matter in a recent Study Session.

Motion by CM Hultin to approve Resolution 54-2021 – a resolution approving a major subdivision at 3900 and 3920 Upham Street and zoned Residential-Three (R-3) for the following reasons:

1. City Council has conducted a proper public hearing that meets all public notice requirements as required by Section 26-109 and 26-407 of the Code of Laws.
2. The requested subdivision has been reviewed by the Planning Commission, which has forwarded its recommendation of approval.
3. The subdivision plat has been found in compliance with Article IV of Chapter 26 of the Code of Laws.
4. All agencies can provide services to the property with improvements installed at the developer's expense.

and with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall pay the required fees-in-lieu of parkland dedication at time of each building permit.
2. The developer shall enter into a Subdivision Improvement with the City at the time of recordation of the subdivision plat

Seconded by CM Stites, the motion carried 8-0.

2. Council Bill No. 20-2021 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning letter notice to property owners and occupants for development applications (Case no. ZOA-21-03)

Discussion began at approximately 7:54 pm

CM Hutchinson introduced Council Bill 20-2021. Mayor Starker announced that this item is a public hearing and not quasi-judicial.

Issue

The City's zoning code has specific letter notice requirements for development applications including for neighborhood meetings, comment periods, and in advance of public hearings. For most mailings, the code only requires that mailings are sent to property owners which excludes other stakeholders, such as renters or business tenants. This ordinance expands letter notice for development applications to include owners and occupants to provide more inclusive information sharing in the community.

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 Kirkpatrick assigned Ordinance No. 1725

Staff Presentation

Lauren Mikulak, Planning Manager summarized the prior actions and background of the bill where the City's interest in considering these ne

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions and comments

Councilmembers had no questions, again having reviewed this matter during a recent Study Session.

Councilmembers commented on the importance of this action and why they support it.

Motion by CM Hutchinson to approve Council Bill 20-2021 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws concerning letter notice to property owners and occupants for land use applications, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication, seconded by CM Hoppe, the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Discussion began at approximately 7:58PM

3. Council Bill No. 21-2021 - An Ordinance approving the rezoning of property located at approximately 4051 Clear Creek Drive from Planned Commercial Development (PCD) to Planned Mixed Use Development (PMUD) (Case No. WZ-21-04)

Councilmember Stites introduced Council Bill 21-2021.

ISSUE

The applicant is requesting approval of a zone change from Planned Commercial Development (PCD) to Planned Mixed Use Development (PMUD) with an Outline Development Plan (ODP) for property located at approximately 4051 Clear Creek Drive. The request will add an additional planning area (Planning Area 9) to Clear Creek Crossing.

Motion by Councilmember Stites to approve Council Bill No. 21-2021 - an ordinance approving the rezoning of property located at approximately 4051 Clear Creek Drive from Planned Commercial Development (PCD) to Planned Mixed Use Development (PMUD) on first reading, order it published, public hearing set for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. as a virtual meeting and in City Council Chambers if allowed to meet in person on that date per COVID-19 restrictions, and that it take effect 15 days after final publication, seconded by CM Dozeman, motion carried 8-0.

DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Discussion began at approximately 8:00 PM

4. Motion to approve payment to Tiimo Mang with Aethyrworks, LLC, in the amount of \$185,000, for his public art piece entitled "Agrarian Calling," to be installed at the Clear Creek Crossing Site.

CM Weaver introduced the Motion.

Issue

The Clear Creek Crossing site development includes a public art project. The process for selecting public art is defined in the Public Art Management Plan. Per this process, a public art piece entitled "Agrarian Crossing" by artist Tiimo Mang has been commissioned. Mang's proposal was selected by an appointed committee for recommendation to the Cultural Commission. The Commission then makes a recommendation to City Council for acceptance and purchase. The purchase price of \$185,000 includes design, construction, installation, and documentation.

Staff Presentation

Karen O'Donnell, Director of Parks & Recreation summarized the prior action where the Cultural Commission recommended purchase of the sculpture on October 13, 2021 plus the City Council adopted the Public Art Management Plan on July 22, 2002.

The cost for this acquisition is \$185,000. The funds for this purchase are appropriated in the Public Art Fund in the amount off \$192,482

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions

Councilmembers had several detailed questions about the process of developing the art display, the budget, lighting and project timeline.

CM Weaver commented during debate on the motion that she found the process open, inclusive, thorough and fair. The discussions about the art and its placement were very interesting and the whole project is very exciting.

Motion by CM Weaver to approve payment to Tiimo Mang with Aethyrworks, LLC in the amount of \$185,000 for his public art piece entitled "Agrarian Calling" to be installed at the Clear Creek Crossing site., seconded by CM Stites, motion carried 8-0.

5. Resolution no. 55-2021 – a resolution adopting the Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2021 Update

Discussion began at approximately 8:24 PM

CM Nosler Beck introduced Resolution No. 55-2021.

Issue

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires an adopted natural hazard mitigation plan to be updated every five years as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs. Therefore, the 2021 update of the Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, needs to be adopted by Council to replace the 2016 version.

Staff Presentation

Mark Westberg, Projects Supervisor presented on the issue to include that the Mitigation planning begins with the identification of the natural hazards that may impact the City. Once these hazards have been identified, risk assessments are conducted to determine the geographical areas that may be impacted by each hazard. The information from the risk assessment identifies vulnerable areas within and around the City. The last step is to identify potential future projects that will reduce the impact of the identified hazards on the City. The plan will need to be updated again in 2026.

The public comment period for this update ended on June 25, 2021. A virtual public meeting forum was held in early June 2021. After public comments were incorporated,

the plan was reviewed by the Colorado Office of Emergency Management (COOEM) and FEMA from July through September. FEMA approved the plan in mid-September pending adoption by the City and other partner agencies.

Adopting this comprehensive update to the previously approved plan has no immediate financial impact on the City. However, adopting this updated plan will assist in maintaining or improving the City's CRS rating which will result in savings to residents who have floodplain insurance policies.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Starker closed the public hearing.

Council Questions

CM Hoppe asked a detailed question about the art project, which staff answered.

Motion by CM Nosler Beck to approve Resolution No. 55-2021, a resolution adopting the Jefferson County Multi- Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2021 Update, seconded by CM Hutchinson, motion carried 8-0.

6. Motion to elect the Mayor Pro Tem

Discussion began at approximately 8:26 PM.

Councilmember Hoppe introduced the Motion.

Issue

Each year City Council Members elect by a majority vote a Mayor Pro Tem who serves until their successor is elected. The election is conducted according to Section III (B) of the City Council Rules of Order and Procedure as follows:

B. MAYOR PRO TEM

1. At the first or second Regular meeting in November of each year, the Council shall elect a Mayor Pro Tem who shall serve until their successor is elected. The procedure shall be as follows:
 - a) The Chair will announce that the floor is open for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.
 - b) Nominations will be taken from City Council members by voice. No second is needed.
 - c) Each nominee will have the opportunity to address the Council.
 - d) A motion and second is then in order to elect one of the nominees to the position of Mayor Pro Tem. If the motion is not carried, additional

motions are in order until a Mayor Pro Tem is elected by a majority of Council present.

Staff Presentation

Patrick Goff, City Manager listed the Mayor Pro Tem's authority and duties which include:

1. In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem shall preside as the Chair and shall have the voting privileges of a regular Council Member
2. Function as the Council Parliamentarian
3. Review and set the Agenda prior to Council Meetings and add emergency items for discussion if necessary
4. Remove any item from the Agenda or any Regular Meeting or Study Session, before publication, with the exception of:
 - a. Any item placed on the Agenda by two (2) Council Members or by the Mayor and one (1) Council Member prior to the meeting
 - b. An item added by the Council by majority vote of Council present during any meeting
5. Arrange for and coordinate the orientation of all newly elected officials, including a review of Rules of Order and Procedure for the City Council

Motion by Councilmember Hoppe to nominate CM Rachel Grace Hultin as Mayor Pro Tem, effective immediately, term to expire upon election of their successor, seconded by Councilmember Stites, motion carried 8-0.

7. Motion to approve a memorandum of understanding and other documents pertaining to opioid settlements.

Discussion began at approximately 8:30 PM

CM Dozeman introduced the Motion.

Issue

Council is asked to approve the agreements needed to allow the City to receive funds made available from the national opioid litigation class action suits.

Staff Presentation

Gerald Dahl, City Attorney stated that the City of Wheat Ridge is one of several local governments in Colorado that pursued litigation against several pharmaceutical companies for their role in the national opioid epidemic. The City joined with other local governments in a class action lawsuit.

Approximately \$400 million will be made available from the settlement for both the State of Colorado and local governments, for which there is a distribution process. The Colorado Department of Law has come to an agreement with local governments for distributing opioid settlement and recovery funds. The exact financial benefit to the City will be determined based on a formula administered by the state.

Pharmaceutical companies Purdue Pharma, McKinsey & Co., Johnson & Johnson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson caused an opioid epidemic when in the late 1990s they reassured the medical community that patients would not become addicted to opioid pain relievers, and healthcare providers began to prescribe them at greater rates. Increased prescription of opioid medications led to widespread misuse of both prescription and non-prescription opioids before it became clear that these medications could indeed be highly addictive.

A broad group of state and local governments, including the City of Wheat Ridge, joined in class action suits against the manufacturers. This settlement is the result of those actions.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak.

Council Questions

CM Nosler Beck commented that this year CML has briefed us on how the decisions will be made and the funds distributed. This represents a significant opportunity to impact opioid addiction.

CM Hutchinson asked how Council will know where the funds have been spent. Mr. Goff gave a detailed reply. He indicated that once we know how much Wheat Ridge will receive, we will come back to Council with more information and any formal actions required.

CM Hoppe commented during discussion on the motion that she looks forward to hearing more details about how the funds will get expended and how priorities are set.

Motion by CM Dozeman to approve a memorandum of understanding and other documents pertaining to opioid settlements, seconded by CM Stites, motion carried 8-0.

CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS

Mr. Goff commented that we have a new restaurant opening at Golds Marketplace. Bonds for the redevelopment of the Golds Marketplace will be issued tomorrow.

Mr. Johnstone commented that regulation of cell towers is closely regulated at the Federal, state and local levels. The City is constrained by these Federal and state regulations and statutes in terms of regulating cell tower installations.

A lengthy and detailed discussion of the City's options to regulate the location and permitting for cellular towers followed.

CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS

Nothing tonight.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' MATTERS

CM Nosler Beck congratulated all those who were sworn in tonight. She thanked CM Hoppe for her mentoring and support as Mayor Pro Tem.

CM Nosler Beck announced that there is a family learning series, entitled Healthy Minds Night, scheduled for several schools throughout the City. These family learning programs are aimed at the right needs during this time of pandemic, and widespread stress.

CM Hutchinson expressed her pleasure that Wheat Ridge Lanes will continue to operate. There is a Planning Commission seat open for District I and she encouraged qualified residents of District I to apply.

CM Dozeman expressed her excitement and satisfaction with the opportunity to serve Wheat Ridge for another four years as the representative of the residents of District IV. She thanked CM Hoppe for her excellent and long-standing service as Mayor Pro Tem, and for her leadership on Council.

CM Ohm announced that his election creates an opening on the Planning Commission representing District II and encouraged qualified residents to apply. He offered to help orient new Planning Commission members, since he has served on the Commission for several years prior to his election to Council.

CM Hultin congratulated CM Ohm on his election and looks forward to serving with him. She then thanked CM Hoppe for her outstanding service to the City and to her peers on Council during her time as Mayor Pro Tem.

CM Hultin reported on discussions with our Sustainability staff and committee members and proposed that we create a new position, the appointment of a CM to the Sustainability Committee. Tonight, she asks only that Council reach a **consensus** to take this step and then ask that Councilmember interested in serving email Maryann Schilling expressing their desire to serve and some thoughts on how the Councilmember would enhance that Sustainability Committee's work. **Consensus attained.**

CM Hultin asked Mr. Goff about the impact of the Infrastructure Bill on our local projects. He gave a detailed answer based on what we know at present.

Councilmember Weaver echoed the congratulations to recently elected officials and the public for coming out to vote. She thanked Wheat Ridge District III residents for voting and giving her their trust.

CM Stites also congratulated the election winners and thanked CM Hoppe for her service as Mayor Pro Tem. He thanked former CM Urban for his years of service. If you can find it in Wheat Ridge, buy it in Wheat Ridge.

Councilmember Hoppe thanked CM Urban for his service and leadership. She expressed her thanks for everyone's kind words. She looks forward to working with Mr. Ohm.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Urban for his service. He thanked the voters who participated in the recent election. Congratulations to CM Ohm and those who won re-election; and to Ms. Hultin, our new Mayor Pro Tem. He thanked CM Hoppe for her excellent service during her time as Mayor Pro Tem.

Please, remember to drive carefully and safely!

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.



Steve Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 24, 2022



Janeece Hoppe, Mayor Pro Tem

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