

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Casper City Hall

Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. FY18 Budget Amendment (Tom Pitlick)
2. International Building Code Changes (Dan Elston)
3. Casper Area Transportation Coalition - CATC (Aaron Kloke)
4. Agenda Review
5. Legislative Update
6. Council Around the Table

Mayor Pacheco called the work session to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Powell, Laird, Humphrey, Morgan, Johnson, Hopkins, Huber, Walsh, and Mayor Pacheco.

City Manager Napier discussed the proposed fiscal year 2018 (FY18) budget amendment and explained that the amendment is needed in order to balance expenses and revenues. He then introduced Tom Pitlick, City of Casper CFO, to discuss the amendment in more detail and answer any questions. Mr. Pitlick discussed some of the larger items in the amendment including the additional health fund costs. Council discussed issues related to costs incurred for unemployment and workers compensation, and City Manager Napier stated that these issues are trying to be resolved at the legislative level. He stated that the FY18 budget amendment will be brought forward for formal consideration next week at the next regular Council meeting.

Next, City Manager Napier discussed the proposed changes to the Casper Area Transportation Coalition (CATC) budget. He stated that there is currently a budgeted reduction in general fund transfers with regards to the transportation program that CATC oversees. The budget recommendations are consistent with the study report that Council adopted in 2017. Aaron Kloke, MPO Supervisor, reviewed the CATC Budget and two options for budget reductions. The first option included eliminating the weekend bus service and the second option included more route modifications. Both options include service modifications. He added that these changes will impact senior citizens and disabled individuals in the community. City Manager Napier explained that these budget adjustments are being proposed in order to gain efficiencies in the City's bus service. Council discussed that they would like to see specific ridership numbers for the routes, and City Manager Napier stated that he believes that information is reflected in the study. Council discussed the benefits and consequences of each type of change, and decided to move forward with Package #2, which does not eliminate Saturday service, but does include other route modifications and service reductions. There will be 15 days notice and a 30 day comment period as well as a public hearing for this issue.

Next, Council discussed the International Building Code (IBC) changes. City Manager Napier stated that most of the changes are routine, and the State adopted the code and the City is required to do the same locally. The State did not adopt the Property Maintenance Code portion of the IBC,

so the City is not required to adopt this piece, but staff is recommending that the Property Maintenance Code be adopted. Dan Elston, Building Inspector, briefed Council on what this code covers, and explained that it would help to prevent property owners from allowing properties to fall into disrepair. The enforcement and consequences would be the same as other codes, and property owners would be notified if there are things that need to be rectified before any other action is taken. Councilmember Morgan expressed concerns about adding these regulations. Staff explained that many of the things covered by the code are related to life-safety issues. Council decided that the IBC, with the Property Maintenance Code, will be moved forward for formal consideration at a regular Council meeting. They asked that staff provide a link to the full code for Council to review.

Next, City Manager Napier discussed the legacy imbalances that were discussed during the budget sessions. He explained that there were imbalances for overtime expenses for Hogadon and the Events Center that have accumulated over the last few years. These funds were not reconciled every year, therefore the imbalances need to be corrected this year. He stated that these figures were not hidden and were included in the budget books, but they were not specifically pointed out. He also added that the contract with Spectra reflects an accurate amount for costs.

Next, Casper Police Chief McPheeters notified Council that Officer Jacob Carlson was released from the hospital today and stated that his post-incident recovery is going very well.

Next, Council went around the table to discuss their respective board and committee meetings and share ideas and concerns related to public matters of interest. Councilmember Powell let Council know that the Wyoming Association of Municipalities is prioritizing the storm water utility issue. Council directed staff to work on a proposal for an ordinance change that would require soil compaction inspections for residential projects, including cost estimates. Councilmember Laird brought up an issue related to egress requirements for buildings and requested information from staff related to this issue. Councilmember Morgan asked if Council could discuss the City's open container policy, and Council agreed that they would like staff to present reasonable regulation changes related to this issue at a future work session.

Mayor Pacheco stated that he will be setting up executive sessions for employee evaluations.

The work session was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor