

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
Casper Events Center

AGENDA

1. Events Center Walkthrough
2. Council Meeting Follow-up
3. Pool Fees
4. 'M' Street Alley Access
5. Training Tool for Police Department
6. Agenda Setting
7. Legislative Review
8. Council Around the Table

The work session began at 4:35 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Johnson, Huber, Freel, Pacheco, Hopkins, Lutz, Bates, and Mayor Powell. Councilmember Walsh was absent.

Councilmembers did a walkthrough of the Casper Events Center to review the facilities' priority one and two capital needs, which included: plumbing upgrades (\$80K); a back lot fence (\$45K); roof snow guards (additional \$45K); water and fire line replacement (\$308K); curtain replacement (\$69K); walk-in cooler replacements (\$150K) or cooler compressor replacement (\$12K); and asphalt parking lot repairs (\$200K). They also saw some of the upgrades that have already taken place including seats, big screen TV, scoreboards, and banner. Tim Cortez, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that the University of Wyoming is conducting an economic impact study of the return on investment for events that come to the Events Center and the impact that those events have economically on the community. Council gave their thumbs up to move forward with these projects.

Next, Council discussed the Council Comment period at the Council meetings. Mayor Powell discussed that the purpose was to prevent a debate between Council and citizens. Council decided that moving forward they would like to remove the Council comment period and would like to be able to respond to citizens in the moment. Council was also asked if they would like to discuss a reimbursement for the Wyoming Abate insurance cost, and they decided they did not want to move forward with that discussion. City Manager Napier stated that that group was made aware that they could apply for community promotions funding for that cost.

Next, City Manager Napier discussed pool fees. He stated that pool fees at Mike Sedar pool have increased \$0.50 which has a projected revenue increase of \$10K. The waiver of the fees at the Marion Kreiner pool is still in effect and has a revenue shortage of \$3.5K. Council gave their thumbs up to move forward with the changes in pool fees and the waiver of fees at the Marion Kreiner pool. City Manager Napier also discussed Council

considering using more 1% funding in future years for subsidizing the pool in order to help take that burden off of the general fund.

Next, City Manager Napier discussed options for M-Street alley access. He explained that there is a diversity of ownership, which has caused problems with access for sanitation trucks. Council discussed different options, such as easements, land swaps, or purchase of some of the land, as well as the cost of rolling trash cans for these citizens. Council gave their thumbs up for City Manager Napier to pursue these discussions.

Next, City Manager Napier discussed the purchase of a training tool for the Police Department. The cost would be around \$90K to \$100K, and would include the purchase of equipment, purchase of the module and a license that would allow the Casper Police Department to train other agencies in this region. Police Chief McPheeters then discussed how the tool helps train officers and first responders to contain and minimize events. He also stated that in time, the City would recover the cost by charging other agencies for training on the module. Council gave their thumbs up to move forward with the purchase of the training tool, and asked that City Manager Napier prepare a recommendation for how to fund the purchase at next week's pre-meeting.

Next, Council set the agenda for the July 23, 2019 work session and added items to future work session topics. Mayor Powell asked if he could receive confidential feedback from Councilmembers without it being part of the public record. City Attorney Henley stated that he will look into options for this.

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 Bates asked about sensors for stop lights as well as painting lines on the streets. City Manager Napier responded that a striping report will be provided in this week's information packet. In response to a rumor, Councilmember Johnson clarified that Council is not discussing banning any breed of dog. Mayor Powell discussed compensation for the City for an energy development project around Douglas due to the extra burden this may have on City of Casper services.

The work session was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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