

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, April 14, 4:30 p.m.

Casper City Hall

Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Flood Plain Ordinance Amendment
2. Council's Appeal of Begonia Park P/Z Decision
3. City Hall Security
4. Wastewater Treatment Plant Equipment Replacements
5. Potential Settlement Agreement for Hogadon Reservoir Membrane
6. Future Agenda Review
7. Council Around the Table
8. Executive Session – Personnel Matter

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Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmen Hopkins, Johnson, Mundell, Pacheco, Sandoval, Schlager and Mayor Powell. Councilmen Cathey and Hedquist were absent.

Constance Lake, MPO Specialist, presented Council with a copy of the direct mailer sent to residents regarding the Flood Plain Ordinance Amendment. These requirements will be for any new construction or substantial improvement to property. Details were shared regarding the freeboard direct discount rates. All flood policy holders would benefit from the significant discount. Mayor Powell indicated based on the information provided Council might consider proceeding with accepting the minimum standards. Council indicated majority thumbs up support to proceed. Councilman Sandoval gave thumbs down.

Craig Collins, City Planner, spoke regarding Council's Appeal of Begonia Park Planning and Zoning Decision. The presentation included map and plat previews with the details to create two residential lots for sale and one park lot (with trail and bridge across the river). The annexation was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. However, the Commission recommended to not vacate the park land for two residential lots. Proper zoning of lot 1 still need to be addressed. City Manager Patterson discussed meeting with property owners in the area regarding the plan and recommended moving forward with the bridge portion. Councilman Hopkins agrees with selling lots 2 and 3 and putting the proceeds of the sale into the opportunity fund for something that will benefit a larger population of the City. Mayor Powell suggested to accept the original plan submitted by staff (annex, plan, zone and vacate). Council gave thumbs up.

Councilman Schlager left at this point of the meeting.

Zulima Lopez, Risk Manager shared information with Council regarding security at City Hall. Management assigned a committee of employees to identify City Hall security concerns and solutions. This group developed recommendations to improve City Hall security and

emergency preparedness utilizing a three phase approach. The committee is requesting Council's direction regarding Phase II components. One of the main components of the proposal is to relocate all customer service offices in City Hall to the first floor. Chief of Police, Jim Wetzel, shared information regarding a recent incident at City Hall in which a subject was involved in a foot chase and was found hiding in a meeting room on the 2nd floor. Councilman Sandoval requested staff training and need for evacuation routes for each office as well. Sargent Joe Nickerson, mentioned security begins with customer service involvement as well as redirecting public to a single point of contact. Council supports a single point of contact, customer service approach. City Manager Patterson suggested Council discuss Phase II further and bring back recommendations for staff.

David Hill, Public Utilities Manager, requested Council consider \$2 million dollars of 1%#14 unallocated funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant equipment replacements. Mr. Hill shared information regarding the age of the plant and needs for additional equipment and emergency power. In the future there may be need for substantial funding request. However, that amount and time frame are unknown until the requirements are clarified by the DEQ. Mr. Hill stated the sewer rate structures have fallen behind regional rates. Council agreed to consider this request with the upcoming discussions for 1%14# unallocated funding in two weeks.

Jason Knopp, City Engineer, gave historical events with regard to the Hogadon Reservoir Membrane project with Council. As a result of some of these events, the DEQ issued a fine. Working together with the City of Casper Attorneys, a settlement agreement has been presented and both parties have agreed. Andrew Beamer, Director of Public Service, addressed Council's inquiry as to the amount of sediment removed. Mr. Knopp answered Council's question as to the number of days the contractors were over: 4 days over on substantial and 23 days on final. Council gave thumbs up on the settlement agreement.

City Manager Patterson presented Council with review of the future agenda.

Councilmembers reported updates for each of their respective board meetings.

At 6:58 p.m. Councilman Sandoval motioned to meet in executive session regarding a personnel matter, seconded by Councilman Hopkins and executive session ended at 7:20 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor