

COUNCIL WORK SESSION – June 24, 2014

Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with all of the Councilmembers present except Councilman Powell and Councilman Goodenough.

The first item on the agenda was a request from a developer to waive the roadway alignment standards for the proposed Wolf Creek Nine Addition. Liz Becher and Craig Collins from the Community Development Department presented the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny this request. Randy Hall spoke in favor of the proposal and noted that if Council was not in support of the waiver then the project would have to be resubmitted, the development would be delayed and would not be ready for the 2014 construction season.

Council discussed the requirements and the options for realigning the intersection and determined that they would be in favor of waiving the requirement in this instance. The item will be placed on the July 1, 2014, Council Meeting agenda for formal consideration.

Liz Becher, Community Development Director, introduced Josh Bake to review the proposed Appendix II to the City's Purchasing and Policy Manual which would adopt the Federal purchasing requirements for Community Development Block Grant funding. The requirements were identified as part of the 2013 Financial Audit. Council indicated support for this proposal and it will be placed on the July 1, 2014, Council Meeting agenda.

Angela Emery with the Platte River Parkway Trust introduced the leaders of the 2014 Wyoming Conservation Corp who are working in Casper on projects to benefit the pathway and the river restoration. Council thanked the students for their interest and effort on these projects.

Daniel Meyers, CEO, and Eric Niemeyer, CFO, of the Community Health Center of Central Wyoming presented a report to the City Council and requested a letter of support which was needed to move forward with the renewal of their three year Federal Grant for operation of the Center. The Grant represents 25% of the operating budget and is part of a competitive process that occurs every three years. They reviewed the statistics on health care services which are provided by the Center to approximately 25% of the Casper population. Council indicated support for the Center and asked that a sample letter be provided so that they could adopt a Resolution supporting the services provided.

Tracey Belser, Human Resources Director, presented a recommendation from the City's Health Plan Design Committee to negotiate with Cigna for Third Party Administrator Services beginning January 1, 2015. Council indicated their support for the change in TPA for the City's Health Plan.

Cindie Langston, Solid Waste Division Manager, presented a recommendation from the Council's Solid Waste Committee for an increase in Commercial Collection Rates of 5%. Other services such as roll-off delivery and collection, special waste handling, and alternate daily cover materials were also addressed in the new rate schedule. Council discussed the impact of these changes and determined that they were justified by the level of services and market forces. A fee Resolution will be brought forward with an effective date of January 1, 2015.

Two ordinances to amend the digital plat and digital as-built data submission standards were presented by Andrew Beamer, City Engineer, and Denyse Wyskup, Regional GIS Manager. Councilman Sandoval asked about the impact of these changes on local surveyors and engineers. Staff assured him that most private companies were already complying with the standards based on similar requirements adopted by the County.

Mayor Meyer announced that the Work Session scheduled for Friday, June 27, 2014, would be cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

At 6:10 p.m. it was moved by Councilmember Bertoglio, and seconded by Councilmember Cathey to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition and personnel. The vote in favor was unanimous.

At 6:30 p.m. the City staff was excused from the Executive Session.

At 6:48 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Bertoglio, seconded by Councilman Hopkins to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.