

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, January 12, Following 4:30 p.m. Special Council Meeting
Casper City Hall
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Pipe Down in Town Update – Motorcycle Noise (Paul Paad)
2. Bar Nunn Growth Boundary Agreement (Liz Becher)
3. Metro Animal Services Update (Tory Walsh)
4. Future Agenda Review
5. City Manager Report
6. Council Around the Table

Mayor Sandoval called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmen Cathey, Hopkins, Powell, Schlager, Miller, Pacheco, Johnson, and Sandoval.

He then introduced Paul Paad, legislative representative for Wyoming Central ABATE, to discuss the Pipe Down in Town campaign. Mr. Paad gave background on the campaign and described what the committee has been working on. Specifically, they are currently working on an awareness campaign targeting respect between drivers and citizens that incorporates issues of exhaust smoke and engine noise and includes different sectors of the community including truck drivers and four-wheelers. Moving forward, the multitier campaign will use a combination of PSA's (public service announcements), television ads, and sign ads. Mr. Paad explained that television and radio ads have already been secured and will be given radio and air time by Town Square Media and Wolf Productions. The radio ads will be produced and air in February and the television ads will air this summer. He stated that stage two of the campaign will incorporate street and bus signs, and this portion of the campaign will be more expensive. The anticipated cost of entire project is \$15,000, and his group is asking for \$5000 from Council today to help get the second stage of the campaign started.

Mayor Sandoval asked if there are budgetary constraints that would prevent the City from giving public money to this campaign. City Manager McDonald replied that the City cannot give money to the campaign to buy the signs, but the City could buy the signs directly through the Public Services Department and post them on City property. He stated that the City has to approve and control the ads in order to sponsor them. He added that Wolf Productions is already under contract with the City, so air time for the ads will be free. City Attorney Luben added that there will need to be a tag line at bottom of the ads stating "Sponsored with the City of Casper", or something to that effect.

Several Councilman expressed their support of the campaign and the individuals who are promoting more conscientious driving. Councilman Cathey suggested involving youth organizations to help put together and install the signs through the Public Services Department.

Councilman Hopkins suggested the group go to specific vendors, like motorcycle and truck dealers, and ask them to help with the campaign. Mayor Sandoval asked Council for a thumbs up vote to help the campaign with the requested finances, and Council agreed to help fund the campaign's signs and ads. Council requested that Mr. Paad meet with City Manager McDonald to make sure the campaign is funded through the correct channels.

Mayor Sandoval introduced Liz Becher, Director of Community Development, to discuss the Bar Nunn Growth Boundary Agreement. Ms. Becher began by explaining that the City has been working on this agreement with Bar Nunn for one year. The agreement required evaluating what the future growth boundary plans are for both Casper and Bar Nunn. The contention has been concern over bottle-necking Casper in with the boundaries. The proposed boundaries, that include an area north of Mills for Casper's growth plan, will eliminate this concern. She added that Bar Nunn has already approved the plan.

Councilman Powell stated that the Enterprise Zone does intrude on Bar Nunn's growth area. He asked if the County is okay with this. Ms. Becher responded that the County has approved this. She stated that there will be a public hearing and resolution for this issue if Council decides to move forward. Mayor Sandoval asked for a thumbs up vote and Council voted to move forward with the Bar Nunn Growth Boundary agreement.

Tory Walsh, Manager of Metro Animal Services, updated Council on Metro's current goals and standing. Metro Animal Services is now under the Community Development Department and they are fully staffed. She showed pictures of the new facility and thanked Council for the one cent money that helped to fund it. She described how Metro works with other organizations for training and information and how they work with local rescue groups. She then went over their budget and average cost of animal care. Metro is on target as far as budget. She explained how pet adoption works and when euthanasia is considered. Euthanasia at Metro has decreased substantially in the last few years. She summarized the animal-related calls that Metro receives, stating that almost half of the calls are related to stray animals.

Councilman Johnson asked if there have been any complaints regarding the new chicken ordinance. Ms. Walsh replied that they have not received any complaints. Councilman Powell asked about Metro's goal of spaying and neutering and if there is any information on how that affects adoptions. Ms. Walsh responded that there has not been any impact as of yet as far as increased or decreased adoptions and strays. She stated that the City should not have to pay for spaying dogs without increasing adoptions, but they could help provide financial assistance to those who need it. Councilman Powell asked if there have been any decreases in euthanasia due to spaying and neutering. Ms. Walsh replied that she did not see any data relating these two variables. Mayor Sandoval asked about a new method of spaying and neutering stray cats and re-releasing them. Ms. Walsh stated that this is illegal, so Metro does not do this.

City Manager McDonald presented Council with a review of the future agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on January 19, 2016.

City Manager McDonald stated that there would be a new “City Manager Report” segment at Council Work Sessions that would replace the Friday morning meetings. He reminded Council of the Wednesday morning breakfast to meet with local legislators and stated that Councilmen Hopkins, Powell, Cathey, and Mayor Sandoval are attending. He then discussed approving a contract to form a historic district for the City’s downtown area. He stated that the cost will be \$9000 for the contract and consultant. The DDA (Downtown Development Authority) and another donor will each contribute \$3000 and the remaining \$3000 will come from City. Councilman Powell added that this designation will not affect the rights of private property owners. Councilman Cathey asked if this can be clarified in writing, and City Attorney Luben stated that he will check into this.

City Manager McDonald stated that Council allocated \$115,000 for Community Promotions. He then discussed an annexation agreement that involved BLM (Bureau of Land Management) mineral access. Certain property owners who have land in Antelope Hills received letters from the BLM that their land may be affected. He stated that the sale has been postponed for now until later in 2016. Staff will be contacting the BLM to inquire about their specific plans.

Next, Councilmembers reported updates for each of their respective board meetings.

Mayor Sandoval adjourned the Council Work Session at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Tracey L. Belser
City Clerk

Daniel Sandoval
Mayor