

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Orphaned Agency Funding
2. City App Demo (Michael Szewczyk)
3. Hogadon & Golf Debrief (Tim Cortez)
4. Panhandling Ordinance (John Henley)
5. Operator Revision (John Henley)
6. Agenda Review
7. Legislative Update
8. Council Around the Table

Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Powell, Laird, Humphrey, Morgan, Johnson, Hopkins, Huber, and Mayor Pacheco. Councilmember Walsh was absent.

Councilmember Laird made a suggestion that Council consider allowing public comment at work sessions.

City Manager Napier began a discussion regarding orphaned agency funding. He explained that earlier this year, Council decided they wanted to eliminate pass through agencies as a part of their funding portfolio, and as a result, a number of agencies became orphaned from accessing City funds. Those agencies were able to apply for that funding directly from the City, and staff is proposing that they be funded in the way they historically have been. Staff is recommending additional agencies, like CATC and Interfaith, be funded as well. This would restore funding for agencies that had previously been funded through CAP from 1%#15. Council gave their thumbs up to move this item forward for formal consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

Next, City Manager Napier discussed the possibility of making a City of Casper app available to the public. He explained that new software is being implemented in the next couple of years that will make the app more useful, and staff has some proposed ideas for an app too to be implemented in the interim. He introduced Michael Szewczyk, IT Manager, to elaborate on these ideas. Mr. Szewczyk demonstrated a scaled down version of an app and a more feature-rich version which could become available when the new software is implemented. He explained that the City could implement the scaled down version as an interim solution which would require a three year commitment and cost \$3.5K per year. Council gave their thumbs up to move forward with this interim option.

Next, Tim Cortez, Parks and Recreation Director, updated Council on revenue at Hogadon and the Municipal Golf Course. He stated that the new restaurant contractor at the golf course is doing well and this is a successful operation. He stated that Hogadon lost \$39K on food and beverage last year and staff is working with that contractor, Spectra, on why this occurred. He stated that successful revenue at Hogadon is weather-dependent, and also stated that some changes will be

made to staffing at Hogadon to better serve the public when there is low and high occupancy. Council discussed that the City privatizes some of the operations that have the potential for the highest revenue, such as the ski school and the restaurant. Council asked to see profits and losses when approving these contracts in the future.

Next, City Attorney Henley discussed revisions to the City's panhandling ordinance in order to make it current with state statute and case law. He stated this issue was brought to the City Attorney's office by Police Chief McPheeters, and staff was concerned that the ordinance was not up to constitutional par. He explained the importance of protecting free speech while also protecting people who are not soliciting. He then reviewed the language in the proposed revised ordinance. He explained that this ordinance is intended as a proactive tool for the police. He also stated that the new revised ordinance is less restrictive than the unrevised version. Council discussed whether the ordinance was fair to homeless people. Council gave their thumbs up to move the revisions forward for formal consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

City Attorney Henley then discussed a revision to the operator ordinance for displaying a driver's license if pulled over. The revised ordinance would be consistent with state statute and a person would not be convicted if they have a valid driver's license even if it is not with them. Council gave their thumbs up to move the operator ordinance revision forward for formal consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

Next, Council reviewed the grid document with City Manager Napier. City Manager Napier brought up the issue of meetings over the holiday season, and Council decided to cancel the work session that is scheduled for December 25, 2018 and to move all of the meetings in January back a week, so the first meeting of the year will be January 8, 2019. This will be the day that the new Councilmembers are sworn in. Council also gave their thumbs up to allow staff to have either Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve off work.

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 Johnson asked about issues related to employees' time off benefits. City Manager Napier briefly explained that there is a task force being put together to discuss ideas related to sick and vacation time for employees. A proposal will come to Council by the end of this year regarding this issue. City Manager Napier stated that the same task force will be vetting an incentive-based step increase proposal, and this will be put forth to Council by the end of the fiscal year. Councilmember Morgan asked for more information related to utilities and street construction. Council discussed public parking for part of the Plains property. Council directed staff that they would like to accept proposals that would include the space previously set aside for public parking. City Attorney Henley stated that staff would need to add an addendum to the Plains RFP and would need to allow applicants to change their proposals to include that space if they wanted to. He added that an appraisal of the property would need to be in the addendum. Council gave their thumbs up to move forward with this change in the RFP.

Council then discussed the process for expunging records, and City Attorney Henley assured Council that there is a fairly easy process in place to do this. Councilmember Morgan brought up an issue related to the International Property Maintenance Code, and City Manager Napier stated that staff is working on a draft proposal that will be coming to Council for approval soon.

Councilmember Morgan also brought up the issue of allowing personal golf carts on the Municipal Golf Course, and City Manager Napier stated that contracts for golf services will be coming forward in April of next year, and input from Council regarding those contracts is welcome. Councilmember Laird discussed passing an anti-bullying resolution. Councilmember Powell asked about who would own the snow plow for the Downtown Development Authority, and City Manager Napier stated that he believes it was for them to own and operate in order to expand on the services the City provides.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur D. Tremel
City Clerk

Ray Pacheco
Mayor