

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 in Council Chambers, starting at 6:00 P.M. Those in attendance were as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Bryan Cook, Chairman, Annette Williams, Scott Roybal, Jeff White, Mike Luna, Dicky Shanor, and Richard Johnson. Absent: Jim Brown and Dr. Mark Rinne.

CITY STAFF: Alessandra McCoy, Assistant City Attorney.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Rick Kaysen, James Chilton, WTE; Tiffany Logan, News Channel 5; Reed Eckhardt; Dawn Barela, Deacon Mike Leman, Catholic Diocese of Cheyenne; Robin Goodspeed; Mary Boud; Bret Schlachter; Pete Schekel; Trisha Taylor; Chess Barkel; Steve Melcher; Pastor Shannon; Lynn Hutchings; Thomas Hutchings; Rosalee Regensberg; Matt Tebussek; Denise Partake; Scott Neisen; Don Feltner; Pastor Tom Ferrell; Bob Wilson; Jack Stells; Pastor Jay Myers; Arnold Strayer; Howard Last; Eric Crosby; Sherry Crosby; Sharon Martin; Laura Greenhall; Tom Jacobson; Chaplin Bruce Keit; Armie Decker; Brent Wilkins; Paul Howard; Mary Richie; Reverend Rick Veit, St. Mark's Episcopal Church; Sandy Gaukley; Beth Howard; Charlette Powers; Marguarite Herman; Eric Throwbridge; Ryan Nielsen; Clair Olsen; Sarah Burlingame; Tiffany Rayburn; Sue Lowry; AJ McDaniel; Rodger McDaniel; Jane Wagner; Michael Perry; Kaleb Taylor; Faith Edgar; Mandy Langhold; Hayden Watterman; Jeran Artery; Justin Perko; Ken Vernon; Karen Moberg; and Mia More'ly.

AGENDA ITEMS

19. RESOLUTION - Regarding Non-Discrimination. (SPONSORS - BRYAN COOK, RICHARD JOHNSON, SCOTT ROYBAL, JEFF WHITE, ANNETTE WILLIAMS)

Mr. Shanor joined the Committee of the Whole during discussion at 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Williams. Motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Williams, Mr. White, Mr. Roybal, and Mr. Shanor voting "YES" and Mr. Luna voting "NO".

DISCUSSION: Chairman Cook opened the meeting up for public comment and advised that due to the large number of attendee's, each individual would be given a five-minute time frame in which to address the committee with their concerns/comments. The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed resolution: Paul Howard; Mary Richie; Reverend Rick Veit, St. Mark's Episcopal Church; Sandy Gaukley; Beth Howard; Charlette Powers; Marguarite Herman; Eric Throwbridge; Ryan Nielsen; Clair Olsen; Sarah Burlingame; Tiffany Rayburn; Amy (no last name provided); Sue Lowry; AJ McDaniel; Rodger McDaniel; Jane Wagner; Michael Perry; Kaleb Taylor; Faith Edgar; Mandy Langhold; Hayden Watterman; Jeran

Artery; Justin Perko; Ken Vernon; Karen Moberg; and Mia Bore'ly. The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Resolution: Robin Goodspeed; Mary Boud; Bret Schlachter; Pete Schekel; Trisha Taylor; Steve (no last name provided); Chess Barkel; Steve Melcher; Pastor Shannon; Lynn Hutchings; Thomas Hutchings; Rosalee Regensberg; Matt Tebussek; Denise Partake; Scott Neisen; Don Feltner; Pastor Tom Ferrell; Bob Wilson; Jack Stells; Pastor Jay Myers; Arnold Strayer; Howard Last; Eric Crosby; Sherry Crosby; Sharon Martin; Laura Greenhall; Tom Jacobson; Cheree (no last name provided); Chaplin Bruce Keit; Armie Decker; and Brent Wilkins. Topics discussed included: Controversial and sensitive nature of the proposed resolution topic, government involvement relating to local, state, and federal levels of control; equality for all community members relating to protection of specific groups; general religious rights and freedoms; unknown processes for business owners, employers and employees relating to employment performance and potential retaliation; progressive vs non-progressive attitudes; environment in local public school system; discrimination and equality relating to independent, group associated, and individual religious rights and freedoms for all community members; opinions vs facts relating to the necessity of the proposed resolution involving unknown factual data of past or present status of complaints and/or legal actions involving community wide discrimination; reasonable individual accommodations; respect between diverse groups/individuals, and concerns involving reverse discrimination. Various committee members voiced their individual support comments relating to the proposed resolution.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

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to the City Council