

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 in Council Chambers starting at 6:00 P.M. Those in attendance were as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: President Rocky Case, Bryan Cook, Jeff White, Dr. Mark Rinne, Mike Luna, Pete Laybourn, Dicky Shanor, Scott Roybal and Ken Esquibel.

CITY STAFF: Jason Sanchez, Community Recreation & Events Deputy Director; Teresa Moore, Community Recreation & Events Director; Vicki Nemecek, Public Works Director; Charles Bloom, Planning & Development Director; Robin Lockman, City Treasurer; Ron Downing, Human Resources Deputy Director; Alessandra McCoy-Fakelman, Deputy City Attorney; Chief Greg Hoggatt, Fire & Rescue Department; Kris Jones, City Clerk; Randy Hays, BOPU Administration Manager; Brad Brooks, BOPU Director; Logan Sharpe, Assistant City Attorney; Wes Bay, Deputy City Engineer; Captain Nate Buseck and Laurie Klipstein, Cheyenne Police Department; Eric Fountain, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Clint Bassett, Water Treatment Manager BOPU; Matt Buelow, Lead Operator, BOPU; Frank Strong, BOPU Operations & Maintenance Manager; Amy Allen, City Engineer; Jay Sullivan, Director of Youth Alternatives; Mary Salas, Administrative Assistant City Council; Richard Zita, Greenway & Parks Planner; and Stephanie Lowe, Cheyenne Public Employee Association.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Marian Orr; Steve Knight, Wyoming Tribune Eagle; Richard Mincer, Cheyenne Animal Shelter Board Vice President; Lowell Harp and Toni Wilder, Bunker Busters; Vicki Dugger, Executive Director DDA; Wendy Volk, CRAFT; Nathan Branton, Cheyenne Regional Airport; Alane West, DDA Board President; Patti Reiland, Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities; Lindsay Worzich, Hirst & Applegate; and JJ Chin.

AGENDA ITEMS

12. **ORDINANCE – 2nd READING –** Appropriating moneys for the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming for the various purposes in conducting the municipal government of said City and fixing the amount of general and special taxes as part of the revenue required to meet the said appropriation, all for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Dicky Shanor moved to approve on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Dr. Mark Rinne. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Dicky Shanor moved to amend by substitute dated June 5, 2019, seconded by Mike Luna. Motion carried with everyone voting "YES" with the exception of Mr. Laybourn who voted "NO".

Dr. Mark Rinne moved to amend the amendment by striking #2 and renumbering amendment, seconded by Jeff White. Motion carried with everyone voting "YES" with the exception of Mr. Esquibel who voted "NO".

Mr. Esquibel moved to amend by reducing the Miscellaneous Department line item by \$50,000.00 to discontinue payment of dues to the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM), seconded by Dr. Mark Rinne. Motion failed with everyone voting "NO" with the exception of Mr. Esquibel voting "YES".

DISCUSSION: Stephanie Lowe, Cheyenne Public Employee Association, requested removal of the employee cap to allow directors to hire as needed as long as they provide the data and the budget to support the hiring which she expressed is necessary to keep up with the City's growth. Ms. Lowe spoke in favor of adding budgeted funding for performance evaluation and merit raises. Ms. Lowe provided data reviewing the 2018 evaluation scores and provided what funding would be needed for one and two percent raise scenarios. JJ Chin spoke in favor of adequate funding for the DDA and the importance of supporting Downtown Cheyenne. Mr. Shanor explained his amendment dated June 5, 2019 which included moving funds to Community Recreation & Events for professional services, removing the language relating to a hiring freeze and adding funds to Revenue from the Reserves line item that shall be paid back from Fiscal Year 2019 reversions. Discussion on the amendment included the total number of current employees and previously approved positions to be filled. Dr. Rinne advised he was uncertain about the language in the #2 bullet point concerning 1% Sales Tax to be used for Right of Way infrastructure improvement with a 1:1 match (private dollar to City dollar). This sentiment was seconded by Mr. Shanor who questioned if using the money would even be allowed. Amy Allen, City Engineer, advised that current City Code would not allow for 1% Sales Tax funding to be used to replace curb and gutter (as intended) and reported current removal and replacement cost for a 5-foot sidewalk. Mr. Esquibel proposed to reduce the Miscellaneous Department to discontinue payment of dues to the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM). Mr. Esquibel expressed his disappointment in the lack of support he feels the organization provides to the City. Dr. Rinne and Mr. Laybourn spoke in support of a continued relationship with WAM.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

Submitted by,



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