

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, in Council Chambers and via electronic meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: President Ken Esquibel, Chairman; Dr. Michelle Aldrich; Bryan Cook; Richard Johnson; Pete Laybourn; Scott Roybal; Tom Segrave; and Jeff White (via Zoom).
Absent: Dr. Mark Rinne.

AGENDA ITEMS

17. ORDINANCE –2nd READING – Amending Section 8.60.080, Non-Compliant Vehicles as a Nuisance, of the Municipal Code of the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming, declaring oversized vehicles as a nuisance, providing for their regulation, clarifying provisions and making conforming amendments. (SPONSORS – DR. ALDRICH AND MR. JOHNSON)

Dr. Aldrich moved to approve on 2nd reading, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Dr. Aldrich moved to amend section 8.60.080 B (1) to remove “seventy-two (72) hours” and replace it with “five (5) days,” seconded by Mr. Segrave. Motion to amend failed, in a tie vote, with President Esquibel and committee members Cook, Johnson, and Laybourn voting “NO” and Aldrich, Roybal, Segrave, and White voting “YES.” Main motion carried with all members voting “YES” with the exception of Laybourn who voted “NO.”

Ward III Councilwoman, Dr. Michelle Aldrich, and co-sponsor of the proposed ordinance provided an overview and noted various complaints she’s received during her time in office. Captain David Janes, Police Department, provided information related to the enforcement of the proposed ordinance. Eric Fountain, Compliance Director, and Anthony Bannon, Compliance Department, provided information related to the department’s ability to provide adequate enforcement. President Esquibel and committee members Cook, Johnson, Laybourn, Roybal, Segrave, and White commented on the item. Public comments were made by Gary Harley and Alan Sheldon.

18. ORDINANCE –2nd READING – Creating Chapter 13.32, Stormwater Runoff Management System, of Title 13, Public Services, of the Municipal Code of the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming, establishing the Stormwater Runoff Management System, imposing a user fee for necessary funding and repealing obsolete provisions. (SPONSOR – MR. JOHNSON)

Mr. Laybourn moved to approve on 2nd reading, seconded by Mr. Roybal. Mr. Laybourn moved to amend by substitute dated November 19, 2024, seconded by Mr. Roybal. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Main motion, as amended, carried with all members voting “YES” with the exception of Aldrich who voted “NO.”

Ward I Councilman, Pete Laybourn, provided an introduction and brief history of the efforts to develop the proposed ordinance. Tom Cobb, City Engineer, and Wes Bay, Stormwater Division Manager, provided a presentation on the proposed ordinance. Engineer Cobb provided substitutes for both item #18 and #19 and noted the substitutes replace (in both documents) the term “impervious area” with “hard surface” as the metric through which property is evaluated for the imposition of the fee. Stefanie Boster, City Attorney, provided information related to communities that have failed to properly manage stormwater programs. President Esquibel and committee members Aldrich, Cook, Johnson, Roybal, and Segrave commented on the item. Committee members Aldrich and Johnson thanked Councilman Laybourn for his extensive efforts on the proposed Stormwater Runoff Management System.

19. ORDINANCE –2nd READING – Specifying the monthly Stormwater Runoff Management System User Fee in accordance with Section 13.32.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming. (SPONSOR – MR. JOHNSON)

Mr. Laybourn moved to approve on 2nd reading, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Mr. Laybourn moved to amend by substitute dated November 19, 2024, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Main motion, as amended, carried with all members voting “YES” with the exception of Aldrich who voted “NO.”

Ward I Councilman, Pete Laybourn, advised the proposed ordinance authorizes the collection of a fee associated with the creation of a Stormwater Runoff Management System and Tom Cobb, City Engineer, provided additional information. John Brodie, Deputy City Attorney, provided information related to the accounting mechanism identified in the ordinance for the funds collected. Committee members Aldrich, Roybal, and Segrave commented on the item. Committee member White extended a thank you to Councilman Laybourn for his efforts on the proposed Stormwater Runoff Management System.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by,



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