

Informal City Council Meeting – November 13, 2012

Present: President Hente, President Pro Tem Martin, Councilmembers Bennett, Czelatdko, Dougan, Herpin, Snider, and Williams. Absent, Councilmember Leigh. Also present, Chief of Staff Neumann and Deputy City Attorney Massey.

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1. **INFORMAL AGENDA CHANGES**

There were no changes.

2. **FORMAL AGENDA CHANGES/COMMENTS – 11/13/2012**

There were no changes or comments.

3. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **Agenda Planner**

Aimee Cox, City Council Administrator, submitted items scheduled for the November 26, 2012, Informal and November 27, 2012, Formal Council meetings.

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B. **Update Regarding City-YMCA Aquatic Facility Partnership.**

There was no direction given.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **General Information**

There was no general information to report.

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B. **Items for Future Action**

- (1) **Presentation on Public Process and Input Regarding Wildfire Mitigation Strategies that are Being Proposed Through an Ordinance Amending the 2009 International Fire Code as Adopted.**

Brett Lacey, Fire Marshall, gave an overview and presentation of the results of the public process and input used to address questions and concerns of the Mountain Shadows residents regarding wildfire mitigation and presented options for Council's consideration.

The consensus from Council is to move forward with Option No. 2.

5. **OPEN LEGAL ITEMS**

A. **George A. Thornton v. Charles Calloway, et al.: Case No. 12-cv-4760**

Wynetta Massey, Deputy City Attorney of Municipal Operations, addressed this item.

6. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS**

Councilmember Czelatdtko stated she was contacted by police officers to see if Council would consider lessening park hours.

President Hente requested Councilmember Czelatdtko initiate that conversation with the Parks Department and report back to Council.

Councilmember Williams stated there is a Stormwater Citizens' Group Meeting Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the CAB, Room 102. She stated, as follow-up, she and Councilmembers Bennett and Snider went to Washington D.C. in October for the Fire Mitigation Committee and met with Under Secretary Harris Sherman and impressed upon him, the importance of the aftermath of the Waldo Cano fire and the effect it is going to have on our community. She stated Mr. Sherman scheduled a meeting in Denver this morning in which she and Councilmember Snider attended and it was an excellent meeting that also included representatives from Larimer County and Greeley. The purpose was to be proactive and to do what they could to help mitigate the fire and the future, not only where it has been burned, but also all areas south of Highway 24. She also stated that Colorado Springs missed the threshold for getting funding from FEMA by \$1.7 Million, so if our loss could help facilitate a change at the Federal level when they start allocating those monies, we will have done something to help the nation.

Councilmember Snider stated they hope to get together in two or three weeks with the group at the Denver meeting to find out what kind of funding may be out there to help the Waldo Cano recovery.

Councilmember Bennett stated he and Councilmember Williams went to Pueblo last week and met with a group from the lower Arkansas Valley, which included the County Commissioner from Pueblo, to do some networking and build relationships and feels it was a very productive meeting. He stated that a meeting has never been scheduled with the Pueblo County Commissioners or City Council and he would like to see that relationship move forward.

Ms. Cox requested direction from Council regarding comments received from CONO on the redistricting process and amending the current ordinance.

President Pro Tem Martin suggested it be brought back to Council sometime in January.