

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Casper City Hall

Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Draft Parking Study Presentation (Aaron Kloke)
2. MVPP Discussion (Fleur Tremel)
3. Hogadon, Fort Caspar, Ice Arena Rates Discussion (Tim Cortez)
4. Metro Animal Control Fees (Liz Becher)
5. Agenda Review
6. Legislative Update
7. Council Around the Table
8. Executive Session - Personnel

The work session was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

MPO Supervisor, Aaron Kloke, gave a presentation on the draft of the downtown parking study. He explained that the study encompasses the entire urban center including the downtown business district and the Old Yellowstone District. He reviewed input from the Technical and Stakeholder Committees, which included the finding that enforcement needs improvement, and the parking garage needs more investment and better management so that there is better utilization. Priorities were identified and included a better integrated approach from the Police Department, the Downtown Development Authority, and Community Development, and better pedestrian enhancements. He then reviewed data that showed that there are 8,100 total parking spaces that are only utilized at a 45% rate (industry standard is 80% utilization), low turnover rate, and high vehicle violations. There are eleven key recommendations, including housing and organizing a parking program within the City and evaluating investment of on-street and off-street parking technology.

Councilmember Powell stated that employees often monopolize the parking spaces downtown, and asked about the cost of metered parking to help with this issue. Mr. Kloke stated that the report outlines a detailed budget for a metered parking investment. The initial investment of meters for 500 spaces would be \$500K and another \$80K for installation. On-street meters would bring in an estimated \$450K-\$500K annually in revenue. Mr. Kloke then explained why it has been difficult to collect parking tickets and stated that working with the City Attorney's Office and Finance Department may help with the process. Councilmember Laird asked about the relationship between lack of parking and food trucks, and Mr. Kloke responded that there are many more components affecting food trucks than just parking. He also discussed pedestrian amenities, and stated that people are more willing to walk further if they feel safe and are in a comfortable atmosphere. He then described that there are two different issues affecting downtown in relationship to parking: vibrancy and accessibility. He stated that in order to make downtown more vibrant, it needs to be a place that people want to go. The study also explored two different categories of parkers: employees and shoppers, and stated that there should be a focus on making

parking easier for both categories of parkers. Mr. Kloke explained that this is just a draft, and if Council has any additional comments or questions to let him know so that these concerns can be addressed in the final draft.

Mayor Pacheco asked for Council to RSVP for the Servants United Lunch.

Mayor Pacheco stated that Council decided to postpone the rest of the agenda items, so that Councilmembers could attend the “Pack the Park” event for the Casper Police Department wounded officer. He then led Council and the audience in a moment of silence for the officer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur D. Tremel
City Clerk

Ray Pacheco
Mayor