

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Casper City Hall

Council Meeting Room

### **AGENDA**

1. One Cent Survey Results & Suggested Projects
2. Agenda Review

Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Powell, Laird, Humphrey, Morgan, Johnson, Hopkins, Huber, Walsh, and Mayor Pacheco.

City Manager Napier began the meeting by discussing the One Cent #16 suggested projects and stated that staff was recommending that Council allocate \$6M to community projects. He recommended that Council pass a resolution on October 2<sup>nd</sup> explaining how they are choosing to allocate One Cent #16 dollars, so that the public has at least 30 days to review that before the One Cent #16 vote in November. City Attorney Henley then reviewed legal issues pertaining to the City's allocating money to social service agencies. He stated that there are some agencies that he does not believe meet the statutory guidelines, and advised that Council be very mindful of these statutes when allocating the funds. City Manager Napier then reviewed the general categorical recommendations for expending the One Cent #16 funds based on the community survey results. He stated that fire, police, streets and water received the highest priorities from citizens and therefore have the highest amount of dollars allocated to them. He went over other projects that are recommended to receive funding such as community projects, subsidized swimming, river restoration, the Casper Events Center, and trail expansion and repair. Jolene Martinez, Assistant to the City Manager, also reviewed recommended funding for the Platte River Restoration.

City Manager Napier reviewed the ways that staff gathered input in order to make these recommendations, which included hiring a survey firm who gathered data from a scientifically significant and representative sample of citizens. Six-hundred surveys were collected from this sample which makes the sample statistically valid. Staff also held public meetings and offered an online survey to all citizens. Council then discussed the high cost of a Police Station project and the One Cent #16 allocation recommended for land acquisition and design. Department heads from Fire, Public Services, Police and Parks and Recreation then described the projects that were included in the staff recommendation for allocation of One Cent #16 funds that pertained to each of their departments. Council discussed utilizing one cent funds to maintain the City's facilities as opposed to giving that money out to other agencies. Council directed staff to make a list of high priority second tier projects that those \$6M in one cent funds could be used for. City Manager Napier asked that Council still look at prioritizing the agency funding.

The work session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur D. Tremel  
City Clerk

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Ray Pacheco  
Mayor