

## COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Casper City Hall

Council Meeting Room

### AGENDA

1. Casper Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Update (Brook Kaufman)
2. Casper Area Trails, Path and Bikeway Plan Update (Liz Becher)
3. Summer Pool Usage Discussion (Tim Cortez)
4. Soil Compaction in Residential Areas – Draft Ordinance (John Henley)
5. One Cent Projects
6. Agenda Review
7. Legislative Update
8. Council Around the Table

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

Council had a moment of silence in recognition of the deaths of City of Casper employee Darren Mizokami and his wife Kim Mizokami.

Councilmember Humphrey introduced Brook Kaufman, CEO of Casper Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, to update Council on Natrona County tourism. She reviewed the ballot initiative for a lodging tax and reviewed Natrona County's diverse marketing economy. She then reviewed Visit Casper's budget allocations, described their relationship with the City, and discussed the conference center study. She also described their future goals and stated that they would like the City to partner with them to provide convention transportation.

Next, Councilmember Humphrey introduced Liz Becher, Community Development Director, to review the trails, path and bike plan. Ms. Becher stated that this update is part of the master implementation schedule, and tonight she would be describing the Bike/Ped Plan that includes sidewalks and bike paths. She reviewed 20 goals that were part of that plan and described the progress that has been made for things like patrol officers, bicycle safety ordinances, wayfinding, striping, and sidewalk gaps. She states that there will be bimonthly updates to the City Manager from the Infrastructure Committee and those updates will also come to Council.

Next, Tim Cortez, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the cost containment strategies for pool usage. He described how usage at pools like Marion Kreiner have come up before, and in order to ascertain the usage of that pool, the City made that facility free for this summer. This ended up tripling the attendance at that pool; other pools' attendance was also good. Council gave their thumbs up for Marion Kreiner pool to have free attendance in the future and asked that staff look into the cost of making all pools free and put those estimates in the info packet.

Next, City Attorney Henley reviewed the proposal involving soil compaction requirements that Council requested. He explained that there is a lawsuit pending from homeowners whose foundations are shifting. He stated that soil compaction requirements would not necessarily fix that problem, and instead a different type of foundation should have been used in those cases. Therefore, he recommends that if Council does want to pursue this issue, they instead implement an ordinance for soils testing requirements. He reviewed the proposed ordinance which would require geotesting. The ordinance would put the responsibility of fixing these problems on the contractor and the hired engineering firm. Council discussed concerns about the extra cost that would be incurred by contractors if this was to move forward. Council gave their thumbs down to move this draft ordinance forward for formal consideration.

Mayor Pacheco arrived to the work session at 5:37 p.m.

Next, Council discussed One Cent #16 Community Project allocations. Council decided to average the votes from every Councilmember and only move a project forward if it had received a vote for funding from the majority of Councilmembers. Council then discussed funding for every applicant and came up with an agreed upon total for each, with a goal of keeping the total around \$3M. They agreed to award funding to the following agencies: Self Help Center, \$220,556; Casper Mountain Ski Patrol, \$3,000; UW Extension of Natrona County, \$99,013; Natrona County Public Library, \$300,815; CASA, \$15,556; Mercer Family Resource Center, \$128,022; Children’s Advocacy Project, \$138,333; Joshua’s Storehouse, \$13,000; Casper Sports Alliance, \$37,444; Youth Crisis Center, \$279,240; Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters, \$152,378; Child Development Center, \$85,000; Interfaith of Natrona County, \$136,667; Natrona County Meals On Wheels, \$34,722; Seton House, \$145,222; Wyoming Food for Thought Project, \$78,333; Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies, \$20,000; United Way, \$15,151; Boys & Girls Club, \$229,964; Downtown Development Authority, \$14,506; Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions, \$153,333; Science Zone, \$334,444; Central Wyoming Senior Services, \$212,469; Arc of Natrona County, \$46,667; Central Wyoming Rescue Mission, \$116,644; and Natrona County Health Department, \$41,667. The total amount allocated for community projects was \$3,052,146. Council discussed that \$2.3M would go towards staff’s recommended second tier projects. These totals will be part of the resolution that is moved forward for formal consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

The work session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur D. Tremel  
City Clerk

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Ray Pacheco  
Mayor