

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

City/County/Town of Wright

June 3, 2014

12:00 p.m.

A Workshop of the City Council of the City of Gillette, County of Campbell, State of Wyoming, was held on Tuesday the 3rd day of June 2014, in the second floor Community Room at City Hall, pursuant to due notice and call. The Presiding Officer called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Council Members present: Robin Kuntz, Kevin McGrath, Louise Carter-King, Ted Jerred, and Mayor John Opseth.

Council Members absent: Tim Carsrud and Forrest Rothleutner.

Staff present: J. Carter Napier, City Administrator; Charlie Anderson, City Attorney; Kendall Glover, Utilities Director; Joe Lunne, Public Information Officer; Patti Davidsmeier, Community and Gov't Relations Coordinator; and Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk.

County Commissioners present: Matt Avery, Garry Becker, Dan Coolidge, Mickey Shober, and Chairman Mark Christensen.

Town of Wright present: Councilman Danny Preston, and Brandi Beecher, Economic Development Coordinator.

Others present: Bob Palmer, Susan Saunders, Carol Seeger, and Kendra Como.

### Optional One Percent Update

Public Information Officer Lunne gave an educational presentation on the optional One Percent, and more specifically, the project that he has been working on over the past couple years called "Boom to Bloom." The presentation gave examples of projects completed with One Percent funds and comparisons of how the area looked prior to the project versus what it looks like today.

### Convention & Visitors Bureau Facility Project

Mary Silvernell, Executive Director, introduced members of the Lodging Tax Board and began the discussion by stating that they are looking for a consensus of how to move forward with the Visitor's Center. She wanted the group to know that the Visitor Center's plans are to pay rent as part of re-payment for funding. She feels the current cost estimates are conservative, but won't know until the site location is chosen. Even though the site location at the Cam-Plex exit has been questioned because of the railroad crossing, she feels this is an area of growth and still the best location. After the discussion, it seemed to be the consensus of both the City and County to choose a location closer to the exit on the north side of the railroad tracks. Discussion of funding took place along with the possibility of using consensus dollars.

### UW/CCEDC/MWCCD Incubator Project

Jonathon Benson, University of Wyoming Business Center, gave an overview to business incubation; building location, size and design; construction costs; operating subsidy; funding sources; and project timeline. After some discussion, Chairman Christensen informed the group that the Commissioners are not in a position to contribute funding to the project but would be interested in future conversations in regard to the project. City Administrator Napier

stated that his sense from the Council is the dorms at the college would take precedence over any other funding or long term commitments.

Air Enhancement

Chairman Christensen gave a presentation in regard to the forecast of airline and airport development that included Gillette's future air service options, as well as current funding, proposed subsidies, and funding assistance. Discussion of the need for increased capacity air service and how losing air service could be detrimental to economic development also took place.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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John Opseth, Mayor

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Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk  
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