

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 28th day of March 2017.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, Lundvall, McGrath, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King; Administrator Napier; Attorneys Davidson and Reyes, Directors Aguirre, Boger, Glover, Hamilton, Pitlick and Wilde; Lt. Deaton; Managers Palazzari and Davidsmeier; and City Clerk Abelseth.

Warm Up Items

Councilman Montgomery stated that he had heard Mayor Carter-King's interview on NPR and expressed that she had done a great job. Councilman McGrath thanked the Streets division for a job well done on Foothills Blvd. Administrator Napier reminded Council of packets that were distributed with regard to the applicants seeking the available retail liquor license(s). Mr. Napier suggested assigning a date for Council to entertain the applicant's presentations, allowing each applicant 15 minutes. Council directed staff to assign a date for these presentations.

Gillette Gun Club Request

Director Hamilton began by explaining the lease agreement between the City and the Gun Club. The caretakers, who live in the mobile home on the property, are leaving. The Gun Club approached the City as to whether or not the Gun Club could replace the mobile home if the caretakers take the mobile home with them or, purchase the mobile home from the caretakers and leave it where it is. Mr. Hamilton explained, as per the lease agreement, Council needs to be made aware of any changes to the property. Staff recommends either option and will keep the Council informed of what the Gun Club decides. Administrator Napier assured Council that the Gun Club is not requesting funds to pay for the mobile home; this is only a formality in keeping with the lease agreement. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to support staff's recommendation of either option.

National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program

Administrator Napier provided background information regarding the program offered through NLC of which, other cities have taken advantage. Robert Metson, Utility Service Partners, Inc., provided information regarding the service line warranty program. After some discussion, Councilman Barks stated that he does not believe that it is the role of the City to buy, or somehow endorse the sale of insurance to the citizens of Gillette, and he is certainly against the City's logo being used on mailings where 80% of those mailings will be thrown out. Staff will take this information and provide a recommendation at a later time.

Revised Yard Waste Program Discussion

Wastewater Manager Molder and Director Wilde provided a presentation and recommendations for enhancements to the compost program. Mr. Molder's recommendations are to increase the cost of compost, for both bio-solids and yard waste compost from \$10 and \$15 to \$20 per yard, only staff two seasonal workers and close on Sundays, and limit contractors' compost purchases to 50 yards per month. Mr. Wilde's recommendation is to keep the program cost at \$9.60 per customer, collect a year's worth of data and bring recommendations back to the Council for possible adjustments. After the discussion, Council supported staff's recommendations regarding the yard waste program.

Finance Pre-Budget Presentation

Director Pitlick provided information regarding the Finance Department's budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Administration Pre-Budget Presentation

Community and Government Relations Manager Davidsmeier provided information regarding Administration's budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Review April 4th Council Agenda

The group discussed the upcoming agenda items.

Executive Session

Councilman McGrath made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss litigation; seconded by Councilman Barks. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. An audio recording of this meeting is available in the City Clerk's Office.

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ATTEST:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor