

A Work Session Meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday the 29th day of August 2017.

Present were Councilmen Barks, Carsrud, Kuntz, Lundvall, McGrath, Montgomery, and Mayor Carter-King; Interim Administrator Davidson; Interim Attorney Reyes; Directors Aguirre, Cole, Pitlick, and Wilde; Interim Director VonEye; Managers Palazzari and Davidsmeier; and Deputy City Clerk Staskiewicz.

Others present were Michelle Henderson, Lt. Brent Wasson, and Deca Wasson.

### **Warm Up Items**

Councilman McGrath stated his support to name the new shelter at Dalbey Park in honor of all United States Military Branches. He informed Council that he will attend the next Parks Board meeting in September to discuss the topic. Councilman Montgomery stated that a citizen contacted him to commend Animal Control for their exemplary customer service, care of the animals, and upkeep of the animal shelter. Councilman Kuntz asked why no automated crosswalk exists on Boxelder for Sunflower School students. Interim Development Services Director VonEye informed Council that because of the number of students bussed to school, versus the number of students that walk to school, this location was not identified on the Master Plan for Safe Routes to School to be in need of an automated crosswalk. Interim Director VonEye stated that staff will research the current student data to determine if a change is needed. Mayor Carter-King expressed excitement and anticipation for the X-Prize Competition at the Integrated Test Center (ITC), located at the Dry Fork Station outside of Gillette.

### **Winland Industrial Park Update and Grant Application**

Interim Director VonEye informed Council that due to the volume of SLIB funding applications and reduced funding available, the Wyoming Business Council's staff recommendation would be no funding for the Winland Industrial Park project. Interim Director VonEye asked Council for direction as to whether a City representative should attend the WBC Board meeting in September to pursue partial funding of the project, which could be utilized for a scaled-down version of the project, with priority on updating water and sewer infrastructure and providing improved fire suppression in the area. The requested street improvements could then be incorporated into future pavement management projects. Interim Director VonEye advised that another option would be to withdraw the grant application for the Winland project and apply for SLIB grant funding for the City's fiber project, which might have a better chance for SLIB funding approval. Winland Board Members, Brenda Murphy and Lee Yake, expressed concern over the possibility of losing businesses, currently located in the Industrial Park, if necessary fire suppression upgrades are not completed. After discussion, Council advised Staff to withdraw the application for the Winland Industrial Park project and apply for grant funding for the City's upcoming fiber expansion project. Council also supported the appropriation of City funds, with the possibility of utilizing 1% funds, for the scaled-down Winland Industrial Park Water and Sewer Project, including the upgrade for fire suppression. The Industrial Park street improvements could be incorporated into future PMS projects over the next 3-5 years.

### **Employee Benefits Presentation**

Human Resources Director Aguirre, Medical Fund/Retiree Trust Manager Wasson, and Memorial Hospital Wellness Program Supervisor, Tanya Allee, gave a presentation on the history of the employee medical program. The Medical Task Force recommendations for 2018 include a 3% medical and dental premium increase for employees/employer, which has been incorporated into the approved budget; a transfer of \$200,000, per the Medical Fund Reserves Policy, to cover the current reserve deficit; and the addition of an optional High Deductible Health Plan with a Health Savings Account Plan. Staff reminded Council that a Resolution reflecting the 2018 recommended changes will be presented for Council's approval in September to prepare for the upcoming open enrollment process.

### **Review September 5th Council Agenda**

The upcoming agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

### **Executive Session**

Councilman Barks made a motion to move into an Executive Session, following the police simulator demonstration, to discuss personnel; seconded by Councilman McGrath. All voted aye. The motion carried.

### **Simulator Demonstration**

Council and staff relocated to the sally port of City Hall for a police simulator demonstration.

**Adjournment**

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel at 8:20 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Cindy Staskiewicz, Deputy City Clerk  
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Louise Carter-King, Mayor