City of Woodland Park

February 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Following a work session regarding Short Term Rentals/Title 5, Mayor LaBarre called the regularly scheduled Council Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The following Councilmembers were in attendance: Mayor LaBarre, Mayor Pro-tem Case, Councilmember Harvey, Councilmember Nakai, Councilmember Connors, and Councilmember Zuluaga. Councilmember Neal was absent.

The following staff members were in attendance: City Manager Vassalotti, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq (via zoom), Communications Coordinator Higgenbotham, City Attorney Williams and IT Technician Barnes.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CEREMONIES, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Consideration of application from Kevin O'Neill for re-appointment to the Board of Adjustment. (A)
(Presenter Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq)

Mr. O'Neill was not in attendance. This item was postponed to a future Council meeting.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Ordinance No. 1471, Series 2024 on initial posting, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park, Colorado, reducing the City Sales Tax by 1.09%, effective January 1, 2025, and set the Public Hearing for March 7, 2024. ***(L)***
(Presenter City Manager Vassalotti)

This item was moved to Item 8 on the agenda so that Public Comment could be heard.

B. Approval of the January 2024 Statement of Expenditures and Authorize the Mayor to sign Warrants in payment thereof.
(Presenter City Manager Vassalotti)

Motion: to approve the January 2024 Statement of Expenditures and Authorize the Mayor to sign Warrants in payment thereof. Nakai/Connors. Motion carried 6-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (1)

Arnie Sparnins - thanked the Council for their hardwork on Title 5 and Short Term Rentals this evening.

Kitten Walker - shared information on an upcoming Candidate Forum being held at Woodland

Park High School on March 20.

Carol Greenstreet - shared information on the IGA regarding the 1.09% sales tax for the Woodland Park School District.

Linda Murray - wanted to remind Council of Choice Schools and to keep special services in mind.

Khurshid Rogers - supported Council on an IGA with the School District providing oversight on how the dollars are being spent.

John Pacheco - shared information on the IGA between the School District and the City of Woodland Park. He also shared that the two entities should get back to holding their quarterly meetings.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Public Comment may be heard)

8. ORDINANCES ON INITIAL POSTING

(Public comment may be heard)

At this time, Council held discussion on Ordinance No. 1471, Series 2024 on initial posting, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park, Colorado, reducing the City Sales Tax by 1.09%, effective January 1, 2025 and set the Public Hearing for March 7, 2024.

Councilmember Zuluaga shared that the Ordinance was premature and that it should be tabled until after the work session being held with the Woodland Park School Board on February 29.

The following motion was made.

Motion: to table Ordinance No.1471, Series 2024 until a future date following the February 29th work session between the City of Woodland Park and the Woodland Park Board of Education. Zuluaga/Connors. Motion failed 2-4 with Case, LaBarre, Nakai and Harvey voting no.

Mayor Pro-tem Case shared that she felt that the Ordinance should move forward so that the Council can hear all the public comments. Councilmember Harvey shared that she would like to hear the public discussion and was feeling optimistic that an agreement would be reached on February 29. She would like to move the Ordinance forward to the Public Hearing so that the City does not lose leverage regarding this issue if an agreement cannot be made. Councilmember Zuluaga shared that he felt this approach was disrespectful to the school board. Mayor LaBarre shared that she doesn't appreciate the comments, saying the city is "threatening" the School Board.

At this time Mayor LaBarre opened up public comment.

Then following individuals spoke:

Tim Northrup - shared that he was disheartened from the last Council Meeting threatening to take the Sales Tax away from the School District.

Gwen Pekron - shared that she was involved from the beginning of the Sales Tax Ordinance and that the School District has never spent outside the items listed on the ballot. Pekron shared that the CFO of the School District has presented the Sales Tax expenditure report every June.

There being no further public comment the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve Ordinance No. 1471, series 2024 on initial posting, an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park, Colorado, reducing the City Sales Tax by 1.09%, effective January 1, 2024 and set the Public Hearing for March 7, 2024. Harvey/Nakai. Motion carried 4-2 with Zuluaga and Connors voting no.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Public comment may be heard)

10. NEW BUSINESS

(Public comment may be heard)

A. Approval of Resolution No. 912, Series 2024 - Amendments to the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful Committee (KWPB) by-laws. (A)
(Presenter - Chair of the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful Committee Kassidi Gilgenast)

Kassidi Gilgenast, Chair of the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful Committee, presented the amendments to the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful by-laws.

There being no Council discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve Resolution No. 912, Series 2024 - Amendments to the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful Committee by-laws. Case/Nakai. Motion carried 6-0

11. REPORTS

(Public comment not necessary)

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor LaBarre shared the events for the next two weeks.

B. Council Reports

Mayor Pro-tem Case shared an update of recovery rates for Parks and Recreation and a PPACG-CDOT update.

Councilmember Zuluaga shared that KWPB needs volunteers.

Councilmember Nakai gave a brief update of the UAC.

Councilmember Connors shared upcoming Veteran events and updated the Council on the HPC.

C. City Attorney's Report

No report.

D. City Manager's Report

Deputy City Manager Leclercq shared an election update. Leclercq shared that the UOCAVA ballots have been mailed and that ther regular ballots will be mailed beginning the week of March 11.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further City business, Mayor LaBarre adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzanne Leclercq MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF March, 2024

Hilary LaBarre, Mayor