

Woodland Park City Council
Council Chambers – City Hall
September 19, 2019, 7:00 PM

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1. ROLL CALL

- A. The following members of Council present were: Mayor Levy, Mayor Pro-Tem Carr, Kellie Case, Hilary LaBarre, Paul Saunier and Noel Sawyer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following Staff Members were also in attendance for this meeting:

City Manager Darrin Tangeman	Planning Director Sally Riley
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Suzanne Leclercq	Deputy City Clerk Chrissy Stapleford
City Attorney Jason Meyers	Deputy Public Works Director Ben Schmitt
Public Works Director Kip Wiley	Commander Ryan Holzworth
Community Engagement Manager Karen Casey	

3. CEREMONIES, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Presentation of the 32nd Annual Veterans Rally (1:57)
Presenter: Jim Wear

Jim Wear thanked the City for their assistance on the 32nd annual Veterans Ride. Wear presented the City with a photo of the Rally as a thank you. The Mayor presented Mr. Wear with a Mayors pin.

- B. Appointments to the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful Committee.
Presenter: Suzanne Leclercq, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk

City Clerk Leclercq shared with Council that the Clerks office had received an application from Susan Janicki who is interested in serving on Keep Woodland Park Beautiful. Mayor Levy invited Ms. Janicki to the podium to introduce herself.

MOTION: To appoint Susan Janicki as a Member of Keep Woodland Park Beautiful. Case/Carr. 6-0. Motion carried.

Assistant City Manager / City Clerk Suzanne Leclercq administered the oath of office.

- C. Presentation from the Rampart Library District (11:38)
Presenter: Michelle Petrazoulo

Michelle Petrazoulo, Director of the Rampart Library District presented the vision and mission of the Library District. Pertazoulo gave a history of the Library and the programs offered.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

1. None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR: (27:47)

- A. Approve minutes of August 29, 2019 Special Meeting and September 5, 2019 Council Meeting.
Administrative
Presenter: Suzanne Leclercq, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk
- B. August 2019 Statement of Expenditures.
Administrative
Presenter: Emily Katsimpalis, Finance Director

City Clerk Leclercq read the consent agenda into the record.

MOTION: To approve Consent Calendar. Carr/Sawyer. 6-0. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: (29:30)

1. Michael Dalton shared that he had issue with the attitude of City Council towards volunteers on boards and committies.
2. Ellen Haase mentioned her history within the community and stated that she wants there to be a positive conversation tonight.
3. Maria Sinnel was upset with the process of the Deer Task Force and urged Council to listen to the Community this evening.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the 2009 Woodland Station and Disposition and Development Agreement. (42:38)
Administrative
Presenter: Jason Meyers, City Attorney

City Attorney Jason Meyers presented the Second Amendment to the 2009 Woodland Station and Disposition and Development Agreement.

MOTION: To approve the Second Amendment to the 2009 Woodland Station and Disposition and Development Agreement. Case/Sawyer. 6-0. Motion carried.

8. ORDINANCES ON INITIAL POSTING:

1. Consider Ordinance 1354, Series 2019 on initial posting imposing a temporary moratorium on accepting applications for detached single-family uses in MFS, and MFU zones and set the Public Hearing for October 3, 2019. (44:39)
Administrative
Presenter: Jason Meyers, City Attorney and Sally Riley, Planning Director

Councilmember LaBarre recused herself.

Planning Director Sally Riley presented staff's findings on Ordinance 1354, Series 2019. City Attorney Jason Meyers made the statement that this Ordinance would only effect 10 properties.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 1354, Series 2019 on initial posting imposing a temporary moratorium on accepting applications for detached single-family uses in MFS, MFU, and AG zones and set the Public Hearing for October 3, 2019. Sawyer/Carr. 5-0. Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Consider an Appeal (APL19-003) by the Village at Tamarac, LLC Managing Member Pete LaBarre from the administrative decision regarding Condition #2 of the Site Plan Review (SPR19-001) Certified Approval Letter dated July 23, 2019 for 53 detached single family units on Lot 5, Tamarac Tech Park Filing No. 5 (Tamarac Parkway) in the Multi-Family Residential Suburban (MFS) zone. (Table to October 3, 2019) (50:32)

Quasi-Judicial

Presenter: Jason Meyers, City Attorney and Sally Riley, Planning Director

Councilmember LaBarre recused herself.

City Attorney Jason Meyers asked that this appeal be tabled until October 3, 2019 because of ongoing negotiations.

MOTION: To Table until October 3, 2019 an Appeal (APL19-003) by the Village at Tamarac, LLC Managing Member Pete LaBarre from the administrative decision regarding Condition #2 of the Site Plan Review (SPR19-001) Certified Approval Letter dated July 23, 2019 for 53 detached single family units on Lot 5, Tamarac Tech Park Filing No. 5 (Tamarac Parkway) in the Multi-Family Residential Suburban (MFS) zone. Carr/Saunier. 5-0. Motion carried.

At this time Mayor Levy read the QJ announcement into the record.

- B. Consider a minor subdivision known as Sturman Parkway Filing No.1 containing 12.15 acres in the E1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 S., Range 69 W. of the 6PM (1115 Sturman Parkway) in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zone as request by Sharon Roshek (Applicant), Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons and Sturman Properties, LLC (Property Owners). (52:09)

Quasi-Judicial

Presenter: Sally Riley, Planning Director

Planning Director Sally Riley presented regarding the subdivision and gave a brief history of the parcel.

Applicant Sharon Roshek thanked the staff for all their work. Roshek answered questions posed by the City Council.

MOTION: To approve a minor subdivision known as Sturman Parkway Filing No.1 containing 12.15 acres in the E1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 S., Range 69 W. of the 6PM (1115 Sturman Parkway) in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zone as request by Sharon Roshek (Applicant), Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons and Sturman Properties, LLC (Property Owners). Sawyer/LaBarre. 6-0. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Approval of Deer Management Plan. (01:02:40)

Administrative

~~Presenter: Carol Harvey, Councilmember~~

Mayor Levy announced that Councilmember Harvey has resigned from City Council and acknowledged her leadership of the Deer Task Force.

Mayor Levy read the following statement:

Tonight, you will hear and consider an urban deer management plan prepared for you by the Woodland Park Mule Deer Task Force. The plan is intended to provide several herd management options researched by a

group of community members with input from the Woodland Park city staff. It is a comprehensive plan that includes several solutions for addressing Mule Deer over-population in the nearly seven square miles of the City of Woodland Park.

The matrix you have in front of you highlights each option with a recommended start time and estimated cost. It also identifies the most appropriate individual or organization that would execute the option. Finally, the matrix also identifies future actions that need to be analyzed as science and technology advances.

Increases in Woodland Park's Mule Deer population, combined with continued urban development, has led to more and more contact between deer and residents. Residents welcome many of these encounters, but, as the number of encounters increase, more of them are becoming unwelcome. Additionally, Mule Deer within the city limits have become increasingly human habituated, a concern not only for the citizens of Woodland Park, but also a concern for overall species health.

There has been growing concern from wildlife management organizations and law enforcement agencies, as well as a form residents, regarding the current deer population within the City. These concerns are the result of increased vehicle collisions in town, increased numbers of wildlife conflict calls, increases in the number of predator calls in town, and an increase in calls reporting poor condition or injuries to the Mule Deer within the City limits.

The issues related to Mule Deer and human interfaces have been the topic of numerous city forums. In 2017, Colorado Parks and Wildlife began annual ground surveys of the City Mule Deer population and reported their findings to the Woodland Park City Council on an annual basis. In 2018, CPW, along with Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce, hosted a community meeting with over 100 participants, to further discuss the impact of an ever-increasing Mule Deer herd within the City limits. Two additional City Council-hosted work sessions occurred in 2019 to discuss the extent of herd overpopulation and to explore potential remedies to address the problems associated with deer and human conflicts.

In July 2019, the Woodland Park City Council recommended the formation of a community Deer Management Task Force. Eighteen local residents volunteered to serve on the Task Force. At the first meeting of the Task Force here in City Hall, the Task Force Chair, the Woodland Park Chief of Police, a representative from CPW, and the City Attorney responded to questions and committed to whatever support the group needed to analyze both lethal and non-lethal techniques to deal with the city's Mule Deer population.

At the first meeting, we provided some very important statistics for consideration when assessing whether the number of Mule Deer in Woodland Park has exceeded a social carrying capacity. Here are the numbers:

- In February of 2017, 2018 and 2019 Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers, in conjunction with area wildlife specialists and City volunteers, conducted ground surveys of the Mule Deer in town. The teams surveyed at specific times and followed several different routes to avoid duplication. During all three surveys, they recorded the time, sex and estimated age of each deer encountered. Deer locations were plotted on a map, as well as their direction of travel, when possible. The raw data was analyzed in order to come up with the most conservative estimates possible.
- In 2017, the teams observed 284 deer. In 2018--312 deer. That's about 40 deer per square mile in 2017 and 48 deer per square mile in 2018. In 2019 we observed 207 deer. This drop in overall numbers was attributed to sighting conditions the day of the survey. In 2017 and 2018, the weather was nice and the deer were up moving around, feeding and relatively easy to see.

- In 2019 it was extremely cold with bone-chilling winds and the deer wanted to stay in shelter. Many deer were bedded down under decks, next to houses, behind woodpiles or in dense stands of trees. This made the deer much harder to spot. However, all three surveys afforded the survey teams an index of the population and an estimate fawn production. The fawn-to-doe ratio is important because it can help tell us if the population is growing, stable or decreasing. The ratio in Woodland Park was about 88 fawns per 100 does, in 2017 and 2018. In 2019 we observed 105 fawns per 100 does. These are very high ratios and suggest the deer population is booming. By comparison, the three-year average fawn-to-doe ratio for CPW's entire Southeast Region was about 53 fawns per 100 does.
- In addition to the data collected by CPW, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) also collects annual data on vehicle wildlife collisions and human injuries related to those collisions. CDOT collects data annually by species killed in vehicle collisions and also by mile markers. In 2009, there were a total of 39 recorded Mule Deer vehicle collisions from mile marker 280-300. In 2018, CDOT reported that there were 75 total Mule Deer vehicle collisions within the same mile markers, almost double the amount only 8 years prior. While some may argue that that trend reflects an increase in traffic and humans, it undeniably also indicates an increase in the Mule Deer population.
- While State agency data alone indicates an increase in the population of Mule Deer in the city, City of Woodland Park data shows a similar trend. The police department has documented an increase in deer-related wrecks, which are dangerous and expensive. The local Allstate insurance agency advised in 2017 that the cost on average of one of these collisions was about \$4,800.
- These wrecks are a threat to human health and safety. People often are injured and can die when their car collides with deer. Woodland Park PD reported 166 calls in 2017, 187 in 2018, and already 78 through the first week of July in 2019. It is important to note that the historic months with most deer-related calls are still to come. And those are just the reported calls.

Moving onto the overpopulation mitigation options, the Task Force was directed to assess the impact of the Mule Deer herd relevant to the safety and security of the community and recommend appropriate and feasible methods to address impacts on the community.

The Task Force divided into two sub-committees, each with the goal of producing a comprehensive Management Plan that would include feasible solutions for near term execution. Sub-committee members were also asked to provide cost estimates, timelines for action, and metrics to measure the success of recommended actions.

Following the first meeting, the task force met collectively on two more occasions. These two meetings provided an opportunity for sub-committee chairs to brief on their progress and to ask city and CPW representatives for assistance, if needed. All other meetings were facilitated by the sub-committee chairs and involved hundreds of hours of research, interviews, and field visits. The collective effort in producing the management plan presented to you this evening is nothing short of miraculous. We are forever in the debt of all involved.

At the first Task Force meeting, several potential herd management techniques were discussed, based on the analysis of wildlife experts, other municipalities across the nation, and the insurance industry. All of these options were further analyzed by the Task Force members for applicability in our City.

1. All Task Force members agreed that public education is a key component of dealing with the urban herd. Numerous education initiatives have been available to the residents for several years in Teller County and Woodland Park-provided by CPW, the Mule Deer Foundation and the University of Colorado Extension office. This effort is noteworthy, but not tailored to this City and our unique herd challenges. The Task Force will recommend some education options that will be tailored to this community-a crucial piece of an overall strategy.
2. Laws prohibiting intentional feeding of deer in the City limits were also addressed. Council championed a city ordinance in November of last year that significantly increased the fines and penalties for feeding wildlife. The monetary amounts and the possibility of incarceration for habitual feeders exceeds the State's current fine. To date, seven residents have been warned not to feed deer. The warnings are part of an overall education plan, but I do not expect law or code enforcement officers to be as lenient going forward.
3. Fencing and barriers were researched as a means to protect gardens and ornamental plants. Unfortunately, depending on the fence this can cause another issue -deer entanglements. These can be deadly to deer depending on the circumstances. Every year the police and CPW respond to deer entangled in a fence or wire from one. However, the task force will discuss fencing options that would present minimum physical threat to deer.
4. Contraception and sterilization were assessed. At this time, the only approved drugs for deer birth control aren't approved for mule deer. Studies conducted by CPW and the Mule Deer Working Group of the Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, report that for sterilization to be effective, 70% of the does in a closed herd need to be sterilized. Mule deer have natural migration patterns of up to 250 miles and can average 50-70 miles. Because of our open population, sterilization may not be effective. The Task Force recommends both contraception and sterilization options remain on the option matrix for continued analysis.
5. Some wildlife agencies are capturing and relocating urban deer to more remote, suitable habitat on a limited basis. This approach is labor- and cost-intensive, with uncertain effectiveness and is impacted by biological factors such as disease transfer and low survival rates of transplanted animals. Bottom Line - due to biological considerations the trap and transplant option is not considered viable or acceptable by CPW.
6. In order to reduce or prevent deer-vehicle collisions, various non- lethal mitigation measures have been studied and techniques continue to be developed. Many measures show potential, but they may not reduce deer populations. Technology-based deployments, such as animal-detection driver warning systems, is one area that shows potential in reducing deer-vehicle incidents. The Task Force recommends this option be assessed, in coordination with CDOT, for suitability in this community, as well as stationary crossing signs in select areas. A cost analysis of these approaches is also provided.
7. One lethal option is for the city to hire sharpshooters and cull the deer at night. Again, this option can be expensive, ranging from \$600 to almost \$1,000 per deer. The Task Force did not recommend the option at this time.
8. The Task Force will also present an archery harvest as a herd management option for consideration. Not all Task Members endorse this approach- in fact two very important Task Force members resigned last week in protest of the inclusion of a hunt option in the comprehensive management plan. The Task Force membership is a true reflection of our community and the very visceral opposition to hunting as a means of managing the Mule Deer herd in the City limits is one we respect and that all Council members should take into consideration.

The Harvest plan you will hear about tonight has one overarching objective--human safety. Any hunt in Woodland Park would be done with archery equipment. Hunters would have to pass a rigorous qualification course. They would only be allowed to hunt properties where they have permission and that are large enough so they could do so safely and stay out of the public eye.

Wildlife agencies are successfully using regulated hunting in urban areas to address urban deer issues. Carefully regulated archery hunts in restricted hunting areas can be particularly effective and efficient. Hunting in and around urban areas requires close coordination with local governments and citizens, but where possible, it is a cost-effective solution.

Tonight we will hear how a comprehensive plan from our Deer Management Task force, they speak from hundreds of hours of research that they conducted on this critical issue to help our community make a decision moving forward.

The Harvest Committee presented first (1:22:13)

Dan Graves presented on the Deer Task Force Harvest Subcommittee and included the details that would be needed to do a managed hunt in town. Graves introduced Marty Trujillo from the Freedom Hunters which is a 501C3 military outreach program that uses Veterans to do hunts in restricted terrain.

The Education Committee presented second (1:47:54)

Claudia Miller presented the Education Committee's message of "Be Deer Aware". The Be Deer Aware program would focus on educating all members of the community on deer. Bob Piercefield worked on the safety and security of the Education Committee presented regarding signage and costs.

At 9:06 City Council took a short break.

Council resumed at 9:20 PM (2:20:52)

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke in favor of education:

1. F. Maria Sinel
2. Sherry Davis
3. Ellen Haase
4. Beverly Hawpe
5. Deb Acord
6. Terri Collins
7. Vickie Good – her statement is provided as Attachment 1
8. LaDonna Burrows
9. Michael Dalton
10. Bob Piercefield
11. Robert Haas
12. Claudia Miller
13. Nancy Glanzer
14. Alex Paul
15. Dan Archer
16. Mike Knoll

17. Linda Martin
18. Cecilia Morgan

The following people spoke in favor of education and harvest:

1. Jon Davis
2. Kerry Ahlstrom
3. Alicia Graves

The following people spoke in favor of a harvest:

1. Cindy Eller Rumsey
2. Dan Graves
3. John Schafer
4. Frank Wolf

The following people spoke without reference to the education or harvest:

1. Marty Holmes provided some information on the Mule Deer Foundation.
2. Bruce Ashley provided some information on the Mule Deer Foundation.
3. Lisa Halcomb was upset that the community is valuing deer life over human life.
4. Nan Piercefield thinks the Council needs more time to consider this matter.
5. Tim Galvin thinks the community is enabling the deer

Julie Stiver, Wildlife Biologist from Colorado Parks and Wildlife described the deer population and how numbers are calculated. She noted that there is not a closed population of deer and they migrate from Woodland Park to Fort Carson and down to Pueblo.

MOTION: To extend the City Council meeting to 11:45 PM. Case/Sawyer 5-1 with Councilmember Carr voting no.

MOTION: To extend the City Council meeting to 12:15 AM. Carr/Saunier 6-0.

Mayor Levy stated that this issues will be circled back to at a later date. This issue will be addressed at a later date and the community will continue to be educated on deer management.

11. REPORTS:

(Public comment not necessary)

A. Mayor's Report. (4:47:58)

- i. Mayor Levy announced that City Manager Darrin Tangeman has been with the City for one year as of this week. Mayor Levy read the events for the next two weeks.

B. Council Reports.

C. City Attorney's Report.

- i. City Attorney Meyers gave the Council their options for proceeding with filling the vacancy on City Council.

D. City Manager's Report.

- i. City Manager Darrin Tangeman thanked Carrol Harvey for her years of service to the City. Tangeman also gave the Council the sales tax report for the previous month.

Mayor Levy asked that the executive session that was scheduled for this evening be moved to September 25, 2019 following the work session with the School Board.

12. ADDED ITEM AGENDA:

A. None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. None.

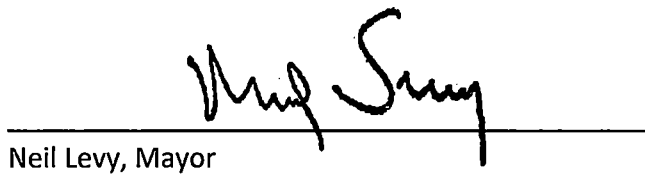
COMMENTS ON WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:

B. None.

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:57 PM.


Suzanne Leclercq, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 3 DAY OF October, 2019


Neil Levy, Mayor

ATTACHMENT 1

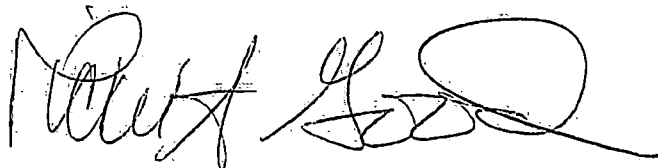
9/19/19

As a property owner I have rights
with these rights I am hereby
notifying the City of Woodland Park
and All associated entities with the
city that there will be No Hunting
No Trespassing for hunting on the
following properties.

120 E. Midland Ave
Woodland Park Co

311 S. Boundary St
Woodland Park Co

1005 Sun Valley Dr
Woodland Park Co

 9/19/19

AKA: Hi Folks LLC member 