

**WOODLAND PARK CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

6:00 PM. Executive Session: *Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) for a conference with the city attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions presented by the proposed charter amendment ballot initiative concerning strong-mayor form of government.*

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Levy called the meeting to order with the following members of Council present at the Executive Session: Mayor Pro-tem Harvey, Ken Matthews, Noel Sawyer and John Schafer. Val Carr and Paul Saunier. The following staff was also present at the Executive Session: Erin Smith, David Buttery and Suzanne Leclercq.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Levy led the Pledge of allegiance.

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

City Manager David Buttery	Public Works Director Ben Sheets
City Clerk Suzanne Leclercq	Police Chief Miles DeYoung
Finance Director Mike Farina	Utilities Director Kip Wiley
Deputy City Clerk Chrissy Stapleford	City Attorney, Erin Smith
Special Projects Jane Mannon	
Planning Director Sally Riley	
Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Keating	

3. CEREMONIES, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

A. Appointments to the Planning Commission. City Clerk Leclercq noted that there are currently three positions on the Planning Commission that expire this month. Leclercq noted that pursuant to Council's policy, a notice of these open positions was advertised. Leclercq noted that the City Clerk's Office received three applications for these positions. All applications received were from the incumbents. No others applied. City Clerk Leclercq noted that the incumbents applying for reappointment are Geoff Watson, Peter Scanlon and Jerry Penland. Leclercq noted that that Scanlon and Watson were in the audience this evening and if appointed she could administer their oath of office.

There being no council questions or discussions the following motion was made:

MOTION: To appoint Geoff Watson, Peter Scanlon and Jerry Penland to the Planning Commission. Harvey/Matthews. 7-0. Motion carried.

City Clerk Leclercq administered the oath of office to Watson and Scanlon.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

A. None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve minutes of December 7, 2017 Regular Meeting. **(A)**

B. Approve October and November 2017 Statement of Expenditures and authorize the Mayor to sign Warrants in payment thereof. **(A)**

C. Request for permission to serve alcohol at Meadow Wood Sports Complex as requested by Chris Thorton – Bleed Hockey. **(A)**

City Clerk Leclercq read the Consent Calendar into the record.

MOTION: To approve Consent Calendar. Sawyer/Schafer. 7-0. Motion carried.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None

7. ORDINANCES ON INITIAL POSTING:

A. None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Approve Ordinance No. 1313 appropriating sums of money to the various funds, in the amounts and for the purpose as set forth below, for the City of Woodland Park, Colorado for the 2018 Budget Year. **(A)**

City Finance Director Mike Farina reviewed with Council that in accordance with the City Charter, the City Manager prepared and submitted a budget to City Council on September 28. Over the course of several Council meetings and work sessions, Staff and Council reviewed and discussed the proposed draft of the 2018 budget. Farina noted that the ordinance had been approved on initial posting.

MOTION: Approve Ordinance No. 1313 appropriating sums of money to the various funds, in the amounts and for the purpose as set forth below, for the City of Woodland Park, Colorado for the 2018 budget Year. Levy/Matthews. 4-3 with the following Councilmembers voting no; Schafer, Saunier and Carr.

At this time Councilmember Carr read the following statement into the record:

Everyone agrees, including me, that there should be a certain level of service by the City to be maintained. As always, that level of service is dictated by management of the limits of taxation and revenues received by the City. Reasonableness should always be in the philosophy of those in charge of acquiring goods and services for the benefit of the citizens of Woodland Park. For example, if we need to have a faucet in a bathroom, it does not need to be made of gold; it only has to reliably control water flow to a sink. If we need a minimum wage gardener to plant flowers, we

don't need to pay for a gardener with a PHD degree and pay for that certification. Citizen households know these things and maintain frugal postures when acquiring goods and services for their personal domains.

This Council and the City administration think there should be a limit to how much efficiency we should have in the City. I do not!

When reasonable opportunities to save revenues for the citizens' City reserve for emergencies like wild fires, or a mil rate reduction present themselves I am very eager to employ those tactics and methods and purchasing opportunities of efficiency. I am not limited by an arbitrary 10% reserve limitation on efficiency as most on this Council are. My limit is well above that number and only limited by imagination and well managed maintenance of a reasonable level of service to the community.

On Dec. 1, the Council majority 10% reserve number was reached by revenue adjustments of 54%, and 46% by expenditure adjustments. Expenditure reductions are the best method to cut bloat in a budget since one has the most and best control of this money and many more expenditure reductions were available.

The City and Council chose to ignore a thorough scientific study of their fleet and other factual presentations showing extraordinary City-wide salaries above market as well as many other ideas totaling well over \$1Million of additional money that could have also been put into additional savings in this 2018 budget. They chose not to take these facts and well thought out ideas into an even better budget, with barely defensible counters that appear in big-government mindsets and not based in real producing economy private citizen principles.

Many on Council have asked why should we do more? I say, why we should not!? We all do our best to save at home, why do our City representatives not have the same principles & methods of spending efficiency!? We can do better and we should!

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution No. 812 Supporting Reauthorization by the General Assembly of Colorado of the Colorado Lottery Division. **(A)**

Cindy Keating, Parks and Recreation Director introduced this Resolution noting that since 1983, the Colorado Lottery has returned more than \$3 billion in proceeds to the people of Colorado for outdoor recreation and land conservation projects in all 64 counties. Since 1992, these projects have been funded through three organizations: the Conservation Trust Fund, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Great Outdoors Colorado. Keating noted these funds have helped connect families with the outdoors, improve local trails and parks, build outdoor recreation facilities, preserve ranchlands, water resources and view corridors, improve river access and quality and conserve wildlife habitat.

Keating added that as a result of the Colorado Lottery, the City of Woodland Park has received over \$1.7 million from the Conservation Trust Fund and over \$2.1 million from Great Outdoors Colorado, supporting 19 Parks, Trails and Open Space capital projects. Keating added that staff recommends supporting the Reauthorization of the Colorado Lottery division by resolution.

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 812 Supporting Reauthorization by the General Assembly of Colorado of the Colorado Lottery Division. Carr/Saunier. 7-0. Motion carried.

B. Agreement between the City of Woodland Park and Woodland Park Main Street. (L) City Manager Buttery reviewed this agreement with the Council noting that he believed the payment frequency to Main Street would be divided quarterly over the course of the year.

After a lengthy Council discussion the Council agreed to give the Main Street Program \$12,000 on January 1st and the subsequent payments based on presentations in the future at least once a quarter.

MOTION: To amend the Agreement between the City of Woodland Park and Woodland Park Main Street to allot \$12,000 on January 1st and subsequent payments based on presentations in the future at least once a quarter. Carr/Matthews. 6-1. With Mayor Pro-tem Harvey voting no. Motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

A. Steve and Crystal Wright, Ace Electric approached the podium to let the Council and the Citizens know they and some of the sub-contractors have not been paid for the work they completed in Memorial Park by the General Contractor, CMS.

City Attorney Smith noted that this is a legal issue and that the statutes are very clear on what must be done in this circumstance. Smith added that the issue is currently being addressed through the process laid out in the state statutes. Smith laid out the process for the Council and the Wrights and advised the Wrights to seek legal advice from an attorney.

City Manager Buttery added that the Wrights are not the only sub-contractors out there that have not been paid that there are a total of 8 contractors in the same situation. Buttery noted that the City is doing everything they can.

Councilmember Matthews addressed the two initiative petitions that are currently out in the community and stated that he strongly opposes both issues. He encouraged the Public to get their facts before signing any petitions. Matthews noted that our system is working well and that there is no justification to change either of these issues.

11. REPORTS:

A. Mayor's Report: Mayor Levy reviewed the upcoming events for the next two weeks.

B. Council Reports: Councilmember Carr expressed his appreciation to the City Staff for their efforts and information regarding the budget process. Carr also thanked the other Councilmembers for their participation during the process and the public for all of their input. Carr wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Saunier thanked everyone for their participation and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Sawyer stated that he disagrees with the petition for Strong Mayor and encouraged the Public to talk to him regarding the direction the City is heading. Sawyer also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

C. City Attorney's Report: City Attorney Smith requested a motion to authorize a limited waiver of the Attorney–Client Privilege to address two questions concerning the effect if any of the proposed Charter Amendment regarding the Strong Mayor on the 2018 Mayoral Election.

MOTION: For the Council to authorize a limited waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege to address two questions concerning the effect if any of the proposed Charter Amendment regarding the Strong Mayor on the 2018 Mayoral Election. Matthews/Carr. 7-0. Motion carried.

Smith noted that in connection with the petition for Strong Mayor that two questions have arisen. 1. Will the Mayor elected in 2018 become the Strong Mayor? Smith stated no. 2. How and when will the strong Mayor be elected? Smith stated that this would happen at the April 2020 Municipal Election. Smith noted that she would provide a press release to the City Clerk that would go out tomorrow.

Jon DeVaux approached the podium to speak regarding the Strong Mayor petition and the 410 Fund petition. DeVaux also thanked the Council for what they do and added that they passed a good budget.

D. City Manager's and Department Manager's Report:

1. City Clerk Leclercq reviewed pertinent election information.
2. At this time City Manager Buttery read the following into the record:

When I came to the City in 1997 as the Public Works Director, after a 21-year Army career, I envisioned staying for 20 years. That 20 years was last July, but I wanted to see the completion of the Memorial Park renovation project, the Woodland Aquatic Center, and the 2018 budget that I knew would be a challenge. Memorial Park is finished and has become the downtown jewel that people desired. The Aquatic Center is up and running and bringing smiles to many people. And earlier this evening the budget was adopted. Tonight as required by my contract I am giving my 120 day notice to the City Council of my intent to retire on April 20, 2018 I want to thank this and previous Councils for allowing me to serve our citizens, businesses, and visitors. I want to thank our dedicated staff for serving alongside me to make this the wonderful place that it is to live, work, and play. Lastly I want to thank my wife Tamara and my entire family for their love and support. I truly thank God for allowing me this opportunity to serve our wonderful community.

City Manager Buttery asked the Mayor to call an Executive Session to discuss the way forward.

MOTION: Move to Executive Session, pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) for discussion of a personnel matter, specifically the retirement announcement of the City Manager. Levy/Harvey. 7-0. Motion carried.

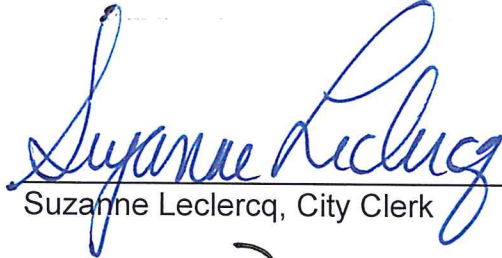
City Council convened in Executive Session at 8:13 PM in the upstairs conference room.

City Council reconvened the City Council Meeting at 8:49 with the following individuals present for the Executive Session: Neil Levy, Carrol Harvey, Val Carr, Ken Matthews, Paul Saunier, Noel Sawyer, John Schafer, Erin Smith, David Buttery and Suzanne Leclercq.

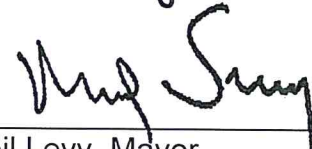
12. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Recorded by:


Suzanne Leclercq, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF January, 2018


Neil Levy, Mayor