

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Levy called the meeting to order with the following members of Council present: Mayor Pro-tem Harvey, Ken Matthews, Noel Sawyer and John Schafer. Councilmember Carr and Saunier were absent.

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

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

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| 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. Presentation by the Coalition for the Upper South Platte .**

Carrol Ekanus from CUSP shared with the Council the history of the Woodland Park Healthy Forest Initiative and all of the projects that CUSP has been working on for the past year.

**B. Eric Dickson Memorial Improvement Project.**

Steve Plutt approached the podium to speak on behalf of the Erick Dickson Memorial Project. Plutt reminded the Council of Eric Dickson, the sacrifice he made for our country and the decision to commission a bronze statue in his honor. Plutt reported to the Council that he had been working with City Manager Buttery regarding the placement of the statue and decided that they would bring the decision to Council. Plutt noted that he and the committee felt that the statue deserved to be placed in Memorial Park.

City Manager Buttery noted that the City wanted to honor the ultimate sacrifice that Eric Dickson gave for our country and that the placement of the statue was a dilemma for him. Buttery noted that when Lions Park was rebuilt in 2002 it was decided that those from Woodland Park who gave the ultimate sacrifice would be memorialized there. Buttery expressed that in Memorial Park they could honor Dickson by naming the large pavilion after him or something else to that effect.

After Council discussion the City Council agreed to place the statue in Memorial Park as Plutt requested. City Manager Buttery expressed that he looked forward to working with Plutt on this project.

**4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:**

A. None.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approve minutes of November 16, 2017 Regular Meeting. (A)

City Clerk Leclercq read the Consent Calendar into the record.

**MOTION:** To approve Consent Calendar. Sawyer/Schafer. 5-0. Motion carried.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. None

**7. ORDINANCES ON INITIAL POSTING:**

A. Consider 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 on initial posting and set the Public Hearing for December 21, 2017. (A)

Finance Director Farina introduced Ordinance No. 1313. Series 2017 on initial posting to the Council. Farina reported that in accordance with the City Charter, the City Manager prepared and submitted a budget to City Council on September 28. Farina noted that 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 tonight is the initial posting and setting of the Public Hearing for the 2018 budget appropriation ordinance. Adopting this Ordinance following a Public Hearing on December 21 will appropriate sums of money that will allow for expenditure of revenues in each fund in the amount and for the purpose set forth in the Ordinance.

After brief Council discussion the following motion was made:

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Mayor Pro-tem Harvey thanked Finance Director Farina and the staff for all of their hard work during this budget process.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. None

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. None

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

**A.** Bob Carlsen approached the podium and passed out pictures of various streets in the City that were slated for repairs. Carlsen expressed that he is concerned with the 410 fund that it is not clear on the projects in the budget. Carlsen expressed that the projects should not be approved this year and he felt that they were a waste of money. Carlsen expressed that he felt an advisory board should be set up to review any future capital projects for the City of Woodland Park.

After a lengthy Council discussion between Mr. Carlsen and the Council the Mayor moved the meeting on to the next citizen signed up to speak.

Elijah Murphy approached the podium and expressed that he had a problem with the Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center receiving funds from the City of Woodland Park and that they should be held to the same standards the Council is holding Main Street to. Murphy also noted that he has a problem with a paid City Employee sitting on the Chamber Board.

Mayor Levy shared that the Chamber gives a report to the Council in great detail of how they have utilized the dollars from the City. The Mayor also reminded Murphy that he was not in favor of funding Main Street at all. When the time came the Council ended up funding it. Levy expressed to Murphy that Main Street should be thanking the Council instead of finding fault with them.

Michael Dalton approached the podium and expressed that he is in favor and support of the pending road work projects mentioned earlier. Dalton also expressed that the Dickson statue was an excellent idea. Dalton shared with the City and Council that he could be a resource to them regarding social media and that the City needs to look at new marketing ideas. Dalton noted that he has helped to promote the National Night Out event, Shop with a Cop, Christmas parade, Holiday Home Tour and the Aquatic center just to name a few. Mayor Levy asked if Dalton could focus more on the positive and less on the negative in his reporting. Dalton and the Mayor agreed to meet for coffee to continue on with this discussion.

## **11. REPORTS:**

**A.** Mayor's Report: Mayor Levy reviewed the upcoming events for the next two weeks. Mayor Levy also shared with the audience on behalf of Parks and Recreation that the ice is currently unsafe in Memorial Park and asked for people to stay off of it. Parks and Recreation will let the public know when the ice is safe to go on.

**B.** Council Reports: Councilmember Sawyer shared with the audience how impressed he is with the Teen Center. Sawyer noted when he was there the other day that 52 kids had signed in for that day. Sawyer expressed that his desire was to bring the Teen Center to the next level. He is donating some computers and would like to see the Teen Center have longer hours.

**C.** City Attorney's Report: None

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

1. Finance Director Farina reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report with the Council.

2. City Clerk Leclercq gave an election update noting that she had received and verified two initiative petitions. One petition is for a Charter Amendment and the other is for a Tax Issue. Leclercq shared the amount of signatures needed for the petitions and some of the deadlines. Leclercq also reminded the Council and audience that the Prospective Candidate Forum was this Monday evening and invited anyone interested in running to attend.

At this time Mayor Levy invited Bob Carlsen to the podium. Mr. Carlsen had signed up to speak regarding this agenda item. Carlsen shared that the two initiative petitions had gone out for signatures and that the process to get these initiatives on the ballot had begun. Carlsen also expressed to the Council that if they would like they could task the City Attorney with drafting these ordinances and Council could bring them forward and eliminate the petition process.

Councilmember Sawyer shared a fact sheet that he had created regarding Strong Mayors and expressed his disagreement with it. .

City Attorney Smith noted that tonight is the deadline to direct her to draft an ordinance. Smith noted that if the Council chooses to do nothing the petition process would continue to move forward. Mayor Pro-tem Harvey noted that silence from the Council indicates no interest.

After a brief Council discussion the only Councilmember interested in directing the City Manager to move forward with drafting an Ordinance was Councilmember Schafer.

Leclercq also shared with the Council that the Personnel Board held their first meeting the other evening and that they would be meeting again in January.

Public Works Director Sheets gave an update regarding the concerns of the Paradise Estate drainage and that they removed a large amount of residue to date. Sheets noted they are still going through information and will continue to work on correcting the situation.

City Manager Buttery shared that the crews had been out sweeping Highway 24. He also reminded the Council and the audience that today was Pearl Harbor Day.

**12. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Levy read the following letter into the record:

Honorable Mayor Neil Levy, City Council and Staff,

Thank you for building the beautiful Woodland Park Aquatic Center! A clean, safe, deep-water pool is a medical necessity for me. Yet, I criticized the City's decision to incur debt to build a luxury recreational facility. My attitude was adjusted the first time I stepped into the Woodland Park Aquatic Center! The quality and amenities of the Woodland Park Aquatic Center surpass many public or private swim facilities I've experienced. The private cabanas preserve my independence to change into my swimsuit and shower before/after my exercise routines. The gentle entries into the recreational and lap pools provide accessibility despite my mobility limitations, and I can enter either pool without strain or injury. The phenomenal view of Pikes Peak, from either pool, is inspirational and rewards me for 'getting to the pool' to perform exercises mandated by my medical team. The facility and amenities are wonderful. But, it is the Staff who keep the Woodland Park Aquatic Center clean, safe, and friendly for all swimmers. I take my hat off to Cindy Keating, Karen Valdez, the Front Desk Staff and Lifeguards! Even during the busy Thanksgiving Holiday, the Staff maintained

cleanliness and order despite bizillions of swimmers enjoying the lazy river, the views, water slide and diving board. For someone who is recovering from surgery, or is fragile from arthritis or other maladies, safety in the pool is paramount. I've felt safe at all times from errant divers or swimmers because the Lifeguards are alert and vigilant with their safety whistles. Thank you for the Aquatic Center--it's a fabulous necessity!

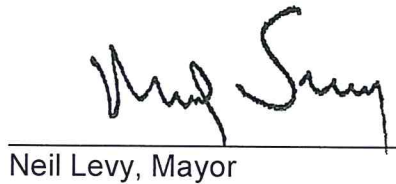
Sincerely, Patricia Stinner.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM.

Recorded by:

  
Suzanne Leclercq, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF December, 2017

  
Neil Levy, Mayor