

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall - Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Budget Amendment #2
2. Casper Housing Authority's Application to the Community WINS Grant Program
3. Casper Events Center Naming Rights
4. Agenda Review

Mayor Freel began the pre-meeting session at 5:30 p.m. with Councilmembers Bates, Cathey, Hopkins, Johnson, Lutz, Pacheco, Powell and Mayor Freel in attendance. Absent: Huber.

Acting City Manager Pitlick provided an overview of the proposed budget amendment. He shared the reasons for changes to four major items, explained the fiscal impact of each, as well as the net impact and the source of funding for these monies. Councilmembers did not have questions.

Liz Becher, Community Development Director provided information about the Community WINS grant application that the Casper Housing Authority (CHA) will be submitting. She explained that the program would support transitional housing on the Life Steps Campus, and that no matching funds would be required. She also stated that only commitment involved, if the application is successful, would be that a Councilmember would need to attend the Mayor's conference to accept the grant. Mayor Freel asked what staff needed from Council at this time, and Ms. Becher shared that this item is on the agenda.

Tim Cortez, Parks and Recreation Manager, spoke about the opportunity to work with Ford of Wyoming for naming rights at the Casper Events Center. Councilmember Hopkins asked about the Ford group and Mr. Cortez stated that a group of Wyoming dealerships, as a subset of Ford, would be the advertising sponsor. Mayor Freel asked about the term and Mr. Cortez shared that three years or longer is ideal because of the cost to change signage and other labeling, but he also indicated that Ford of Wyoming would cover those costs. Council provided a thumbs up.

Mayor Freel asked for questions or concerns about the agenda. Councilmember Powell explained that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) was having a very difficult time with funding and expressed concern about their ability to run the ice rink in the David Street Station this year. He indicated that the DDA has not made a request, but he urged Council to consider assisting them with a chiller and to consider if it is a fundamental piece of equipment for their operations. Councilmember Hopkins shared that the former Plains Furniture property is now under ownership of one entity and that Ashby Construction would be relocating. Mayor Freel adjourned the pre-meeting at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor