

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 5:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall - Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Distribution of March 19 Executive Session Minutes
2. CATC Executive Director Search Funding Request
3. Cell Phone Discussion
4. Agenda Review

Police Chief McPheeters provided a demonstration of body camera equipment and asked questions regarding the equipment at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Powell then began the pre-meeting session at 5:30 p.m. Present: Councilmembers Bates, Freel, Hopkins, Johnson, Lutz, Pacheco, Walsh and Mayor Powell. Absent: Huber.

Mayor Powell allowed Council time to review and initial the March 19, 2019 Executive Session Minutes.

City Manager Napier provided information on the funding request from the Casper Area Transportation Coalition (CATC) for the costs associated with the replacement of the executive director. Councilmembers had questions about where within the budget the funding could come from, the timing of the hiring process, possible future funding needs, and about the overlap of the previous director with the new director. City Manager Napier addressed many of these questions. Carol Crump, CATC Board Member, elaborated on the financial need created during the hiring process for the executive director.

Councilmembers also asked what portion of the total cost would be reasonable to pay and about the timing of the implementation of route changes. City Manager Napier and Ms. Crump addressed these questions. The new CATC Executive Director, John Jones, introduced himself and shared his opinion of the overall condition of the CATC program.

Mayor Powell stated that perhaps additional discussion is needed. Councilmember Walsh suggested funding 25% of the cost and then consider everything else during the fiscal year 2020 budget. Councilmember Pacheco agreed. Councilmember Hopkins shared his concerns about the funding and emphasized that this program needs to be supported. Councilmember Lutz and Mayor Powell asked about the budgeting for the recruitment process. Ms. Crump addressed the budgeting process for CATC and the hiring of the new director.

Mayor Powell suggested the following options: further discussion at a work session; amend budget amendment #2 on the floor to pay some or all of the amount being requested; or postpone budget amendment #2 to a date certain. Councilmember Walsh asked if some of the amount is paid now, will there still be a request made for money in the upcoming budget. Ms. Crump indicated that operations would not be impacted, but at some point there will be a budget deficit. Councilmember Freel suggested discussion at the next work session. Councilmember Lutz asked if the reimbursement would be made to the foundation or CATC directly. Ms. Crump indicated it would back fill the reserve and allow a margin for emergencies. Mayor Powell suggested tabling the topic, and Council generally agreed.

Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur D. Tremel
City Clerk

Charles Powell
Mayor