

## **COUNCIL PRE-MEETING**

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 5:30 p.m.  
Casper City Hall - Council Meeting Room

### **AGENDA**

1. Miamie Sleep – Coordinator for Rotary Youth Exchange Program
2. Liquor License Report
3. Agenda Review

Mayor Powell began the pre-meeting session at 5:30 p.m. Present: Councilmembers Bates, Freel, Hopkins, Huber, Johnson, Lutz, Pacheco, Walsh and Mayor Powell.

Mayor Powell asked City Manager Napier to begin with the liquor license report item, because the exchange student was not present. City Manager Napier introduced Police Captain Schulz. Captain Schulz spoke briefly on the report that was just given to Council and indicated that a memo with additional information would be provided to Council soon. Councilmembers did not have any questions.

Mayor Powell then asked about the community promotions funding process. City Manager Napier stated that a formal resolution would be drafted and presented to Council in time for the next work session. City Manager Napier asked Councilmembers to review the numbers as presented and asked if there were any concerns. Council did not share any concerns and indicated that the item could go on to a Council Meeting for formal adoption.

Mayor Powell spoke briefly about a new process to provide citizens information on consent resolutions which will consist of the City Manager giving a brief overview of any notable items. City Manager Napier then indicated that the agenda for this evening includes a change order and amendment that is rather unique and asked Andrew Beamer, Public Services Director, to elaborate. Mr. Beamer provided an explanation regarding the nature of the changes for the contracts for the Wastewater Treatment Facility emergency generator project. Council asked a few questions, which Mr. Beamer addressed.

Mayor Powell then greeted Miamie Sleep, who is currently hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Ms. Sleep then introduced Francisco DeLuca, a student from Argentina. Councilmembers introduced themselves and Mayor Powell asked Mr. DeLuca a few questions. Mayor Powell welcomed Mr. DeLuca to stay for the meeting and thanked him for his interest in the Council.

Mayor Powell then requested Council discuss possible amendments to the animal care and control ordinance. City Manager Napier stated that several ideas were suggested at the previous work session. Councilmember Walsh then described two amendments that he would like to propose, one being about direct supervision and the other being the definition of the term direct supervision. Mayor Powell then asked Councilmember Bates about his proposed amendment. Councilmember Bates stated he wished to have a consequence beyond a fine for those owners that don't properly manage keeping their dog

from being at large or a nuisance. Councilmember Bates stated he didn't want everyone to be penalized, rather just those that had become a problem, but that the right to directly supervise the dog would be removed and tethering or fencing would then be required. Mayor Powell asked if Metro staff had tools to track that. City Manager Napier stated that monitoring the addresses in the Spillman database would be reasonable. Councilmember Huber suggested adding a subpart regarding control to the direct supervision phrasing suggested by Councilmember Walsh, and asked City Attorney Huber the best way to make the language clear. City Attorney Henley stated that the definition of control was already used in the ordinance and that by using it, without actual restraining measures such as tethering, it would become ambiguous. Councilmember Huber indicated that he would be comfortable with the amendment proposed by Councilmember Walsh. Mayor Powell asked about the concern brought forward by Councilmember Bates to list those who had not been adequately supervising their dogs. Councilmember Walsh stated that measures are already in place and are meant to penalize those with an established pattern of behavior rather than a one-time occurrence.

Mayor Powell shared that citizens had been e-mailing Council regarding the care of animals being left outside and suggesting alternate language for weather specifically. Councilmember Walsh shared that he felt these types of conditions would be covered by animal cruelty, citing the locations of the language within the ordinance. Councilmember Walsh also emphasized that some of these items need to be broad so Metro staff can have discretion in the matter. Mayor Powell asked if the broad language would result in a difficulty for prosecution. City Attorney Henley indicated that the animal control officers would testify and that would be sufficient.

Councilmember Bates then pointed out that a citizen had contacted him about dogs leaving waste in the cemetery. Councilmember Bates indicated he was still in favor of allowing owners to bring their dogs to the cemetery but that it needs to be in a respectful manner. Mayor Powell asked if staff could monitor the situation and report back to Council, especially if it becomes a problem.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if the Zamboni that is being transferred to the Downtown Development Authority would be transferred at the remaining asset value. City Manager Napier indicated that it would be.

Mayor Powell then spoke about the upcoming strategic planning session, indicating that a date would be set soon and that materials would be provided in advance to jump start the meeting. City Manager Napier said that materials would be put together for distribution at the February 12<sup>th</sup> work session and then he suggested the planning session may be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Powell stated he had been contacted about Casper being featured in a documentary. Councilmember Walsh urged proactive research before proceeding.

Mayor Powell asked that Council receive an update on the long term plan for the wastewater treatment plant in the future. Mayor Powell also indicated that he would be reaching out to other communities to see how liquor license changes, like the ones currently being considered by Council, have impacted community members. Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Charles Powell  
Mayor