

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
ORIENTATION
Tuesday, December 27, 2016, 4:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall
Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Straw Poll for 2017 Leadership and Pro-tem Appointment
2. Economic Impact of Liquor Licensing Resolution

BALLOT

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CASPER – 2017

_____	Kenyne Humphrey
_____	Shawn Johnson
_____	Charlie Powell
_____	Other _____

BALLOT

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CITY OF CASPER – 2017

Ray Pacheco

Other _____

December 19, 2016

MEMO TO: Honorable Mayor Sandoval and City Council

FROM: V.H. McDonald, City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Requesting a State Committee Evaluate Economic Impact of the Current Structure of Liquor Licensing in Wyoming

Recommendation:

No recommendation, information only.

Summary:

As indicated by the City Council and subsequent to the presentations and discussions at the December 13, 2016, Council Work Session about the current licensing structure and number of liquor licenses, the accompanying resolution has been drafted for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-_____

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WYOMING PROVIDE FOR A COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF LIQUOR LICENSING

WHEREAS, in the State of Wyoming licensing for the sale and distribution of liquor sales is governed by state statute and the licensing authority granted to local Wyoming governments by statute; and,

WHEREAS, interest has increased in the economic impact the current structure of liquor licensing has on efforts to diversify the local and state economies; and,

WHEREAS, individuals and groups have expressed concerns that market conditions have changed since the development of license types and caps on licenses and claim that current laws have restricted market development; and,

WHEREAS, community leaders are sensitive to both the interests of current license holders whose investments would be negatively affected by increasing the availability of licenses, as well as the interests of individuals who wish to create new food and entertainment businesses, but claim they have been unable to enter local markets because licenses are either unavailable or cost-prohibitive.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING: That the Casper City Council hereby resolves to recommend and encourage the Governor of the State of Wyoming to cause a committee to be formed that will evaluate and report on:

- The economic impacts, favorable and/or unfavorable, of the current liquor licensing structure to the development of diverse local economies in the State of Wyoming.
- Possible changes to the current liquor licensing structure to support the development of diverse local economies if it is determined that the current liquor licenses structure is not favorable to the development of diverse local economies
- The impact that changes to the current licensing statutes might have on current liquor license holders and appropriate remedies.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation

Tracey L. Belser
City Clerk

Mayor