

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 in Council Chambers and via an electronic meeting, starting at 6:00 P.M. Those in attendance were as follows:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Jeff White, Chairman; Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Bryan Cook, Ken Esquibel, Richard Johnson, Pete Laybourn, Scott Roybal, Tom Segrave and Jeff White.

**CITY STAFF:** Teresa Moore, Community Recreation & Events Director; Interim Chief John Kopper and Division Chief Byron Matthews, Fire & Rescue Department; Tom Mason, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Director; Chris Yaney, MPO Senior Planning Technician; Chief Mark Francisco and Lieutenant Janes, Police Department; Robin Lockman, City Treasurer; Tom Cobb, City Engineer; Vicki Nemecek, Public Works Director; Eric Fountain, Compliance Director; Andy Worshek, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Jason Sanchez, Community Recreation & Events Deputy Director; Kris Jones, City Clerk; Mary Salas, Administrative Assistant City Council; Charles Bloom, Planning & Development Director; Mike O'Donnell, City Attorney; Alessandra McCoy-Fakelman, Deputy City Attorney; and Michael Skinner, Public Information Officer.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Patrick Collins; Amber Ash, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director; Tim Barth, Cheyenne Regional Airport Director; Lyndsey Reynolds, Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra (CSO) Executive Director; Greg Dykeman; and Katie Brady, DDA Board Member.

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### **AGENDA ITEMS**

29. RESOLUTION – Setting the City's priorities for their allocation on the 1% Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax in Laramie County, State of Wyoming, that would be put together by the County Attorney for a Special Election to be held November 2, 2021 (SPONSOR – MR. SEGRAVE)

Mr. Laybourn joined the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

Mr. Segrave moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Roybal. Mr. Segrave moved to amend by substitute resolution to include Mayor Collins recommended projects numbered 1-17, seconded by Mr. Cook. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Esquibel moved to remove Police Purchase Project, #5, seconded by Mr. Roybal. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Segrave moved to amend #8 to read "Municipal Building Space Need Analysis Plan Project: to prepare a plan to determine a space needs analysis, engineering, and design of a Cheyenne Municipal Building, including a fund for other needs at a Municipal Building should extra funds be available in among the Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars", seconded by Dr. Aldrich. Mr. Segrave moved to withdraw the motion, seconded by Dr. Aldrich. Dr. Rinne moved to amend #13 to remove the word "sidewalk", seconded by Mr. Segrave. Motion failed with Mr. Cook and

Dr. Rinne voting "YES". Mr. Roybal moved to move the funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 from previously stricken project #5 to project #13-Downtown Improvements and Maintenance Project for a total project price of \$6,017,966.00, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Motion carried with Mr. Cook and Mr. Johnson voting "NO". Main motion as amended carried with Mr. Johnson voting "NO".

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Patrick Collins thanked City staff for the presentations during the previous weeks and reviewed the process of building the 6<sup>th</sup> Penny ballot. Mayor Collins provided information and dollar amounts on the list of seventeen (17) recommended projects. Mayor Collins advised on three (3) recommendations that were not included in City staff presentations which included: Match Grant Opportunities Project: to provide funding to match grants for success in acquiring grants in the amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00), Cheyenne Regional Airport: to stabilize air service at the Cheyenne Regional Airport by providing a minimum revenue guarantee to an air carrier in the amount of two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000.00), and Large Project Completion Project: to provide funding to work with outside partners (e.g. LEADS, Chamber of Commerce and independent contractors) to complete large projects such as the Hinds Building, Reed Avenue Corridor, Belvoir Ranch and Hitching Post in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00). Lyndsey Reynolds, CSO Executive Director, spoke in favor of the Civic Center Renovation Project and shared a statement from William Intriligator, CSO Musical Director, requesting support for the same project. Greg Dykeman spoke in support of renovation of the Civic Center noting the cultural experience the venue provides. Katie Brady, DDA Board Member, spoke in support of the DDA's Alley Enhancement Project. Mayor Collins provided information on the ballot composition and provided examples of the grouping of projects. Mr. Esquibel and Dr. Rinne spoke in support of removing item #5, Police Purchase Project, noting a reoccurring cost of this nature is the City's responsibility to fund. Additional discussion on the motion to remove #5 included budgetary funding and the availability and immediate need of ammunition. Mayor Collins supported the removal of item #5 and noted he believed ammunition could be funded in the FY 2022 budget. Michael O'Donnell, City Attorney, provided information on item #8, Municipal Building Space Need Analysis Plan Project, to include language for design, engineering, and a fund for any extra funds. Upon inquiry, Mr. Segrave provided information on item #13, DDA District Improvements and Maintenance Project, including the exclusion of utility upgrades and advised the vagueness of the language will allow for flexibility of maintenance in the downtown district. Alessandra McCoy-Fakelman, Deputy City Attorney, provided information concerning past project descriptions and similar language vagueness. Mr. Laybourn spoke in support of the language used in #13. Discussion on item #13 included repair of sidewalks in the downtown district and the amount of sidewalk that is the City's responsibility (for example the Depot Plaza and right of way areas), and completion and maintenance of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Lighting Project. Upon inquiry, Tom Cobb, City Engineer, provided information on the past and present procedure for replacing sidewalk. Mr. Segrave spoke in support of the addition of the dollars from item #5 to be added to item #13. Mr. Laybourn spoke in support of the adoption of the resolution and recommended consideration of the renovation of the Civic Center on a 7<sup>th</sup> Penny ballot. Mr. Segrave spoke in support of the renovation of the Civic Center noting the cost of the renovation at this time did not fit on the 6<sup>th</sup> Penny ballot. Upon inquiry, Teresa Moore, Community Recreation & Events

Director, provided information on the scope of the work to be completed on item #7, Johnson Pool Renovation Plan Project. Additional discussion on item #7 included revised language to include “replacement, design, and engineering.” Mr. Roybal spoke in support of item #7. Upon inquiry, Tim Barth, Cheyenne Regional Airport Director, provided information on item #9, Cheyenne Regional Airport Parking Lot Pavement Project, including the number of current and future parking spaces. Mr. Johnson voiced opposition to several projects on the list for various reason and advised he would not be supporting the resolution. Dr. Aldrich spoke in support of adoption of the resolution noting she will continue to advocate for the Civic Center to be placed on a 7<sup>th</sup> Penny ballot. Dr. Rinne provided information discussed with the County Commissioners related to the extra ten million dollars for the City and the option for stand-alone projects on the ballot. Dr. Rinne reviewed previous 6<sup>th</sup> Penny projects and voiced concerns with setting a precedence of including street/road projects and the cemetery irrigation project and recommended item #6, Pavement Maintenance Stabilization Project, #15, Cheyenne Regional Airport, and #17, Gymnasium and Gymnastics Facility Project, be considered as a standalone items. Mr. Cook voiced support of Dr. Rinne’s recommendation of the stand-alone projects. Upon inquiry, Ms. Moore advised the sale of the Neighborhood Facility and a potential grant would be used to build the gymnasium and the 6<sup>th</sup> Penny funds would solidify the project. Dr. Aldrich voiced support for private entities to provide programs and facilities for gymnasium type activities and voiced concerns on the grouping of projects. Dr. Rinne advised a straight menu ballot is not supported by the Eastern Laramie County due to the needs of the three smaller communities.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. McClelland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Jennifer McClelland  
Executive Assistant to the City Council