

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

A meeting of the Public Services Committee was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in Committee Room 104 and via electronic meeting, starting at 12:00 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Bryan Cook, Chairman; Pete Laybourn; and Tom Segrave.
Absent: Dr. Mark Rinne.

CITY STAFF: Stefanie Boster, City Attorney; Charles Bloom, Planning & Development Department Director; Connor White, Planning & Development Department; Tom Cobb, City Engineer; Chief Mark Francisco, Police Department; Chief John Kopper and Division Chief Byron Matthews, Fire & Rescue Department; Frank Strong and Bryce Dorr, Board of Public Utilities (BOPU); and Vicki Nemecek, Public Works Director.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman Richard Johnson, Ward III; Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk; Jordan Evans, Cheyenne Laramie County GIS Cooperative Coordinator; Boyd Wiggam; Kelly Hafner, Civilworkx, LLC; and Patti Riesland, Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities.

AGENDA ITEMS

9. **ORDINANCE –3rd READING –** Creating a new Section 9.01.010, Definitions of Title 9, Public Peace and Welfare, of the Code of the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mr. Laybourn moved to approve on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Mr. Laybourn moved to amend by substitute dated April 11, 2022, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Main motion, as amended, carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION: Stefanie Boster, City Attorney, provided a staff report and advised a substitute was circulated and reviewed the changes in the substitute which include the removal of “compliments and” from section A, corrected the statute in section B(2) from 6-2-501(d) to 6-2-501(b) and removed section B(3), the definition of “harass”. Ms. Boster reported that Mr. Bob Wilson couldn't attend the meeting but supports the changes. Mr. Laybourn recognized Mr. Wilson for his continued work with city staff on the ordinance. Mr. Segrave expressed frustration with the time spent on this ordinance noting the city has operated for a long time without these definitions. Chief Mark Francisco, Police Department, provided information related to the definitions and the usage of the same definitions from State Statute in City Code to allow enforcement of the City's anti-bias ordinance. Chief Francisco advised that if the terms weren't clearly defined by the governing body, they may be defined by the court system and those definitions may not fit the original intent of the governing body.

10. **ORDINANCE –3rd READING –** Repealing Ordinance No. 3465, and reestablishing and redefining ward boundaries within the City of Cheyenne.

Mr. Laybourn moved to approve on 3rd and final reading, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Mr. Segrave moved to amend by substitute dated April 18, 2022, seconded by Mr. Laybourn. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Main motion, as amended, carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION: Jordan Evans, Cheyenne Laramie County GIS Cooperative Coordinator, provided a staff report and advised a substitute was circulated to include a codified description of each ward.

14. **ORDINANCE – 2nd READING – Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Cheyenne changing the zoning classification from AR Agricultural Residential to Harmony Valley Planned Unit Development (Ordinance #4274) for land located north of West College Drive and east of York Avenue. (SPONSOR – MR. COOK)**

Mr. Laybourn moved to approve on 2nd reading, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION: Connor White, Planning & Development Department, provided a staff report and advised the proposed amendment will change the zoning to allow for future residential redevelopment. Upon inquiry, Mr. White advised a revised plat will require governing body approval in the future and provided examples of development that may and may not be appropriate in the proposed zoning. Mr. Laybourn expressed concerns with the drainage in the area and access to South High School from the development. Kelly Hafner, Civilworkx, LLC, advised the drainage issues have been (mostly) resolved with the redevelopment of College Drive and advised there have been discussions with the school district relating to a connection to the high school.

15. **ORDINANCE – 2nd READING – Amending Section 10.52.030, Parking Not to Obstruct Traffic, of Chapter 10.52, Stopping, Standing and Parking Generally, of Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming. (SPONSORS – DR. ALDRICH, MR. COOK, MR. JOHNSON, DR. RINNE, MR. ROYBAL AND MR. WHITE)**

Mr. Laybourn moved to approve on 2nd reading, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION: Stefanie Boster, City Attorney, provided a staff report and advised the proposed amendment deletes “or centerline pavement marking” and noted the intent is to limit larger vehicles on smaller streets. Mr. Laybourn expressed an interest in how many streets and/or neighborhoods may be affected by the proposed ordinance. Tom Cobb, City Engineer, advised a map could be generated to show those areas that would be affected. Charles Bloom, Planning & Development Department Director, advised many established neighborhoods would be affected. Upon inquiry, Chief John Kopper, Fire & Rescue Department, provided information related to public safety and the minimum space for maneuvering of emergency vehicles. Vicki Nemecek, Public Works Director, advised the proposed ordinance would enhance the Public Works Department’s ability to remove snow and sweeping operations. Additional discussion included enforcement of the proposed ordinance and the potential for “no parking” on one side of a street to achieve the desired width.

16. ORDINANCE – 2nd READING – Amending Section 9.12.080, Electric Fences Prohibited, of Chapter 9.12, Offenses Against Property, of Title 9, Public Peace and Welfare, of the Code of the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming. (SPONSORS – DR. ALDRICH AND MR. JOHNSON)

Mr. Laybourn moved to approve on 2nd reading, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION: Tom Cobb, City Engineer, provided a staff report and advised the proposed amendment will allow for low voltage electric fences to be utilized for goat control and safety for vegetation management, when approved by the city. Upon inquiry, Mr. Cobb reported the past contractor for vegetation management supports the proposed amendment. Additional discussion included grazing on county pockets.

20. RESOLUTION – Amending the City of Cheyenne and Board of Public Utilities Construction Specifications and Standard Drawings, 2014 Edition. (SPONSOR – MR. COOK)

Mr. Laybourn moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Segrave. Mr. Segrave moved to amend by substitute drawing number 02665-14 to include a downstream meter, bypass line, increase the diameter, and remove traffic rated options, seconded by Mr. Laybourn. Motion to amend carried by unanimous voice vote. Main motion, as amended, carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION: Frank Strong, BOPU, provided a staff report and advised the proposed amendment has been an ongoing process and noted a substitute had been circulated regarding drawing number 02665-14.

There being no further items for the agenda to come before the Public Services Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Submitted by,



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