

Woodland Park City Council
Council Chambers - City Hall
July 15, 2021
7:00 PM
(In Person/Via Zoom)

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (0:05)

Mayor Pro-tem LaBarre called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

City Clerk Leclercq called roll with the following members of Council present:

Mayor Pro-tem LaBarre, Councilmember Case, Councilmember Neal, Councilmember Zuluaga, Councilmember Alfieri appeared via zoom.

The following staff members appeared in person: City Manager Michael Lawson, City Attorney Geoff Wilson, City Clerk Suzanne Leclercq (via zoom), Planning Director Sally Riley, Management Analyst Rob Felts, and Utilities Director Kip Wiley.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CEREMONIES, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

A. Presentation by Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) by Executive Director Andrew Gunning. (1:00)

B. Quarterly financial Update to the City Council. (25:25)

City Manager Michael Lawson apologized to the Council for the late arrival of the Quarterly Report. He shared the overview of the format of the report with the Council and delayed the discussion of the report until the August 5, 2021 Council Meeting so that Council would have more time to review.

C. Appointment of new Councilmember. (33:43)

Mayor Pro-tem LaBarre reviewed with the Council that the Council has the authority to appoint anyone at any time to a Council vacancy. She shared that in case Councilmember Alfieri decides to resign that Council would like to fill the 6th seat on Council so that there would not have to be a Special Election. Mayor Pro-tem shared that Council would like to appoint Catherine Nakai as she had the 2nd highest votes following Councilmember Alfieri in the November election.

Councilmember Zuluaga shared that he had never been consulted on this matter and was troubled by that.

MOTION: To appoint Catherine Nakai as a Councilmember. Neal/Case. Motion carried 3-2 with Alfieri and Zuluaga voting no.

D. Confirmation of Finance Director. (45:54)

City Manager Lawson introduced the staff's selection for the new Finance Director Aaron Vassalotti via zoom for the Council to Meet. Council asked Mr. Vassalotti some questions and the following motion was made:

MOTION: To confirm Aaron Vassalotti as the Finance Director/Treasurer for the City of woodland Park. Case/Zuluaga. Motion Case/Zuluaga. Motion carried 6-0.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

A. None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR: (53:30)

A. Approval of the July 1, 2021 regular City Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Zuluaga shared that there have been questions from the Public regarding not coming out of the Executive Session properly on July 1, 2021 and he wanted that stated for the record regarding the minutes.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Calendar. Case/Nakai. Motion carried 6-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: (54:51)

- Dr. Mathew Neal the new Superintendent of the Woodland Park School District introduced himself to the Council
- Elijah Murphy expressed that he had concerns with the City Council and felt that they had an illegal Executive Session. Murphy shared that he felt the council made decisions somewhere else and not in a public meeting. Murphy shared that he felt this was highly unethical.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. None

8. ORDINANCES ON INITIAL POSTING

A. None

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS (1:06:54)

A. Approve Ordinance 1400 Series 2021 appropriating the purchase of certain water shares.

Utilities Director Kip Wiley reviewed this ordinance purchasing a water share with the Council.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 1400, series 2021 appropriating the purchase of certain water shares. Zuluaga/Case. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Consider a request by Kim Packham and the Ute Pass Saddle Club Inc. for on-site vendor camping from August 16 - August 23, 2021 for the Woodland Park Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show

Special event at 19250 East Highway 24. (QJ)

Planning Director Riley reviewed this request with the Council.

MOTION: To approve a request by Kim Packham and the Ute Pass Saddle Club Inc. for on-site vendor camping from August 16 - August 23, 2021 for the Woodland Park Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show Special event at 19250 East Highway 24. Neal/Nakai. Motion carried. 6-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

11. REPORTS (1:18:22)

A. Mayor’s Report - Mayor Pro-tem LaBarre shared the upcoming events for the next two weeks.

Mayor Pro-tem LaBarre announced stated *“that this Council will be providing an opportunity for DDA Board Member Jan Wilson to be heard, in anticipation of a council vote on whether she should be removed from the DDA Board, as provided by law. This opportunity to be heard and vote will occur at either our next regular Council meeting, or at a sooner Special meeting, if time permits. Of course, all required notice to the public will precede any meeting.”*

B. Council Reports - Councilmembers Case, Neal and Zuluaga updated the Council on the various boards and committees that they are liaisons to.

Councilmember Alfieri thanked her fellow Councilmembers, City Manager and Staff for their concern during the last few weeks.

Councilmember Zuluaga requested that there be a worksession between the City Council and the DDA.

C. City Attorney’s Report - City Attorney Geoff Wilson introduced Madison Linton the Law Clerk for Wilson Williams. Madison is entering her 3rd year at Wyoming Law School.

D. City Manager’s Report

1. Salute to Veteran’s Rally - update.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-tem LaBarre adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Suzanne Leclercq MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF August, 2021


Hilary LaBarre, Mayor Pro-tem