

**STUDY SESSION NOTES**  
**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**  
City Council Chambers 7500 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**January 6, 2014**

Mayor Jay called the Study Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present: Jerry DiTullio, Bud Starker, Zachary Urban, Kristi Davis, George Pond, Tim Fitzgerald, Genevieve Wooden, and Tracy Langworthy.

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; City Treasurer, Larry Schulz; City Attorney, Gerald Dahl; City Manager, Patrick Goff; guests and interested citizens.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Jerry Nealon**, WR business owner, said there are some businesses that enjoy the back-in parking for loading/unloading. He doesn't understand why money is going to be spent to study it. He said if it's slated to go away why are we going to have a study about it?

**Mark Eskow** thinks people are getting the hang of back-in parking. He feels the money would be better spent on the project, not the study of back-in parking

**Steve Prose** (WR), who has been a volunteer fireman in Wheat Ridge, said the back-in parking is horrible and should be stopped.

1. Governance & Leadership Excellence Seminar – Carl Neu

Carl Neu of Neu & Company presented to City Council a 1 ½ hour orientation seminar entitled "Governance & Leadership Excellence – Advancing to the Future."

2. Review of Council Rules

Council discussed proposed amendments to the Rules submitted by Councilmembers Fitzgerald and Urban. The discussion was expanded to suggested amendments raised by other Councilmembers, the City Manager and the City Attorney. By consensus, the Council directed the City Attorney to prepare a revision of the Rules, addressing the following items:

- Timing rules for Councilmember questions and comment on agenda items at business meetings.
- Use of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and role of the Mayor as chair of the meeting.

- Role of the Mayor Pro Tem as parliamentarian.
- Procedure for Councilmembers to originate agenda items for business meetings and study sessions.
- Procedure at business meetings and study sessions generally.
- General reorganization and renumbering of the Rules.
- Amendments for internal consistency.

### 3. City Council Technology Upgrades – Tablets ~ Patrick Goff

Mr. Goff opened the discussion about using technology to enable the Council go to a “paperless” packet. Suggestions had been provided in the packet including:

- Apple iPad Mini, 16 Gb; Wi-Fi only \$299
- Apple iPad Air (full size), 16 Gb; Wi-Fi only, \$499
- Microsoft Surface Pro 2, 64 Gb; Wi-Fi only, \$899

Discussion followed with each councilmember offering opinions and suggestions.

There was agreement for staff to bring back some options.

### 4. Back-in Parking on 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. ~ Councilmembers Pond & DiTullio

Mr. Pond opened the discussion about having staff research the options to replace the back-in parking on 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He envisions this as a relatively simple and inexpensive exercise. Mr. DiTullio suggested this would remove from the discussion this one unpopular feature that generates a lot of negative conversation about the project overall.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Pond requested a consensus to direct staff to research the options for removing the back-in parking on 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and replacing it with other parking options. The options should include pricing and schedules, along with any other pertinent information necessary for Council to direct staff to implement the changes. Information to be brought back to a regular business meeting in January.

Ms. Davis also requested that the information include feedback from some of the businesses that might be affected by these changes in the back-in parking.

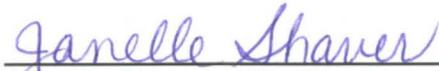
For: Councilmembers Pond, DiTullio, Urban, and Davis  
Against: Fitzgerald, Wooden, Starker and Langworthy  
The Mayor voted no. The back-in parking will stay.

5. Elected Officials' Report(s)

**Genevieve Wooden** announced the Cultural Commission's Meet the Artist event will resume Thursday, January 16 at Mike's Camera (3830 Wadsworth) from 5:30 - 7:00pm. The featured artist is Blu Hartkopp, who will give a presentation about his work. It is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

**Tracy Langworthy** announced the next Live Local this Thursday at The Office from 5:30 – 7:00pm.

The Study Session adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

  
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Janelle Shaver, City Clerk