

## SPECIAL STUDY SESSION NOTES

### CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

City Council Chambers 7500 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue

June 27, 2016

Mayor Joyce Jay called the Study Session to order at 7:50 p.m.

Council members present: Janeece Hoppe, Monica Duran, Tim Fitzgerald, Zachary Urban, Genevieve Wooden and Larry Mathews

Absent: Kristi Davis, George Pond

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; City Attorney, Jerry Dahl; City Manager, Patrick Goff; Community Development Director, Ken Johnstone; and interested citizens

#### CITIZEN COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

none

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Staff Reports

a Clarification of fire sprinkler requirements in one-and two-family residences

Mr. Johnstone provided background on current status of our sprinkler system code as it relates to single and two-family dwellings. While minimizing fire safety risks is important it is felt the 2012 International Residential Code, adopted by the City in 2014, is a little over reaching and onerous to require fire sprinklers in one and two-family residential. Staff proposes deleting one more section of the 2012 IRC to be consistent with previously deleted sections.

He noted a letter that was distributed to Council from the Home Builders Association supporting elimination of the requirement for residential fire sprinkler installation.

Brief discussion followed. Most cities have also eliminated this requirement.

There was consensus to proceed with the changes as presented.

2. Council Rules of Order and Procedure - revised

Mr. Dahl opened the discussion. He explained the substantive changes that Council requested and other minor items.

- All public comment to be at the beginning of the meeting – including comment on items for a Study Session that may follow a Regular Meeting.

- Fair amount of work done on meeting notices and requirements.
- New: Public meetings arranged for citizens are not meetings of the Council.
- Eliminated: Rules about how many minutes Councilmembers may speak at various stages of an agenda item discussion. (This is never followed.)
- Miscellaneous clean-up of verbiage to make for simpler reading.

Councilmember Mathews addressed meeting notices and requirements. There was discussion about what goes in the notice and posting locations. Topics for the meeting will be included. Newspaper requirements are not timely. It was agreed the posting locations will be the website and a location designated by resolution of the Council.

Councilmember Urban began discussion about the implications in the Rules that a citizen is only allowed to speak once. Discussion clarified that members of the public can sign up to speak once under Citizens' Right to Speak (non-agenda topics), once again on any Study Session items (If applicable), and again for any Regular Meeting agenda items.

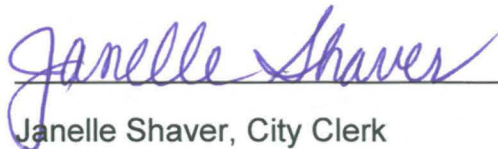
Following discussion, Councilmember Urban asked that Section IV E 4 b (designating what meetings the Clerk is responsible and not responsible for posting) be separated as two separate items (b and c).

Councilmember Hoppe asked for a special category for public comment on study session items when a Special Study Session follows a Regular Meeting. Clerk Shaver said she can transfer the text of the public comment to the Special Study Session Notes, with a note that the audio is contained in the recording of the Regular Meeting. Mr. Dahl will incorporate wording that allows the Mayor pro tem to call Special Study Sessions.

Clerk Shaver reminded Council that the wording for motions that are not in the packet should be submitted to the Clerk and Mayor during the meeting so it is clear what is in the motion. Following discussion Mr. Dahl said he will change "must" to "should".

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Study Session adjourned at 8:28p.m.

  
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Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON July 11th, 2016

  
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George Pond, Mayor Pro Tem