

STUDY SESSION NOTES

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO

City Council Chambers 7500 W. 29th Avenue

November 21, 2016

Mayor Joyce Jay called the Study Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: City Clerk, Janelle Shaver; City Manager, Patrick Goff; Community Development Director, Ken Johnstone; Public Works Director, Scott Brink; Treasurer, Jerry DiTullio; other staff, guests and interested citizens

CITIZEN COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Staff Report(s)
2. City Council Retreat Discussion

Mr. Goff reported discussing with Mayor pro tem Pond about having a retreat after the new year – possible topics to include looking at the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy and vision and goals. The current vision and goals were in the packet. Does Council want to keep them the same or change anything? Mr. Pond elaborated.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Fitzgerald wants to convert the goals to strategy and tactics. They're confusing, not concrete and some of the goals are no longer appropriate. He wants practical tactics -- what we will do and how. Mr. Goff suggested action plans come after vision and goals.

Ms. Duran would like to take time to look at the vision and goals and tweak them.

Mr. Mathews suggested the goals are platitudes and wants to get down to tactics. Knowing how important goals were achieved may lead to trimming the list and he'd like to know how we implement strategy. Mr. Goff explained the process for vision, then goals, then action plan. The action plans associated with the current goals were given to Council. He will re-send them.

Mr. Urban would like to clarify where we were, where we are now, and where we want to go. What has been addressed, and if, not why?

Ms. Hoppe is comfortable with the vision and goals. She prefers spending more time on the objectives.

Ms. Wooden prefers keeping the goals, but looking at the objectives. She suggested some organization be done beforehand at a study session, and some homework done by Council – so there can be time at the retreat to discuss other things. Ms. Davis agreed with doing some pre-work before the retreat.

Mr. Pond suggested a day and a half, as is customary, with some time spent on vision and goals and the rest on objectives.

Mr. Goff recommended there should be long-term goals that have a consensus.

There was discussion about how much time to set aside for the retreat and a location. Mr. Mathews suggested having it in Council chambers and having it televised – to keep in touch with citizens. Mr. Urban reminded it is an open meeting. The Mayor preferred having it in a non-City building. Ms. Duran preferred having it in the Chambers. Mr. Pond preferred not at the City Hall as it should be informal. He fears meeting at City Hall would result in study session behavior. Ms. Davis and Mr. Fitzgerald agreed with Mr. Pond.

Mr. Goff summarized that Council wants to spend significant time on goals, and come to a consensus on creating a strategic action plan. He reported that, as usual, a facilitator will be used; he/she may not know Wheat Ridge specifically, but they know government and have worked with other cities.

Mr. Urban suggested, seriously, to do it at a place like the American Motel – where Council could be in the middle of something the City needs to do.

3. Elected Officials' Report(s)

Kristi Davis asked Council to reconsider the appropriation for the backpack program. She considers it necessity vs discretionary. ~ Renewal WR meets December 6.

Genevieve Wooden reported an event last Friday at WRHS. Ed Perlmutter helped organize a NASA uplink to the international space station. Students got to talk to an astronaut in space and ask questions.

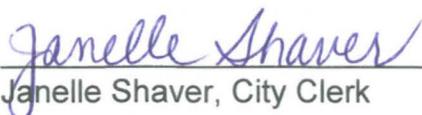
Mayor Jay With the passage of 2E and the changes and evolvment that will happen, she'd like to see the City present to property owners what's available to them. Not only will their buildings change, but there are grants and loans to help them.

Janelle Shaver reported from Jefferson County Community Corrections.

Jerry DiTullio reported that since the changes in the audit hearing process there have been no audit hearings. He also noted a recent use tax audit that recovered \$146K. Mr. Goff noted this is not a "windfall". \$450K is budgeted yearly for audit revenue.

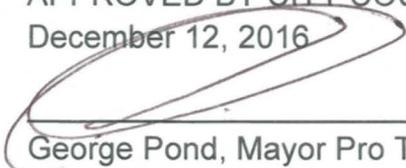
ADJOURN TO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Study Session adjourned at 7:22pm.



Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON
December 12, 2016



George Pond, Mayor Pro Tem