

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING

Tuesday, November 6, 5:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall - Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Citizen's Transportation Advisory Commission Appointees – Ruth Heald, Emil Gercke, Christy Aksamit, Cathleen Stepp, Jared Fehringer, and Robin Broumley
2. Health Fund Update
3. Police Budget Amendment
4. Special Meeting Request for Wyoming Business Council Grant
5. Agenda Review

Mayor Pacheco began the pre-meeting session at 5:32 p.m. Present: Councilmembers Hopkins, Huber, Humphrey, Johnson, Laird, Morgan, Powell, Walsh and Mayor Pacheco.

The following Citizen's Transportation Advisory Commission Appointees introduced themselves; Ruth Heald, Cathleen Stepp, Christy Aksamit, Jared Fehringer, and Emil Gercke. Mayor Pacheco thanked them for serving the community and for introducing themselves.

City Manager Napier provided an overview on the health care fund and stated that roughly \$1.5 million dollars will be needed to cover fiscal year 2019. He also stated that an amendment would be needed to arrange for the funding and that it is a short term solution. Councilmembers Walsh and Laird spoke on the matter. Tom Pitlick, City Chief Financial Officer, provided information on how money could be shifted from the excess general fund and capital fund to cover the health care fund. Council gave a thumbs up for staff to prepare an amendment to be discussed at the next work session and finalized at the next Council meeting after that.

City Manager Napier then discussed the timing and nature of a proposed budget amendment to provide needed support for the police department. Mr. Napier stated that three additional positions are being requested, two of which would then allow sworn staff to be utilized for other duties. The positions would include a civilian press information officer, an evidence supervisor, and a civilian customer service staff member. Mr. Napier then requested that Chief McPheeters update Council on the purchase of body camera equipment. Police Chief McPheeters explained that a product has been chosen, but he is requesting consideration for an enhancement which would allow for unlimited cloud storage for a price of \$500,000. Chief McPheeters addressed questions presented by Councilmembers Walsh, Hopkins, Powell, and Humphrey. City Manager Napier indicated that if the economy sustains the current sales tax, the increase for the police department would be handled. Councilmember Laird suggested other funding options. Mayor requested feedback for staff, and Council provided a thumbs up to the preparation of a proposed amendment.

City Manager Napier described the request for a resolution of support for the application for a Wyoming Business Council grant by the Casper-Natrona County Economic Development Joint Powers Board. City Manager Napier indicated that to carry this out, a special meeting would need to be held after the regularly scheduled work session next week. Councilmembers Walsh and Morgan asked questions and City Manager Napier clarified. Mayor Pacheco asked if Council supported this, and a thumbs up was given.

Mayor Pacheco adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur D. Tremel
City Clerk

Ray Pacheco
Mayor