

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall – Video Conference Call

AGENDA

1. CATC Update
2. Text Amendment to Chapter 8.40 – Litter Control
3. Agenda Review

Mayor Freel began the pre-meeting session at 5:39 p.m. with Councilmembers Huber and Pacheco and Mayor Freel present at City Hall. Councilmembers Bates, Cathey, Hopkins, Johnson, Powell and Vice-Mayor Lutz attended via conference call.

City Manager Napier stated that Council would be renewing several Casper Area Transportation Coalition (CATC) agreements so an update had been arranged and any questions could be addressed this evening.

Liz Becher, Community Development Director introduced John Jones, the CATC Director. Mr. Jones summarized upcoming projects and needs for the organization, provided ridership participation information, and spoke about additional costs as a result of the new standards for Covid precautions. He thanked Council for support and welcomed questions.

Councilmember Powell asked about the route changes and Mr. Jones said that the new route changes had been positive.

City Manager Napier indicated that feedback from waste haulers had resulted in some possible changes to the litter control ordinance and asked Mr. Henley to elaborate. City Attorney Henley provided further information on proposed language to make the litter control ordinance clear and to allow on-site flexibility with the number of containers requiring covers if some contain materials that could not be wind-blown.

City Manager Napier asked if the amendment just described would be acceptable to Council. Mayor Freel re-stated his understanding of the amendment. City Attorney Henley elaborated on the options that the amendment would allow for.

Councilmember Hopkins suggested that a container for the roll-off dumpster might solve the issue. Mayor Freel asked why it is necessary to have a covered container if, at a given time, no wind-blown materials were on site. City Attorney Henley indicated that there always seems to be some potential litter, so even though it is time for concrete work, there may be bags that the dry materials came in that could result in litter. He stated that having one covered container on site, at all times, would allow work to continue without any risk of materials becoming litter. Mayor Freel asked if there was a simple way to address this. City Manager Napier indicated that this language should address it.

Councilmember Huber asked if adding “at construction sites where wind-blown material may be generated” would help clarify things. City Manager Napier said that the language would further emphasize the point. Councilmember Huber asked if the addition would be helpful, or just lengthy.

City Manager Napier said it could be helpful. Mayor Freel said to keep it simple, and that covers would only be needed when wind-blown material was present. Councilmember Huber asked if striking out “for the purpose of eliminating and containing” and stating “if there is a potential for wind-blown material, then there will be a covered container” would solve the problem. Councilmember Cathey said that his initial amendment was directed toward this issue. Councilmember Huber shared that he feels that adding “if there is a potential for wind-blown debris and litter” would address the issue. Councilmember Bates asked if wind-blown needed to be defined. Mayor Freel shared that he felt that the owner would need to use good judgement on what could be wind-blown.

Mayor Freel adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor