

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall - Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Youth Empowerment Council Update
2. Derington Addition Watermain Replacements
3. Resort Liquor License No. 1
4. Agenda Review

Mayor Pacheco began the pre-meeting session at 5:39 p.m. with Councilmembers Cathey, Engebretsen, Freel, Johnson, Knell, Pollock, and Mayor Pacheco. Councilmembers Gamroth and Sutherland attended virtually via GoToMeeting.

1. Youth Empowerment Council Update

Mayor Pacheco welcomed members of the Youth Empowerment Council (YEC). Four members of the YEC described the activities and community outreach they have been providing to the community. They also spoke about the Suicide Prevention Awareness Team (SPAT) and updated Council on the outreach and need for the team. Mayor Pacheco, liaison for the YEC, urged Council to consider continuing to fund the group and possibly providing additional funding in light of the high suicide rate in Wyoming and the work being done by SPAT in the schools.

2. Derington Addition Watermain Replacements

City Manager Napier asked staff to present on this topic. Andrew Beamer, Public Services Director, described the project area, the extent of the repairs, and added that some sidewalk ramps, gutters, and sewer improvements would be done as part of this project. Council did not have any questions.

3. Resort Liquor License No. 1

City Manager Napier explained the application received for Resort Liquor License No. 1 which basically would be issued to the new holding company at a location that previously had a resort liquor license. Council did not have any questions.

4. Agenda Review

City Manager Napier asked Council for consideration of an item that is not related to the agenda for the evening. He shared that a non-profit entity is interested in building an indoor sports complex in the vicinity of the Ford Wyoming Center (FWC). He also said that he spoke with the manager of the FWC, and the manager is in support of the idea. City Manager Napier stated that he would like initial approval from Council to advocate for this project and indicated that at some point the City would be involved in discussions about the facility.

Councilmember Knell asked if this would be a skate park. City Manager Napier said this would be an indoor sports facility and might include such things as a basketball and volleyball courts. He also shared that he hoped the facility could enhance the offerings of the FWC to allow larger tournaments that could not previously be hosted.

Councilmember Pollock asked if non-profit or the City would manage the facility, or if that is unknown. City Manager Napier indicated that the current concept involves the non-profit being the operator, or hiring an operator, which could involve Spectra, or not. He suggested that the advantage of the facilities working together would be the draw of additional tournaments.

Councilmember Engebretsen asked if the non-profit was the same group that had been considering building on King Boulevard. City Manager Napier said he was unsure about that project.

Councilmember Knell asked what kind of funding commitment the group expects from the City. City Manager Napier said he has been clear with the group that the City can't have a financial stake in the building or operation of the facility. Council provided a provisional thumbs up for advocating for the indoor sports center.

Mayor Pacheco adjourned the pre-meeting at 5:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur Tremel
City Clerk

Ray Pacheco
Mayor