

A Regular Meeting of the Manitou Springs City Council was held in the City Council Chambers, 606 Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs, Colorado, on January 3, 2012. Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marc A. Snyder
Mayor Pro Tem Matt Carpenter
Councilwoman Aimee Cox
Councilman Rick Barry
Councilman Michael Gerbig, Jr.
Councilwoman Coreen Toll

COUNCILMEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

Councilman Ed Klingman

STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Jack Benson
City Attorney Jeff Parker
Planning Director Dan Folke
Public Services Director Bruno Pothier
Interim Finance Director Rebecca Davis
Librarian Margaret Morris
City Clerk Donna Kast

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with a reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

All Members of City Council were present for roll call with the exception of Councilman Klingman who was excused.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Snyder said he would like to reorder the consideration of the items listed under H. *New Business* as follows: *Item 1.* Resolution No. 0212, *Item 2.* Resolution No. 0312 and *Item 3.* Resolution No. 0112.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter and a second by Councilman Gerbig, the agenda was unanimously approved as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 20, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Cox and a second by Councilwoman Toll, the minutes of the December 20, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Councilman Barry abstained from the vote because he was excused from the December 20, 2011 meeting.

F. SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

- Mayor Marc A. Snyder
- Ward 2 Councilwoman Coreen Toll
- At-large Councilwoman Donna Ford
- At-large Councilman Randy R. Hodges
- At-large Councilman Gary L. Smith

The newly elected Mayor and City Council Members were sworn into office.

Refreshment Break

Mayor Snyder called for a break at 7:10 pm. The meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

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COUNCILMEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

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Public Services Director Bruno Pothier
Interim Finance Director Rebecca Davis
City Clerk Donna Kast

G. ROLL CALL (*new Council*)

All Members of City Council were present for roll call.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 0212, A Resolution of Acknowledgement and Appreciation of Councilman Ed Klingman

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter and a second by Councilman Gerbig, Resolution No. 0212 was unanimously approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Resolution No. 0312, A Resolution of Acknowledgement and Appreciation of Councilman Rick Barry

Upon a motion by Councilman Gerbig and a second by Councilwoman Ford, Resolution No. 0312 was unanimously approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Resolution No. 0112, A Resolution of Acknowledgement and Appreciation of Councilwoman Aimee Cox

Upon a motion by Councilman Hodges and a second by Councilwoman Toll, Resolution No. 0112 was unanimously approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. An Executive Session pursuant to Section 5.1(a) of the Manitou Springs City Charter to discuss a personnel matter if requested by a council member, an employee or an applicant for employment. The following additional details are provided for informational purposes: *To consider police chief selection procedures.*

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter and a second by Councilwoman Toll, the City Council went into executive session at 7:57 pm.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Toll and a second by Councilwoman Ford, the City Council went out of executive session and reconvened in regular session at 8:38 pm.

Mayor Snyder announced that no decisions were made during the executive session; however, direction was given to the City Administrator on how to proceed with the search for a new police chief.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stephen Goodall, a resident of 337 Pilot Knob, told City Council that the police entered his home to search for stolen tools even though no one was home at the time. Following his report, the City Council directed the City Administrator to look into the matter.

Neal Yowell, a resident of 1009 Midland Avenue, asked if the Christmas lights could remain hanging until the conclusion of the Carnivale Parade weekend.

Eddie Brooks, a resident of Fountain Place, said that a couple of years ago, the police entered his house when he was not at home because they thought there might be a dead body inside.

Austin Roberts reported that two summers ago, a police officer wrote him and his friends tickets for jaywalking at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. He said he didn't think the tickets were necessary since no one else was around.

K. CONSENT CALENDAR (These Items voted on in one Motion)

The following item was acted upon by unanimous consent of the members present:

1. Warrants (Payables)

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter and a second by Councilman Gerbig, the item was passed, adopted and approved. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Election of Mayor Pro Tem**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Ford and a second by Councilwoman Toll, Councilman Matt Carpenter was unanimously elected as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried 7-0.

2. **Approve Re-appointment of Mike Casey to the Manitou Springs Planning Commission**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Toll and a second by Councilman Smith, Mike Casey was unanimously re-appointed to the Manitou Springs Planning Commission. Motion carried 7-0.

3. **Approve Re-appointment of Jay Rohrer as a Resident Member of the Manitou Springs Parking Authority Board**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Toll and a second by Councilman Gerbig, Jay Rohrer was unanimously appointed as a Resident Member of the Manitou Springs Parking Authority Board. Motion carried 7-0.

4. **Resolution No. 0412, A Resolution Establishing the Location for the Posting of Notices for the City of Manitou Springs**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Ford and a second by Councilwoman Toll, Resolution No. 0412 was unanimously approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

5. **Resolution No. 0512, a Resolution Appointing Council Members as Liaisons to the Various Departments and Other Boards and Committees**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter and a second by Councilwoman Toll, Resolution No. 0512 was unanimously approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

6. **Approval of a Contract with WestWorks Engineering for Professional Engineering Services for the El Paso Student Connector**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter and a second by Councilman Gerbig, the contract with WestWorks Engineering for Professional Engineering Services for the El Paso Student Connector was unanimously approved. Motion carried 7-0.

7. **Re-approve Town of Calhan Request to Join the Pikes Peak RTA**

Upon a motion by Councilman Gerbig and a second by Councilwoman Ford, the request by the Town of Calhan to join the Pikes Peak RTA was approved. Motion carried 6-1, with Mayor Snyder, Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter, Councilwoman Toll, Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Ford and Councilman Gerbig voting for; and Councilman Hodges voting against.

M. MAYOR'S REPORT

None

N. RECEIVE OR ACT ON COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter informed the City Council that he received a letter from a resident who was concerned about the quality of snowplowing services. The Mayor Pro Tem said it was his personal opinion that our existing snowplowing policy should be revisited and was informed by Jack Benson that staff would soon be meeting to review and revise the policy.

Mayor Snyder commented on a letter received from a high school student that urged Manitou Springs to pursue solar energy.

O. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Toll informed everyone that she recently attended a Board of County Commissioners Worksession on oil and gas drilling.

P. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jack Benson informed the City Council that finance director interviews will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 7, but asked everyone to arrive at 8:45 am for a briefing. In addition, he updated the City Council on the status of the negotiations on the pending lease purchase agreement. Lastly, he stated that he would be handing out City Council orientation notebooks to newly elected Council Members and will be providing them with the opportunity to meet with Department Heads on January 10 and 11 to learn more about City departments and services.

Q. FUTURE AGENDAS

- January 10, 2012 – Worksession
- January 17, 2012 – Regular Meeting
- February 7, 2012 – Regular Meeting
- February 14, 2012 – Worksession
- February 21, 2012 – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Snyder concluded the Regular Meeting at 9:54 pm.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CITY CLERK

Minutes Prepared by: Donna Kast, City Clerk