

**CITY OF CENTRAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Central was called to order by Mayor Engels at 7:05 p.m., in City Hall on March 3, 2015.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Engels
Mayor Pro Tem Heider
Alderman Voorhies
Alderman Gaines
Alderman Laratta

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Miera
City Clerk Bechtel
Attorney McAskin
Finance Director Adame
Public Services Director Griffith
Police Chief Krelle
Fire Chief Allen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ADDITIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with an amendment to remove agenda item #8.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mayor Engels stated he will recuse himself for the first agenda item under executive session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Gaines moved to approve the consent agenda containing the regular bill lists of February 5, 12, 19 and 26; and the City Council minutes for the meeting on February 3, 2015. Alderman Voorhies seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one requested time to address the Council.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 15-06: *A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado approving and adopting the City of Central Interim Community Economic Development Strategic Plan and sunsetting said plan approval and adoption on December 31, 2016.*

City Manager Miera explained that the proposed resolution requests approval and adoption of an Interim Community Economic Development Strategic Plan that will sunset on December 31, 2016.

The City is currently in the process of updating its Comprehensive Development Plan which was last updated in 2003. However, due to a recent application submitted to DOLA for financial assistance for said update work (CDBG-DR Grant), the process of moving the update forward has been paused until a decision on our application is made. So, in the interim, it was determined that the City could benefit from adopting a strategic plan that addresses issues relating to community and economic development, especially given that the current version of the Comprehensive Plan does not adequately address that subject matter with respect to specific topics. And, until such time as the updated Comprehensive Plan is completed, which will include a more extensive approach to the issue, an interim strategic plan could better position the City to participate in more immediate community and economic development opportunities.

Therefore, in recognizing that the City is determined to minimize any further delay in updating the Comprehensive Plan, it was decided that the adoption of the Interim Strategic Plan should contain a sunset clause that ensures its interim status and encourages continued progress toward the completion of the updated Comprehensive Plan, including the more extensive version of the related element.

Alderman Gaines moved to approve Resolution No. 15-06: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado approving and adopting the City of Central Interim Community Economic Development Strategic Plan and sunsetting said plan approval and adoption on December 31, 2016. Alderman Laratta seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 15-07: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central establishing certain financial procedures specific to authorized check signatories.

Finance Director Adame reviewed Resolution 15-07 which establishes the elected officials and employees that are authorized to sign checks as well as those authorized as a signatory on bank accounts for the City. As the City recently hired a new Finance Director; the former Finance Director Shannon Flowers is no longer an authorized signatory on bank accounts. As such Resolution 15-07 designates Abigail R. Adame, Finance Director and Whitney Blake, Deputy Finance Director as authorized signatories on bank accounts and as employees authorized to sign checks issued by the City. Mayor Pro-tem Kathryn Heider is also designated as an authorized signatory on bank accounts via this resolution. She replaces former Mayor Pro-tem Robert E. Spain. Since it is also necessary at times for City employees to use credit or debit cards in order to make purchases or reservations, Resolution 15-07 recognizes that in these cases, only one (1) authorized signature will be required and lists the City employees who are authorized to have and use a City credit or debit card for such purchases.

Alderman Gaines moved to approve Resolution No. 15-07: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central establishing certain financial procedures specific to authorized check signatories as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Heider seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF UPDATES

City Manager Miera referred to the staff reports in the packet.

Alderman Gaines asked for a status on the roof of the Knights of Pythias building. City Manager Miera explained that Fire Chief Allen and the Building Official from Colorado Code investigated the roof collapse which lead to requirements of the property owner to secure the area and get a structural engineer to provide an evaluation for stabilization.

Alderman Gaines asked Fire Chief Allen to congratulate on behalf of the City, the firefighters that received service awards.

Mayor Engels noted the resignation from Public Works Director Griffith and thanked him for all work he has done for the City. Mayor Pro Tem Heider added her thanks to Director Griffith and stated that his knowledge will be missed. Alderman Voorhies wished Director Griffith good luck in his next position. City Manager Miera explained that Public Works Director Griffith will continue under contract to support the City.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Alderman Laratta asked about the shuttle service being combined with Black Hawk.

City Manager Miera gave information from his staff report:

Parkway Signage – The archway sign options will be brought back to Council to make a decision on the design and language proposed since the City owns the sign with financing managed through the BID. Other proposed signs off 1-70 have to meet CDOT regulations before they can be considered. Staff is working with JVA on signage on Nevada to determine ROW.

Shuttle Service – Staff has not had dialogue with Black Hawk since discussions in 2014 but staff will move that forward.

Street Lighting – The BID will work on a pilot project trial near Johnny Z's and then will bring it back for consideration.

Mainstreet Traffic Flow – Staff is working with JVA to review previous studies and put together costs to make the change for perhaps a trial basis.

PUBLICFORUM/AUDIENCEPARTICIPATION

Sharon Cate, 311 Casey, commended Officer Bergham, Fire Chief Allen, and volunteer fireman Royce McLain and Cody Allen for their assistance and professionalism with her recent traffic accident.

Jack Hidahl, 206 E 3rd, encouraged Council and the BID to discuss important topics without interruption and approved of the Council decision to take comment at the end of a work session if time allows. Mr. Hidahl also offered that signage is rarely functional or productive and cautioned that a change to the archway sign as proposed would diminish the City and not bring additional revenue to the casinos and he cautioned against electronic signs and also had concern for the retaining wall sign that was proposed. He added that utilizing the existing electronic sign and staffing a kiosk at the store would be better use of signage.

Council consensus to staff would be to work with Shannon Keel, General Manager for the Reserve Casino Hotel and the BID to do something less invasive on the slope and rather than add additional electronic signage at the bottom of the parkway to approach the owners of the property at the gateway business for use of the existing sign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:47 p.m., Alderman Gaines moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) regarding personnel matters and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney on specific legal questions regarding City operations and organizational structure. and to reconvene the Council meeting at the conclusion of the executive session for the purpose of taking any action deemed necessary, and to adjourn the March 3, 2015 regular Council meeting. Mayor

Pro Tem Heider seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

Reba Bechtel, City Clerk