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Minutes of the  
City Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado  
Held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
At the Village Center

The City Council held a study session at 5:30 p.m.

### **FINAL MEETING OF THE OUTGOING COUNCIL**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Laura Christman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Laura Christman, Councilors Earl Hoellen, Al Blum, Mike Gallagher, Dan Sheldon, and Katy Brown were present on roll call. Also present were City Manager Jim Thorsen, Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director Jay Goldie, City Attorney Kathie Guckenberger, Police Chief Michelle Tovrea, Community Development Director Rachel Granrath, Finance Director Jessica Sager, Police Commander Pat Weathers, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Emily Black and City Clerk Laura Gillespie.

Absent: Councilor Randy Weil

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Council conducted the pledge of allegiance.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

John Love, 8 Lynn Road, expressed his gratitude to outgoing Mayor Christman and Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen. He indicated that they had served with distinction.

Robert Eber, 3 Middle Road, thanked Mayor Christman and Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen for their hard work. He noted that the new City Hall was on time and under budget. He indicated that they all stood on the shoulders of those who had come before and that Mayor Christman and Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen were leaving some high shoulders.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Sheldon noted grammatical error on page 5 of the November 20, 2018 minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem moved, seconded by Councilor Sheldon to approve the November 20, 2018 as amended and the December 12, 2018 minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **REMARKS FROM CITY COUNCIL TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM**

Councilor Blum noted that while he and Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen were on different ends of the political spectrum they had always agreed on what was best for the

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City. He appreciated Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen's dynamic and dedication. He stated that he would miss Mayor Christman and that much of the City was not aware of how much she contributed. He noted she had been a mentor to him both on the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) and on City Council, and he appreciated her support.

Councilor Sheldon stated that it had been a pleasure to work with Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen who had taught him to look at the details as well as the long-term plan. He noted that his first experience with Mayor Christman had been as a disgruntled applicant before P&Z, but now he appreciated the challenges of elected office and he commended her work on P&Z and Council. He wished both of them the best moving forward.

Councilor Brown noted that a lot had happened and had been accomplished since she had met Mayor Christman and Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen four years ago. She indicated that they had listened, acted, consulted and consoled and to misquote Michael Jordan, there was no "I" in "team" but there was a "U" in "success", "community" and "future". She stated that she could not thank them enough both as a colleague and as a resident. She sincerely hoped that when they passed by the redeveloped John Meade Park or the new Public Works facility in the future that they would be reminded of their contribution and legacy. She stated that she had enjoyed her time on Council with them and the Council had been a great team. She noted that the City would have been worse off without them. She thanked their families for the sacrifice.

Councilor Gallagher stated that he appreciated his friendship with Mayor Christman and Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen. He thanked Mayor Christman for her great enthusiasm for her position and for the City. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen for his leadership and analytical skills that had led to the current progress on the capital projects.

### **PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Thorsen noted that in his thirteen years in city manager positions he had the great fortune of serving with 23 council members. He stated that the traits of an excellent council member were their love for the community and their passion for giving, and that Mayor Christman and Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen had both traits. He agreed that few people recognized or understood the amount of time and energy that they had devoted to the community and that it was nothing short of astounding. He noted that they had attended hundreds of meetings of various groups, made many phone calls, had many meetings with residents, and Mayor Christman had recently flown back from Argentina to attend an FAA meeting. He indicated that they had sacrificed time with their families and postponed personal issues to make the City a better place. He indicated their leadership had brought the capital projects from two decades of discussion to reality. He noted that they had taught him about the pulse and heartbeat of the community. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen for always looking at the fine print, and Mayor Christman for her creative thinking to diffuse government roadblocks. He thanked them for their support of staff. He presented commemorative gifts to each of them and thanked them for their service and a job well done.

**REMARKS FROM OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM**

Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen indicated that he had always believed that a life well lived included public service of some sort. He noted that he had served on the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (BOAA) for eight years and then had run for Council to replace Russell Stewart who had been term limited. He had quickly realized that his fellow Council members had different talents, experiences and perspectives but all had in common their commitment to serve the City. He stated that they had worked without personal agendas to pursue initiatives in the best interests of the City. He indicated that they had initiated progress on the three major projects under the Master Plan, on top of many other matters such as drones, short term rentals, traffic and others. He explained that when he had started on Council he had been shocked to learn that the City had the funds to complete the capital projects and Council had taken advantage of generationally-low interest rates to do so. Former Councilors Mark Griffin and Alex Brown had introduced the idea of financing the projects with Certificates of Participation (COPs) which allowed the City to proceed with the projects almost immediately. He noted that around the same time the City had the good fortune of hiring a new City Manager who was truly accomplished with an extensive background overseeing municipal capital projects and with City Manager Thorsen's leadership and the City's extraordinary staff the City had secured COPs at a very favorable interest rate. The new Public Works facility had been completed on time and under budget and the new City Hall was currently on time and under budget. The City was in excellent financial shape with the highest financial rating and sufficient reserves to ensure continuity of services and the opportunity to pursue opportunities like open space acquisition. City Manager Thorsen also restored a positive working culture for City staff. Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen stated he would not have changed anything, except perhaps the use tax ballot measure, and had learned along the way. He noted that doing was harder than not doing and most people were predisposed against change. He stated that he had been honored to work with Councilors Blum, Sheldon and Weil, who he hoped would recover soon, and with Councilors Gallagher and Brown on their shared journey. He indicated that Mayor Christman was a mile wide and a mile deep, her knowledge was remarkable, and she had successfully led Council members with different styles and personalities. He indicated that if he had made a contribution it was because of her leadership. He thanked City staff for helping him learn and understand and for their dedication. He thanked the Abrams for attending most Council meetings. He thanked his wife Lori. He urged the incoming Council to stay the course and continue to look forward. He noted he would be happy to help incoming Councilor Safavi with the transition in any way he could. He stated it had been a privilege to serve.

Mayor Christman thanked City staff for their consummate professionalism. She noted Councilor Blum's success with the new traffic signal at Glenmoor and Belleview, a project 10 years in the making. She stated that Councilor Sheldon brought his depth of experience and knowledge of the community to the Council and they were lucky to have him. She thanked Councilor Brown for being an advocate for the community, being thorough and for paying attention to the numbers. She stated that Councilor Gallagher was second generation in the City and contributed that important history and concept of change to Council's discussions. She thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen for his knowledge of staff matters, financial discipline, and consideration of both the details and the long range financial future of the City. She noted that while there had been no place at the old City Hall for Councilors to meet with residents the new City Hall would have a Council office. She gifted a coffee cup set and horse tray to the City for that room.

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### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE NEW COUNCIL

#### OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Gillespie administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Russell Stewart and Council members Afshin Safavi, Mike Gallagher and Katy Brown.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor Russell Stewart, Councilors Afshin Safavi, Al Blum, Mike Gallagher, Dan Sheldon, and Katy Brown were present on roll call. Also present were City Manager Jim Thorsen, Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director Jay Goldie, City Attorney Kathie Guckenberger, Police Chief Michelle Tovrea, Community Development Director Rachel Granrath, Finance Director Jessica Sager, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Emily Black and City Clerk Laura Gillespie.

Absent: Councilor Randy Weil

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Blum to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### INCOMING COMMENTS BY NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Stewart thanked the outgoing Council members and reiterated previous comments about the difficulty of the job and their large contributions to the City both on Council and on boards and commissions.

Councilor Safavi thanked the outgoing Council members and noted it was clear that they really cared about the City. He stated that he was honored to serve. He explained that his intentions when making decisions would be to consider the Master Plan, the Council members and Mayor's backgrounds, the residents' opinions, and the data. He indicated that he was in favor of empowering the City boards, commissions, committees and staff rather than micromanaging them.

Councilor Gallagher stated that he looked forward to working with the new Council as a group and noted that the Council owed it to themselves and to the community to be collegial.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilor Blum moved, seconded by Councilor Gallagher to appoint Councilor Brown as Mayor Pro Tem.

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The motion passed unanimously.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Gallagher to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Appointment of City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Attorney
- b. Resolution 1, Series 2019; Designating the Public Place for Posting Notices of Regular and Special Meetings
- c. Resolution 2, Series 2019; Reappointing James E. Turre as the Municipal Judge and John F. Welborn as the Alternate Municipal Judge

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Blum indicated that he knew someone who might be interested in serving as an alternate municipal judge.

### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council Bill 10, Series 2018; Declaring the Organization of the Cherry Hills Village Charlou Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Filing General Improvement District (second and final reading)

City Clerk Gillespie presented Council Bill 10, Series 2018 on second and final reading. She explained that the council bill would organize the Cherry Hills Village Charlou Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Filing General Improvement District per voter approval at the November 2018 election. She indicated that there had been no changes since first reading.

Councilor Blum asked about progress with Xcel Energy on getting a cost for the project.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that staff had received hard numbers from Xcel Energy and were now waiting for numbers from CenturyLink. He noted that the members of the district had worked with Xcel prior to beginning the petition process and that had smoothed the way for staff to continue the work with Xcel.

Councilor Blum asked when staff anticipated final costs from CenturyLink.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that staff anticipated hard numbers from CenturyLink by the end of the week.

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Councilor Sheldon moved, seconded by Councilor Blum to approve Council Bill 10, Series 2018; declaring the organization of the Cherry Hills Village Charlou Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Filing General Improvement District on second and final reading.

The following votes were recorded:

Sheldon	yes
Gallagher	yes
Brown	yes
Blum	yes
Safavi	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 10-2018: 5 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

Mayor Stewart noted that this process might be a model for the creation of other districts in the City to underground utility lines.

Resolution 3, Series 2019; Accepting and Approving an Easement Agreement with Denver First Church for a Non-Motorized Public Trail and Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds in Payment Therefor, and Repealing Resolution 9, Series 2016 (tabled from December 12, 2018 meeting)

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie presented Resolution 3, Series 2019 for Council's consideration. He explained that the underpass project would connect the High Line Canal at Hampden Avenue. He noted that a new alignment had been proposed by Denver and that required a different easement from Denver First Church. Placement of the new easement had been created in close negotiations with Denver First Church to account for landscaping and other matters. The new easement was close in size to the old easement. Construction of the trail and improvements to Hampden Avenue would be presented to Council as a separate item at a future meeting after they were designed and placed out to bid.

Councilor Blum asked if the City was responsible for the trail and if the City had applied for any grants for the construction of the trail.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that the City was responsible for the trail to the underpass on the south side of Hampden. He explained that the City had received a grant from the state, but that the grant had been removed as it had been granted more than three years ago and the grant criteria had since been changed. He indicated that the City had received a grant from Arapahoe County Open Space and was looking into other grants as well. He added that the 2019 budget included funding for the trail.

Councilor Sheldon asked about the square footage of the easement and the cost.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that the easement was 14,888 square feet.

City Manager Thorsen indicated that the cost had increased from \$79,000 to \$98,000 to include attorney costs for the Church.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie added that the cost was based on an appraised value.

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Councilor Sheldon asked about the Church's desire to be involved in the planning of the underpass.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that per the easement agreement the Church would be involved in the planning of the landscaping and the look of the tunnel.

City Manager Thorsen added that the Church would have the opportunity to review the plans and recommend approval or changes.

Councilor Sheldon asked what would happen if the City was not in agreement with the Church's proposed changes.

City Manager Thorsen replied that he was confident that the City could work cooperatively with the Church on any suggestions they might have. He noted that the agreement stated that the Church "shall not unreasonably withhold or delay issuance of an NTP [notice to proceed]".

City Attorney Guckenberger added that the agreement outlined a process to follow for that situation.

Councilor Gallagher asked about an estimated construction cost of the trail.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that staff had held off on the design until after the easement and maintenance agreement were finalized.

Councilor Gallagher asked about future grants.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that staff was looking into a number of new grants.

Councilor Sheldon noted that he didn't believe the City could apply for grants once construction began.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie agreed but noted that the timeline for construction of the trail would allow time for staff to apply for more grants.

Councilor Safavi asked how the payment for the underpass was divided between the various entities.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that a \$4 million grant had been secured through DRCOG and that Arapahoe County, Denver, and Cherry Hills Village were each contributing \$450,000, with Arapahoe County Open Space contributing an additional million. The project costs had been running high and that resulted in the reconfiguration in order to stay within the budget.

Councilor Safavi asked if a straight underpass had been considered instead of the diagonal design in order to save additional costs.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that while a straight design would be less costly, the diagonal design was preferred for safety in order to prevent blind corners for pedestrians and bikes.

City Manager Thorsen added that the grade to the underpass created an additional safety reason for the diagonal design as well. He added that Denver

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had proposed the new design to save funds but that Cherry Hills Village had already set aside sufficient funds for the project.

Mayor Stewart noted that this project had been under discussion for years and was a high priority for the City. He noted it would enhance safety, connectivity, and was in keeping with the Master Plan.

Councilor Sheldon asked if horses would be allowed in the underpass.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that the underpass would only be 10.5 feet tall and would not accommodate horses. He added that horses were not allowed on the Denver side of the High Line Canal.

Councilor Brown asked if the new trail alignment had been reviewed by the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC) and the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that PTRC had reviewed the project.

Coordinator Black clarified that the PTRC had not discussed this specific easement.

Councilor Sheldon asked if this issue should be reviewed by PTRC before consideration by Council. He noted that Council occasionally moved forward on an issue too fast.

Coordinator Black indicated that PTRC had seen the diagram of the new easement and would be very involved in the design of the trail. She stated that she believed they were up to date on the issue and the future design was more appropriate for their discussion time.

Councilor Sheldon asked if the easement area was sufficient.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that it was sufficient for both the trail and retaining walls if they were needed.

Councilor Blum noted that the easement was 50 feet wide and asked how wide the trail would be.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that the trail would be 10 feet wide.

City Manager Thorsen added that the High Line Canal Conservancy was supportive of the new design, as well as Denver, CDOT, Arapahoe County, and Denver Water. He indicated that Council's approval of the easement tonight would allow Denver to start the design process.

Councilor Brown noted that it had been suggested that changing the location of a trail be reviewed by PTRC and P&Z before being considered by Council.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that staff had kept PTRC informed of the progress of the project.

Councilor Sheldon asked if the funds for the easement were included in the 2019 budget.

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Director Sager replied that they were.

Steve Ferris, representative of Denver First Church, stated that working with City staff on this project had been very positive and that Denver First Church valued their long term relationship with the City.

Councilor Sheldon thanked Denver First Church for their ongoing work and cooperation.

Councilor Sheldon moved, seconded by Councilor Blum to approve Resolution 3, Series 2019; accepting and approving an easement agreement with Denver First Church for a non-motorized public trail easement, authorizing the expenditure of funds in payment therefor, and repealing Resolution 9, Series 2016.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 4, Series 2019; Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Maintenance of the High Line Canal Underpasses and Hampden Avenue and Colorado Boulevard**

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie presented Resolution 4, Series 2019 for Council's consideration. He explained that the resolution would approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Denver and CDOT for the maintenance of the underpass. He noted that the previous Council had worked hard to ensure that Cherry Hills Village would not be responsible for more maintenance than reasonable for the City's relatively small budget compared to Denver and CDOT. Per the IGA Cherry Hills Village would be responsible for painting, trash and snow removal in the underpass, while CDOT would be responsible for all structural maintenance.

Councilor Sheldon asked if the surface of the underpass would be crusher fine.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that the final decision had not been made but that the current plan was to have hard surface from the footbridge to the underpass, then the trail would return to crusher fine.

Councilor Gallagher asked about the underpass at Belleview.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied that it was unclear who was responsible for maintenance of that underpass and it needed to be discussed. He noted that City staff maintained the non-structural elements of the underpass but that the soft surface made it challenging.

Councilor Gallagher thanked staff for negotiating the proposed IGA for the Hampden underpass.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown agreed that it had taken an enormous amount of negotiation and gave former Mayor Christman and former Mayor Pro Tem Hoellen credit. She stated she was very comfortable with the proposed IGA.

Mayor Stewart indicated that he was also very pleased. He agreed with Councilor Gallagher that maintenance of the underpass at Belleview should be a future conversation with Greenwood Village.

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Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie agreed and indicated that staff would initiate contact with Greenwood Village regarding the Belleview underpass.

Councilor Gallagher moved, seconded by Councilor Blum to approve Resolution 4, Series 2019, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Maintenance of the High Line Canal Underpasses at Hampden Avenue and Colorado Boulevard by and among the City of Cherry Hills Village, the City and County of Denver and the State of Colorado, Department of Transportation.

The motion passed unanimously.

### City Council Liaison Assignments

City Clerk Gillespie explained that with the election of new City Council members, the City Council liaison assignments needed to be updated.

Mayor Stewart suggested that alternate liaisons for City departments might not be necessary. He proposed adding a liaison to the City Attorney for legal matters. He also proposed adding a liaison to P&Z for legislative issues such as the Master Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown indicated that she had researched what other communities do with this issue and had found an article from Western City Magazine explaining the ethical hazards that could result from having Council liaisons on boards, commissions and committees. She noted that in addition to the issues with quasi-judicial matters and ex-parte communications, there was a concern that although Council members simply thought of themselves as members of the community, their presence at these other meetings could unintentionally intimidate and stifle discussion. She indicated that a key component of the City's boards, commissions and committees was that they were independent bodies, and the presence of a Council member could remove that independence. She stated that open communication was invaluable, and all board, commission and committee members had the opportunity to attend Council meetings and give a report. She noted that this would also allow all of Council to receive the same information instead of the information being filtered through a Council liaison. She also suggested more joint study sessions and/or meetings for Council and City boards, commissions and committees to increase the dialogue and discussion between the groups. She suggested that Council consider these points and review their liaison policy before moving forward.

Councilor Blum agreed that a Council liaison might have unintended negative effects. He noted that the quasi-judicial matter was of concern with a P&Z liaison in particular. He agreed that City boards, commissions and committees should be independent bodies. He noted that he did not see the need for a City Attorney liaison as he had found it very helpful to work with the City Attorney directly when various issues arose. He suggested keeping at least P&Z totally separate with no Council liaison.

Councilor Sheldon indicated he was inclined to agree with no Council liaison for P&Z. He stated that as long as individual Council members could still contact the City Attorney directly then he was not necessarily opposed to a Council liaison for the City Attorney but was not sure it was needed.

Councilor Gallagher agreed that it was helpful for Council members to have direct access to the City Attorney, rather than going through a liaison.

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Mayor Stewart clarified that the addition of a liaison for the City Attorney was not intended to restrict communication between other Council members and the City Attorney.

Councilor Gallagher explained that there had been a quasi-judicial matter at the last PTRC meeting and that he had realized after the fact that he should not have attended although he was the Council liaison for PTRC. He agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Brown that it made more sense for board, commission and committee members to attend Council meetings and give reports rather than Council members attend meetings of those bodies. He agreed that when Council liaisons reported to Council about boards, commissions and committees it was only from that Council member's perspective and that reports directly from the boards, commissions and committees would be more appropriate. He suggested moving the reports item to the beginning of the Council agenda.

Mayor Stewart agreed and noted that reports used to be at the top of the agenda.

Councilor Safavi agreed that it would be more appropriate for board, commission and committee members to attend Council meetings and that would also allow Council members to use their time more productively on other matters.

Mayor Stewart agreed and directed staff to amend the policy.

City Manager Thorsen noted that in his experience Council members were typically not liaisons to boards, commissions and committees. He suggested that each board, commission and committee present an annual work plan to Council and attend Council meetings regularly to make reports throughout the year. He indicated that staff would move reports to the top of the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown agreed that annual work plans would potentially help avoid some of the miscommunication that had occurred in the past between what boards, commissions and committees were working on versus what Council wanted them to be working on.

Mayor Stewart agreed that more joint study sessions with boards, commissions and committees would be productive.

Councilor Sheldon moved, seconded by Councilor Blum, to table the issue until the next meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

### Quincy Farm Committee Vacancy

City Clerk Gillespie explained that with the election of Mayor Stewart there was a vacancy on the Quincy Farm Committee. She noted that the vacancy had been advertised in both the December and January issues of the Village Crier, and staff had one new application so far. She asked for two Council members to assist with reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and making a recommendation for appointment.

Mayor Stewart and Councilor Gallagher volunteered.

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### Cherry Hills Land Preserve Donation for John Meade Park

Coordinator Black explained that the Cherry Hills Land Preserve had made a gift of \$10,000 to the Catherine H. Anderson Fund to help fund trees and landscaping at John Meade Park. The Land Preserve asked for public acknowledgement of the gift and evidence that funds were used in accordance with the intent of the gift.

Councilor Blum asked if this issue had been discussed by PTRC.

Coordinator Black replied that it had not been a discussion item but that PTRC was aware of the matter.

Councilor Sheldon asked if acceptance of the donation would result in any other commitment by the City.

Coordinator Black replied that she had confirmed that the Land Preserve did not expect a sign to be placed in the Park and that only the items in the letter were expected.

Councilor Sheldon indicated that the City was appreciative of the donation.

Councilor Gallagher agreed.

Councilor Gallagher moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to approve the restricted gift from Cherry Hills Land Preserve and to accept the \$10,000 donation to the Catherine H. Anderson Land Donation Fund, to be used for trees and landscaping at John Meade Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

### REPORTS

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Stewart reported that he had attended the Metro Mayor's Caucus annual retreat which had focused on the failure of state ballot issues for transportation funding at the November election and what the next steps might be. He indicated that the discussions included establishing more fees and education campaigns. He noted that the focus might return to regional funds and projects and DRCOG would play a large role. He reported that the Quincy Farm Committee would be hiring a consultant to assist with public outreach and education, and that staff was working on grants for the property. He reported that Councilor Weil was recovering from his illness.

#### **Members of City Council**

Councilor Blum reported that he would attend the Code Modernization Steering Committee meeting on Thursday. He welcomed Mayor Stewart and Councilor Safavi.

Councilor Sheldon suggested it might not be necessary for staff to attend meetings if they did not have an item on the agenda.

Councilor Gallagher reported that the last PTRC meeting had considered the rezoning of John Meade Park and a new memorial bench donation for the Clute

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family, both of which would come to Council for consideration at future meetings. He noted that the High Line Canal Conservancy would be hosting open houses on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown congratulated City Clerk Gillespie for her recognition in the Villager Newspaper. She noted that on January 17<sup>th</sup> there would be a public input meeting for Cherry Hills Village and Greenwood Village residents regarding the Belleview medians. She reported that the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable Memorandum of Understanding was in effect as of December 14, 2018, and although Arapahoe County had some issues with the language the group hoped they would sign the MOU soon. She indicated that it was not personal but expressed concern with including the new Council member names on the plaque for the new City Hall. She explained that she had started on Council shortly before the Joint Public Safety Facility had opened and she had never felt slighted or offended by the fact that her name was not included on the plaque. She stated that the plaque was intended to acknowledge the people who had worked on the building. She indicated that she did not intend any offense but proposed not to include the new Council members on the plaque for the new City Hall.

Councilor Safavi stated that he did not need his name on the plaque but that Mayor Stewart had been involved on Council for many years and recommended that Mayor Stewart's name be included.

Councilor Blum reported that the Denver Post was writing a story on Swastika Acres and the City's ordinance that allowed for renaming of a subdivision. He noted that there were between 50 and 60 homes in the subdivision and he and Councilor Sheldon were committed to moving through the renaming process.

City Manager Thorsen added that the original plats were from 1908 before the swastika symbol had a negative connotation. He explained that originally the subdivision had been for 160 lots but that over the years many of those had been replatted with new subdivision names and there were approximately 50 homes left.

### **Members of City Boards and Commissions**

None

### **City Manager & Staff**

City Manager Thorsen indicated that Cherry Hills Village and Greenwood Village residents were encouraged to attend the public input meeting regarding the Belleview medians which would be held at the Greenwood Village City Hall on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. He reported that Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie would be meeting with representatives from the Glenmoor HOA, Country Club, Greenwood Village, and the City's traffic engineer regarding the new traffic signal at Glenmoor and Belleview. He noted that City offices would be closed on Monday for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

Mayor Stewart added that Greenwood Village Mayor Rakowsky was very supportive of the new traffic signal.

Councilor Blum noted that the new traffic signal would be similar to the signal at Holly.

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Chief Tovrea reported that she would attend a meeting of the E-911 Authority Board regarding a new intergovernmental agreement. She noted that one of the changes under discussion was raising the fee, currently at \$0.70, to cover increased costs.

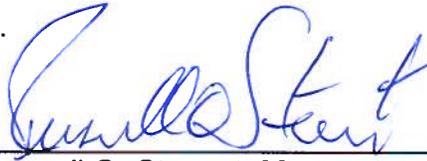
Director Granrath reported that the Code Modernization Steering Committee would meet on Thursday.

### **City Attorney**

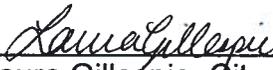
City Attorney Guckenberger had no report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



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Russell O. Stewart, Mayor



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Laura Gillespie, City Clerk