

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the
City Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
At the Village Center

Mayor Laura Christman called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Laura Christman, Councilors Mark Griffin, Earl Hoellen, Mike Gallagher, Klasina VanderWerf, and Katy Brown were present on roll call. Also present were Interim City Manager and Public Works Director Jay Goldie, City Attorney Linda Michow, Police Chief Michelle Tovrea, Human Resource Analyst Kathryn Ducharme, Parks, Trails & Recreation Administrator Ryan Berninzoni, Public Works Project and Right-of-Way Manager Ralph Mason, and City Clerk Laura Smith.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alex Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council conducted the pledge of allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Robby Robinson, 4001 S. Dahlia Street, indicated that he wanted to reiterate his concern about speeding on S. Dahlia Street, particularly between Quincy and Mansfield and perhaps all the way to Hampden. He noted that it was a dangerous situation making it difficult for residents to use their front yards or to exit driveways. He explained that he had first addressed this issue with Sergeant Wilson last July. He indicated that he and other neighbors had recently met with Mayor Christman and there had been subsequent increased patrolling of the street which had helped the speeding issue, but he acknowledged that having a full time officer on Dahlia was not practical or desirable. He stated that there was no consensus on the best solution but asked for Council and staff's help to find one.

Beth Robinson, 4001 S. Dahlia Street, thanked Mayor Christman for quickly arranging for extra police enforcement on Dahlia after their neighborhood meeting. She noted that unfortunately the neighborhood yard signs telling drivers to slow down had been stolen. She explained that Dahlia had become a highway with distinct rush hours resulting in safety concerns. She noted that the traffic calming engineering of the street about 10 years ago had ultimately been ineffective and had some downsides such as crowding for cars and pedestrians. She explained that the corner of Oxford and Dahlia was particularly tricky and dangerous. She indicated that she looked forward to working with the City to solve this issue.

Bob Steiert, 3980 S. Dahlia Street, explained that he had lived on Dahlia Street since 1987 and speeding had always been an issue. His wife had contacted then Mayor Duncan who had convinced her to join City Council. During her term on Council there had been an increased police presence on Dahlia and speeding had been less of an issue. He noted that the traffic calming measures including islands and bump outs did cause some drivers to slow down but did not affect others. He indicated that unfortunately the street needed occasional police presence to address the speeding issue.

Simon Prowse, 4000 S. Dahlia Street, thanked Mayor Christman for the fast response to the neighbors' concerns by increasing police patrols and stated that the traffic had

been notably slower. He indicated concern for a long-term solution. He noted that there used to be a flashing light at Mansfield and Dahlia and suggested that might help to reduce traffic speeds.

Ilsa McCarthy, 4040 S. Dahlia Street, stated that Dahlia Street was too wide and drivers took liberties with speed. She indicated that she was an avid gardener and that she had to take extra precautions when working near the curb. She noted that Holly between Belleview and Orchard was a good example of an effective structural solution to speeding.

Jan Steiert, 3980 S. Dahlia Street, noted that speeding was worse now than it had been 15 years ago when the traffic calming engineering had been done. She indicated that the speeding was likely due to cut-through traffic from drivers avoiding I-25. She encouraged Council to do everything they could to make Dahlia Street as safe as other City streets.

Lucinda Greene, 2855 Cherryridge Road, explained that she was attending Council as a Cherry Hills Land Preserve (CHLP) Board member, and announced the CHLP Community Stewardship Grants Program. The purpose of the Community Stewardship Grants program was to engage the Cherry Hills Village community in activities which would promote protection and stewardship of natural open lands within the City limits. Typical grants might include a request for a tree planting project, habitat research, trail signage, support of identified City projects, trail clean-up, and education. She noted that in the event that a particular application that the Community Stewardship Grants Committee deemed worthy of award involved significant involvement of City space, such as tree planting or trail signage, Committee representatives would come to the City for appropriate discussion and approvals prior to funding the project..

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor VanderWerf moved, seconded by Councilor Griffin to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2016

The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

First Amendment to Development Agreement for Monroe Street Paving, Change Order #001 for Contract #16-001, and Change Order #001 for Contract #16-003

Mayor Christman explained that staff had removed Item 8a because the agreement was not ready for Council's consideration.

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REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Christman reported that she had met with the Dahlia Street neighbors and then with Chief Tovrea to schedule the extra police patrols. She asked Chief Tovrea about citations issued.

Chief Tovrea reported that the Police Department had spent approximately seven hours patrolling the Dahlia neighborhood from May 5th to May 17th during mornings and afternoons. Six tickets had been issued thus far. Five of those tickets had been issued to residents and one to a non-resident. All six tickets had been issued for not stopping at a stop sign, rather than for speeding. Most had been issued at the Oxford and Dahlia intersection.

Mayor Christman thanked the Council for a successful retreat.

Members of City Council

Councilor Gallagher had no report.

Councilor Griffin had no report.

Councilor VanderWerf had no report.

Councilor K. Brown reported that she had the privilege of attending the River of Words poetry and art awards ceremony. She explained that the first place winner in the 4th – 6th grade art category had said his piece was inspired by John Meade Park. She had invited the student to display his work at the Village Center. She asked Interim City Manager/Director Goldie if the traffic study video cameras may have recorded the Dahlia Street yard signs being stolen.

Interim City Manager/Director Goldie replied the cameras had been up during the timeframe when the thefts occurred.

Councilor K. Brown reported that as the City's representative on the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable (CACNR) she had received a letter from the FAA regarding the early notification to prepare an environmental assessment for the Denver Metroplex Project. She explained that a metroplex consisted of multiple airports in a certain space and the FAA defines different flight paths and altitudes for each airport that don't conflict with each other. The Denver Metroplex Project included proposed changes to the Centennial Airport flight tracks. She indicated that when the metroplex project had been implemented in a variety of other cities it had been a disaster, and the FAA is currently facing lawsuits from three cities and there are two more lawsuits pending because of the way the FAA implemented these route changes. She indicated that she was very concerned about this process. She indicated that this issue rose above the level of Council and asked City Attorney Michow to take the lead. The letter invited the Cherry Hills Village community to comment by submitting background information to the FAA regarding the study area established, to advise the FAA of any issues, concerns, policies or regulations. She explained that in the cases where the multiplex project had gone badly it was because of this environmental assessment. She noted that the FAA had not released any proposed plans for new flight tracks so it was

difficult to comment on the plan, but the new flight paths might benefit the City. Centennial Airport was fighting the new Metroplex Project vigorously.

Councilor Hoellen asked what kind of input the letter was asking the City to provide.

Mayor Christman replied that the letter asked the City to tell the FAA what the City thought the environmental impact would be, without knowing what the FAA was proposing. Mayor Christman noted that the City's wildlife and schools should both be considered.

Councilor K. Brown advised that the City build the strongest case possible for the environmental impacts to the community of new flight paths.

Councilor Griffin noted that a small plane had been flying very low in the City on Sunday.

Councilor K. Brown indicated that the CACNR website contained flight log data.

Councilor Hoellen noted that a small plane flew over his home every Sunday at 5 or 6pm.

Councilor K. Brown added that the Denver Police helicopter flew over her house every night at 11pm. She indicated that she could arrange for kids to lead the Council in the pledge of allegiance this summer.

Councilor Hoellen had no report.

Members of City Boards and Commissions

None

City Manager & Staff

Interim City Manager/Director Goldie had no report.

City Attorney

City Attorney Michow had no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Griffin moved, seconded by Councilor Gallagher to move into Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of seeking legal advice concerning the rezoning process applicable to city-owned properties and afterwards to adjourn.

The following votes were recorded:

Gallagher	yes
Griffin	yes
VanderWerf	yes
K. Brown	yes
Hoellen	yes

Vote on the Executive Session: 5 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

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The Executive Session began at 7:10 p.m.

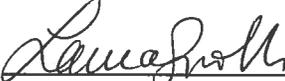
Mayor Pro Tem A. Brown arrived at 7:33 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.





Laura Christman, Mayor



Laura Smith, City Clerk