

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the
City Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
and of the Cherry Hills Village Southmoor Circle and Hudson Parkway
General Improvement District Board of Directors
Held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Mayor Russell Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Russell Stewart, Mayor Pro Tem Katy Brown, Councilors Randy Weil, Afshin Safavi, Al Blum, Mike Gallagher, and Dan Sheldon were present on roll call. Also present were City Manager Chris Cramer, Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director Jay Goldie, City Attorney Kathie Guckenberger, Police Chief Michelle Tovrea, Finance Director Jessica Sager, Planning Manager Paul Workman, and City Clerk Laura Gillespie.

Absent: none

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council conducted the pledge of allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Jim Johnson, 4575 S. Franklin Street, indicated he had lived there for 20 years; he expressed concern with the removal of trees from the property at the southeast corner of Quincy and Franklin; it literally cut away at the character of Old Cherry Hills specifically and Cherry Hills Village in general; he suggested Council amend the Code to prohibit removal of trees within the setbacks of properties, which would not inhibit building on the property, with exceptions for diseased trees; it would benefit the City, the Earth, and residents.

Judith Judd, 3 Cantitoe Lane, stated she was not deeply informed about the proposed Code amendments on tonight's agenda, but asked Council to be consistent with what was allowed before for horses and bees; she noted the Cherry Hills Land Preserve had bees at Quincy Farm now and she wanted to make sure those could stay as it was one of their most popular programs.

Janey Carpenter, 9 Random Road, stated she was also in support of making sure the proposed Code amendments did not inadvertently change Code about bees and horses in the Village. She agreed with Mr. Johnson's suggestion and added mature trees were going to be more difficult to replace going forward due to climate change and water cost.

REPORTS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Sheldon removed Item 6a from the Consent Agenda.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Item 6a. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2022

Councilor Sheldon indicated he was not present at the last Council meeting so would not vote on the approval of minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Blum, to approve the January 18, 2022 meeting minutes.

The motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Bills 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, all of Series 2022: Amending Chapters 2, 16, 17, 18 and 20 of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code (*first readings*)

Planning Manager Workman explained there had been no changes since first reading to Council Bills 1, 3, 4, and 5, all of Series 2022; he reviewed the changes to Council Bill 2, Series 2022 since first reading; at first reading Council had asked for additional information on general animal regulations in the Code, and that information was provided as Exhibit G to the staff memo in tonight's packet; per Council's direction staff had removed the amendment allowing accessory structures on lots without a primary structure from Council Bill 2, Series 2022; Council had requested more information and options related to public publication and notification of public hearings for land use cases, and that information was provided as Exhibit H to the staff memo in tonight's packet; per Council's direction staff had amended the definition of primary structure in Council Bill 2, Series 2022; proposed amendment #1 in Council Bill 2, Series 2022 was to Section 16-2-120; the Code did not limit the number of animals owned by the property owner as long as they were not prohibited under Chapter 7 of the Code; he presented updated proposed amendments to Section 16-2-120 based on further staff review and collaboration with a member of the public; the proposed amendments were intended to create additional clarity, to correct inadvertent omissions, and to create consistency within the Code; proposed amendment #1 in Council Bill 2, Series 2022 was intended to correct an inadvertent omission that occurred with the 2019 Code Modernization, to restore the ability to have horses in the Village as they have been historically allowed; he quoted the allowed uses for the R-1, R-2, and R-3 Zone Districts, which had all been the same, prior to the Code Modernization; pre-modernization the Code did not include a definition for livestock, but it was logical to assume that livestock included horses; Code Modernization added the definitions "livestock" and "agricultural (livestock)" to Chapter 16; these terms did not include bees, donkeys, horses, or mules; it was staff's interpretation that horses were inadvertently made so they are not allowed; so as to not inadvertently change the impact of the term "livestock" as it may be used in other sections of Chapter 16, staff proposed a definition for the term "animal husbandry" since it was included in the definition of "agricultural (livestock)" but was currently undefined; the proposed definition of "animal husbandry" had been written broadly so that horses could be included in the definition; "Animal husbandry means the rearing of animals for the sole purpose of the enjoyment of the property owner with no intent to use the animal or parts of the animal for any commercial or charitable purpose."; Council would hear from members of the public tonight who believed the proposed definition was too restrictive; staff would offer that the definition states "for the sole purposed of the enjoyment of the property owner" not "for the sole use of the property owner"; staff included "charitable purpose" in the definition because some charitable events could have the same externalities such as parking, odor, or noise, as commercial operations; this was intended to give the City the ability to enforce either commercial or charitable events on even footing; for those animals used as a one-time or sporadic purpose such as a prize riding lesson from a silent auction would not rise to the level of a "charitable purpose"; he explained it was staff's understanding horses were historically allowed in the R-3A Zone District, which included the Buell neighborhood and the Covington

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

neighborhood, for lots of an acre and more in size, based on a misunderstanding of reading the uses for the R-3A Zone District in the prior Code; Council Bill 2, Series 2022 had been updated to remove the amendment allowing agriculture (livestock) in the R-3A Zone District; additionally there was some discussion amongst Council at first reading if one acre was an appropriate size; at the time of first reading staff was believed one-acre for horses or other livestock was the historical threshold; now staff believed that threshold was a policy in 2019 rather than codified in the Code; it was at Council's discretion to include the one-acre threshold or not; if Council chose to keep the one-acre threshold staff suggested adding language to clarify the lot size would include the adjacent right-of-way as defined by Section 16-9-40; the intent of the amendment was to resolve the omitted ability to have horses.

Councilor Sheldon asked how many lots in Buell or Covington would meet the one-acre threshold if the adjacent right-of-way were used as defined by Section 16-9-40.

Planning Manager Workman replied that analysis had been done and there were a handful of lots, around ten or twelve.

Councilor Sheldon asked if there were property owners in the R-3A Zone District with horses.

Planning Manager Workman replied there were not.

Councilor Gallagher asked if one acre was the definition of the R-3 Zone District.

Planning Manager Workman confirmed that was correct, although there were a handful of non-conforming lots that were less than one acre even with the adjacent right-of-way as defined by Section 16-9-40.

Councilor Gallagher expressed concern with those lots in the R-3 Zone District which had historically been horse properties but would be excluded with the new one-acre threshold. He suggested allowing horses in the R-3 Zone District regardless of lot size.

Planning Manager Workman agreed that was at Council's discretion. He added if that was Council's decision, those lots would still be regulated by the City's nuisance standards under Chapter 7 of the Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown noted any lots less than an acre in the R-3 Zone District had been there for many years; regarding the R-3A Zone District, she asked if the Covington and Buell HOAs allowed horses.

Mayor Stewart replied those HOAs prohibited horses.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked for clarification on the amended language that referenced the limit of two horses not owned by the property owner.

Planning Manager Workman explained the proposed amendment to Section 16-2-120 referenced Section 16-2-730, which regulated horse boarding and training, so the additional language present in first reading was redundant.

Councilor Weil asked for clarification of the changes that had occurred through the Code Modernization and how the proposed changes related to the Code Modernization.

Planning Manager Workman replied the intent of the proposed amendment was to return the ability to have horses as it was prior to the Code Modernization.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked what the change had been with Code Modernization that resulted in horses not being allowed.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Planning Manager Workman replied the definitions “agriculture (livestock)” and “livestock” were added by Code Modernization, and the definition for “livestock” specifically excluded horses.

Councilor Gallagher asked about bees.

Planning Manager Workman replied staff’s intention with the new definition of “animal husbandry” was to allow bees. He added staff intended to continue polishing this chapter of the Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown recalled Council discussion about bees years ago and asked where they had been allowed in the prior Code.

Planning Manager Workman replied in his opinion bees had been included in the agricultural definition and allowed in the R-1, R-2, and R-3.

Councilor Gallagher recalled the previous Council discussion about bees and noted HOA regulations had been part of the issue as well because many HOAs did not allow bees.

Planning Manager Workman explained proposed amendment #4 in Council Bill 2, Series 2022 dealt with publication and notification requirements; staff had not made any changes since first reading as those were still staff’s recommendations, but staff had provided several other options for Council’s consideration; staff’s recommendations were to change all publication timelines to 15 days before the hearing, publish notifications on the City website instead of in the newspaper, maintain posting 15 days before the hearing, and mail all notices 15 days before the hearing to property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject property; during first reading Council had requested information about the City website and Villager Newspaper; Exhibit H to the staff memorandum included information about the City’s website, the Villager Newspaper, publication and notification requirements of neighboring municipalities, and a list of possible alternatives for Council’s consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown indicated she believed publication should be in the newspaper as well as on the website, and publication in the newspaper was not expensive or burdensome for the applicant.

Councilor Sheldon stated he believed the mailing distance should be increased to 1,500 feet.

Planning Manager Workman asked Mayor Pro Tem Brown if she wanted to make publication on the website a formal requirement or keep it as an option.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown replied it should be both.

Councilor Safavi noted not everyone who visited the City website went to the public notices page.

Planning Manager Workman agreed that was correct. He explained the proposed amendment regarding the definition of accessory structure had been updated since first reading per Council’s direction to remove the reference to accessory structures on lots without a principal structure. He indicated the last amendment for Council’s discussion tonight was the definition of principal structure which staff had updated since first reading per Council’s direction.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown indicated she did not think the definition was quite accurate yet since all structures on the property could be used for public or private purposes.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

City Attorney Guckenberger suggested “the one structure that facilitates the primary use of the property.”

Mayor Stewart opened the floor to public comment on the item.

Laura Christman, 18 Cherry Lane Drive, stated she appreciated staff's intention to reinstate the prior Code's allowance of horses, and in large part the proposed amendments succeeded, but the proposed animal husbandry definition was a substantial and material change and not a housekeeping item; the City had never restricted the use of horses, livestock, or bees for charitable purposes in the past; there were some owners who only used their horses for charitable purposes; her pony was used 75% for charitable purposes; she did not think they were a community that wanted to stop charitable use of animals; she understood this arose from some concern about parking issues with children coming into the Village to ride therapy horses; she believed the community would rather deal with the parking problems and keep allowing the children to come into the Village; livestock and charity were both part of the identity of the Village; some residents used bees for commercial use and prohibiting that would be a policy change; these changes should have a great deal of discussion if Council wanted to move forward with them; these changes restricted the Village in a way that did not speak well of the community. She agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Brown that more notice of public hearings was better; people in the community did not always pay attention until it was almost too late, and then they felt betrayed; sending a letter, publishing in the newspaper, and posting on the website would do a lot to help people in the community; they did not need to be like other communities, they could reach out more.

Jim Johnson, 4575 S. Franklin Street, indicated he supported and agreed with Ms. Christman's statements; he added the proposed animal husbandry definition could be read to prevent the enjoyment of animals by people other than the owner, such as the Fourth of July parade in Old Cherry Hills where horses pulled buggies with people who did not own the horse around the street.

David Foster, 360 S. Garfield Street, Denver, noted he was a land use attorney; he stated he did not read the proposed definition of animal husbandry the same way Planning Manager Workman did, and was open to more interpretation as identified by Ms. Christman; the Code had some significant conflicts; his reading of the Code only allowed equestrian facilities and stables in O-1 and O-2 Zone Districts and O-1 was conditional; he suggested Council clarify if they were allowed in R-1 and R-2 Zone Districts; the terms equestrian facility and equestrian training were used in the Code but not defined; Section 16-2-730 stated an accessory use to a structure rather than to a use; twelve horses at a time spoke to him as more of a commercial use, which would be prohibited by the proposed animal husbandry definition; he suggested Council consider tabling amendments #1 and #6.2 of Council Bill 2, Series 2022.

Janey Carpenter, 9 Random Road, asked if the proposed animal husbandry definition would apply to the Cherry Hills Land Preserve's use of horses, bees and other animals for charitable purposes at Quincy Farm. She asked what the zoning was for the Village Club and how it would be impacted by the proposed changes.

Mayor Stewart stated it was clear further clean up of the Code would be later but Council could approve these council bills on second reading.

Planning Manager Workman indicated the intent was primarily to restore the ability to have horses in the Village; he had good conversations with Ms. Christman over the past few days; staff intended to bring a polished version back for Council's consideration.

Councilor Weil suggested cleaning up the language first and then approving it in order to ensure it was completed in a timely manner.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Planning Manager Workman replied the challenge with waiting to approve the amendments was if there were some emergency horses might not be allowed back onto a property.

Councilor Sheldon suggested something like an emergency declaration could be used to deal with that issue. He indicated it seemed inefficient to approve amendments now knowing Council would be passing new amendments in the near future.

City Attorney Guckenberger noted staff did not think this was the last and final word or that all problems would be cured by whatever could be come up with tonight; Mr. Foster had pointed out some issues that staff was well aware of; the Code needed a more thorough review but that was not the intent of the proposed ordinance; it was up to the pleasure of Council.

Councilor Sheldon stated he preferred not to approve changes tonight if the plan was to make further changes in the near future.

Mayor Stewart suggested approving the other amendments tonight and continuing the ones under debate to a date certain.

Planning Manager Workman asked that Council specify any changes to proposed amendment # 4 of Council Bill 2, Series 2022 in their motion.

Councilor Sheldon indicated he would like the mailing distance to be increased to 1,500 feet; with the City's large lot sizes it made sense to have more notification.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Weil, to approve, on second and final reading, Council Bill 1, Series 2022, a bill for an ordinance amending Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code concerning the powers and duties of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The following votes were recorded:

Safavi	yes
Weil	yes
Brown	yes
Gallagher	yes
Sheldon	yes
Blum	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 1-2022: 6 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Blum, to approve, on second and final reading, amendments 2, 3, 5, 6.1, and 6.4 of Council Bill 2, Series 2022, a bill for an ordinance amending Articles II, III, VII, and IX of Chapter 16 of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code concerning the City's zoning regulations.

The following votes were recorded:

Safavi	yes
Weil	yes
Brown	yes
Gallagher	yes
Sheldon	yes
Blum	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 2-2022: 6 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Sheldon, to approve, on second and final reading, amendment 4 of Council Bill 2, Series 2022, a bill for an ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 16 of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code concerning the City's zoning regulations, with the following amendments:

- that the distance of mail notice be increased from 1,000 feet to 1,500 feet of the boundaries of the subject property;
- and that in Section E under Publication should read "Published notice shall be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cherry Hills Village and provided on the City of Cherry Hills Village website."

The following votes were recorded:

Safavi	yes
Weil	yes
Brown	yes
Gallagher	yes
Sheldon	yes
Blum	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 2-2022: 6 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Blum, to approve, on second and final reading, amendment 6.3 of Council Bill 2, Series 2022, a bill for an ordinance amending Article IX of Chapter 16 of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code concerning the City's zoning regulations, with the following amendment:

- that the definition of principal structure be changed to read "Principal structure means the one structure that facilitates the primary use of the property." And then continues with the second sentence as it stands.

The following votes were recorded:

Safavi	yes
Weil	yes
Brown	yes
Gallagher	yes
Sheldon	yes
Blum	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 2-2022: 6 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Weil, to continue consideration of amendment 1 and amendment 6.2 of Council Bill 2, Series 2022 until April 19, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Sheldon, to approve, on second and final reading, Council Bill 3, Series 2022, a bill for an ordinance amending Articles II and III of Chapter 17 of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code concerning the City's subdivision regulations.

The following votes were recorded:

Safavi	yes
Weil	yes
Brown	yes
Gallagher	yes
Sheldon	yes
Blum	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 3-2022: 6 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Weil, on second and final reading, Council Bill 4, Series 2022, a bill for an ordinance amending Article XI of Chapter 18 of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code concerning construction permit preapplication neighborhood meetings.

The following votes were recorded:

Safavi	yes
Weil	yes
Brown	yes
Gallagher	yes
Sheldon	yes
Blum	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 4-2022: 6 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Sheldon, on second and final reading, Council Bill 5, Series 2022, a bill for an ordinance amending Article III of Chapter 20 of the Cherry Hills Village Municipal Code concerning escrow for consultant review fees.

The following votes were recorded:

Safavi	yes
Weil	yes
Brown	yes
Gallagher	yes
Sheldon	yes
Blum	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 5-2022: 6 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Bill 6-2022; Approving a Supplemental Appropriation in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund for One-Time Discretionary Employee Bonuses (first reading)

Director Sager presented Council Bill 6, Series 2022 on first reading; per Council's direction staff had reviewed various scenarios in which a one-time discretionary bonus could be paid to current employees; staff had determined the one-time bonus could be paid from the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund; after reviewing surrounding jurisdiction bonus programs and evaluating the cost of living and merit increases that were provided to staff in 2021 and 2022, City Manager Cramer had determined that every current employee would receive a one-time discretionary bonus of \$4,000; in order to receive the bonus the employee must be a current employee, still employed by the City, and must also have been employed by the City prior to December 31, 2021; a redlined version of the council bill was on the dais showing modified language to clarify eligibility for the bonus; if approved the supplemental appropriation would be in the amount of \$201,950.84 which includes a one-time discretionary bonus of \$4,000 for 46 current City employees along with City-paid taxes and benefits.

City Manager Cramer thanked Director Sager for discovering the ARPA funds could be used for the bonuses; from his perspective the bonus would serve as a thank you to City staff for staying with the City through the last two years; using the ARPA funding would help employees understand this was a one-time bonus and was not something the City could do regularly; he believed City employees would sincerely appreciate the bonuses; staff was excited to provide it as a gesture of thanks; Council was likely to be excited to show that appreciation as well.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Stewart added this was the proper use of the ARPA funds and he was pleased they could say thank you to City staff.

Councilor Safavi asked about employees who had been with the City for a few months versus the full two years of COVID-19 receiving the same bonus amount.

City Manager Cramer explained staff had discussed that issue and had decided not to assign different bonus amounts to different employees due to the number of challenges it would create; staff would have to make value judgements and arbitrary decisions; it would create challenges and frustrations that would run the risk of deflating the positive impact of the bonuses; he recommended a set amount for all employees; the number of employees that had only been employed for a few months was very small.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Blum, to approve Council Bill 6, Series 2022; a bill for an ordinance of the City of Cherry Hills Village amending the 2022 budget and approving a supplemental appropriation in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund for one-time discretionary employee bonuses on first reading.

Councilor Blum noted he had raised the issue back in November and thanked Director Sager for finding a way to pay for the bonuses outside of the regular budget.

Councilor Sheldon thanked staff for doing this and also thanked Jenn Diffendal for bringing the issue to his attention.

Councilor Weil indicated he shared the gratitude that everyone else had expressed. He asked if the motion needed to specifically reference the revisions distributed to Council on the dais.

City Attorney Guckenberger replied she did not believe so as an amended version was presented on the dais; the change was to a whereas recital which was non-binding and illustrated the intent as determined by the City Manager; the full intent of the ordinance was to make the supplementary appropriation.

Councilor Safavi noted City Manager Cramer was doing a great job promoting teamwork and comradery; he thanked all the staff for doing a great job; it was a well-deserved bonus.

Jenn Diffendal, 5701 E Stanford Drive, thanked Director Sager for finding the money for the bonuses. She asked if Officer Sack would receive the bonus since he had submitted his resignation.

City Manager Cramer replied the ordinance as amended allowed for city manager discretion.

Ms. Diffendal asked if funds could also be found to pay the employees in the Police Department the 1.5% merit increase City Council approved in the 2022 budget, but they were unable to receive.

The following votes were recorded:

Safavi	yes
Weil	yes
Brown	yes
Gallagher	yes
Sheldon	yes
Blum	yes

Vote on the Council Bill 6-2022: 6 ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

RECESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONVENE AS THE CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE SOUTHMOOR CIRCLE AND HUDSON PARKWAY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Mayor Stewart recessed the City Council Meeting and convened the meeting of the Cherry Hills Village Southmoor Circle and Hudson Parkway General Improvement District Board.

MEETING OF THE CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE SOUTHMOOR CIRCLE AND HUDSON PARKWAY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Mayor Russell Stewart, serving ex-officio as the GID Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The City Council for the City of Cherry Hills Village serving ex-officio as the Board of Directors of the Cherry Hills Village Southmoor Circle and Hudson Parkway General Improvement District: Mayor Russell Stewart, Mayor Pro Tem Katy Brown, Councilors Randy Weil, Afshin Safavi, Al Blum, Mike Gallagher, and Dan Sheldon were present on roll call.

Absent: none.

The administrative staff of the City serving as the administrative staff of the GID: City Manager Chris Cramer, Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director Jay Goldie, City Attorney Kathie Guckenberger, Police Chief Michelle Tovrea, Finance Director Jessica Sager, Planning Manager Paul Workman, and City Clerk Laura Gillespie.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Brown moved, seconded by Board Member Weil, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Resolution 1, Series 2022; Adopting the GID's Official Seal
- b. Resolution 2, Series 2022; Designating the Public Place for Posting Notices of Regular and Special Meetings

The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Southmoor Circle and Hudson Parkway General Improvement District Board meeting adjourned.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

RECONVENE MEETING OF THE CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL

The meeting of the Cherry Hills Village City Council reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stewart reported he attended the CML board meeting and the CML amicus committee had recommended to the board that CML take a position on the term limits case; CML was discussing the specific language for initiated legislation to allow competitive bids for undergrounding utility lines; Metro Mayors Caucus would meet tomorrow, Mayor Stewart had been nominated to their executive committee.

Members of City Council

Councilor Blum asked about the marks left on the sidewalks for the Belleview project.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied the contractor was responsible for removing the marks but not until the work was fully completed, and some of the marks had been put on by City staff designating specific areas that needed more work.

Councilor Sheldon suggested the changes made by the Code Modernization might need to be audited. He asked if the tree preservation regulations were on the list of items to review.

Planning Manager Workman replied it was anticipated to come before Council sometime this summer.

Councilor Weil reported Cherry Hills Farm HOA had tabled the comfort station issue and had approved funding 50% of the Belleview median project.

Councilor Safavi reported for the second year in a row Colorado was first in the nation for women-led startups; he continued to work on the Fitzsimons Innovation Center to encourage biotech companies to come to the area.

City Manager & Staff

City Manager Cramer thanked Council for their work during the retreat earlier today; thanked Council for approving the employee bonuses on first reading; staff would start their monthly meetings with the Cherry Hills Land Preserve about Quincy Farm tomorrow; as of now City Hall was scheduled to be open tomorrow despite the weather.

Mayor Stewart asked for an update on the recruitment process for a new police chief.

City Manager Cramer replied the posting was open until February 18th and the City had already received over 30 applications; the consultant would do initial interviews as applications were received and committee interviews might occur in early March. He noted the celebration of Chief Tovrea's career was planned for the March 1st Council meeting. He thanked Chief Tovrea for staying an additional couple weeks.

Councilor Gallagher asked about Ralph Mason's last day.

Deputy City Manager/Director Goldie replied it was early April and staff planned for his celebration at the March 15th Council meeting.

City Attorney

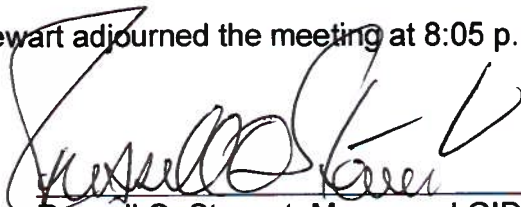
City Attorney Guckenberger had no report.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

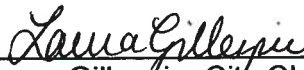
ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection Mayor Stewart adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

(SEAL)



Russell O. Stewart, Mayor and GID Chairperson



Laura Gillespie, City Clerk and GID Secretary