

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the
City Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Mayor Russell Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Assistant City Attorney Jenna Roth, Police Chief Michelle Tovrea, Finance Director Jessica Sager, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Emily Black, and City Clerk Laura Gillespie.

Absent: none

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council conducted the pledge of allegiance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Linda Behr, 4645 S. Lafayette Street, reiterated that she was absolutely against the City even considering giving Quincy Farm away to any private individual or any 501c(3); she believed the property was the citizen's farm, donated to all residents by Cat Anderson; she questioned why Council was even considering giving away the property; she had only known about this issue since the beginning of August; she had not known about the email notifications through the City website and encouraged everyone to sign up; she stated a lot of people had no idea what was happening with Quincy Farm and why Council was considering giving it away; she indicated this was a multimillion dollar property and residents wanted the property to stay as Cat Anderson indicated in the conservation easement for generations to come; she asked Council to allow public comment before the presentations on September 21st; she asked about the Cherry Hills Land Preserve event on September 8th.

Mayor Stewart replied this section of the agenda was not for questions and answers and asked Ms. Behr to follow up with staff and Council after the meeting.

Ms. Behr expressed frustration with the different answers the Land Preserve had received from staff regarding the September 8th event; she noted many people did not know where Quincy Farm was; she encouraged people to send letters to City Manager Cramer and to City Council to express their concern and wishes.

Eric Jamrich, 8 Blackmer Road, noted this was a contentious issue; he stated Council should address the misinformation found in the public comments submitted so far; he explained the conservation easement guaranteed that Quincy Farm would remain open space regardless of the property owner; he indicated the other issue that needed to be addressed was the question of value and noted the comparisons to other properties in the City and in Greenwood Village were not accurate when looked at more closely; he explained the other properties allowed new construction and did not require maintenance of historic buildings; he indicated the reasoning behind an owner other than the City for Quincy Farm was the ability to preserve the land, nature, and historically significant buildings in accordance with the conservation easement; he noted the buildings and weeds were not being managed; management by an organization dedicated to Quincy Farm might be better; he suggested the City's proposals and the Land Preserve's proposals be combined because both involved City ownership/management and Land Preserve programming.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REPORTS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Brown removed Item 6c from the Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2021
- b. Resolution 23, Series 2021; Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arapahoe County for the November 2, 2021, Coordinated Election

The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Item 6c. Resolution 24, Series 2021; Accepting a Donation of Art and Approving an Art Donation Agreement

Mayor Pro Tem Brown thanked Mark Boulding for his generous donation.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved, seconded by Councilor Weil, to approve Resolution 24, Series 2021; accepting a donation of art and approving an art donation agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stewart reported he spoke at the August 10th Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners in support of the reauthorization of the open space sales tax, the board voted unanimously to proceed, and the issue would be on the November ballot; municipalities would be able to negotiate with the County to use more funds for maintenance of open space instead of acquisition; he attended the August 11th Mayors Munch; he reminded everyone of the 75th + 1 Anniversary Celebration on August 28th; he would attend as many CML district meetings as possible as a CML board member.

Members of City Council

Councilor Blum had no report.

Councilor Sheldon indicated although Quincy Farm was not an agenda item tonight Council was listening and talking to residents; they were dedicated to making sure whatever decision was made on this property happened correctly and was well thought through.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Councilor Gallagher thanked Public Works for the road projects going on right now.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown reported she and Councilor Blum interviewed public affairs consultants on Monday and hoped to have a recommendation for Council in the near future.

Councilor Weil had no report.

Councilor Safavi reiterated Councilor Sheldon's statements and noted he was listening and getting all the facts about Quincy Farm. He encouraged residents to contact Council with their thoughts. He thanked Chief Tovrea and her staff for their increased patrol on Hampden and noted he believed it was having a positive effect.

City Manager & Staff

Chief Tovrea had no report.

Deputy City Manager/Direction Goldie reported Xcel had approved the new alignment and engineering for the Quincy undergrounding project; they would have to re-bid that work because it was now hydro trenching instead of boring; they did not have a start date yet but once they started it would take eight to twelve weeks.

Councilor Sheldon asked about the location of the new alignment.

Deputy City Manager/Direction Goldie replied it would still be on the north side of Quincy but the lines would be stacked vertically.

City Manager Cramer added Deputy City Manager/Direction Goldie had been very diligent about trying to get a start date from Xcel.

Councilor Sheldon asked if the existing junction boxes would still be used.

Deputy City Manager/Direction Goldie replied they would still use all the boxes.

Parks Coordinator Black reported the City had hired a contractor to address the algae blooms in the John Meade Park and Quincy Farm ponds. She indicated Movie Night would be this Saturday.

Director Sager encouraged people to register for the 75th + 1 Anniversary Celebration.

City Clerk Gillespie encouraged people to RSVP for the Art Commission event. She noted the October 19th Council meeting which fell during Cherry Creek School District's fall break, and the November 2nd Council meeting which fell on election night.

City Manager Cramer reported many other jurisdictions were returning to COVID-19 controls during public meetings and some were returning to electronic meetings. He asked Council to consider what trigger might be appropriate for the City. He noted the City was currently not requiring masks for people entering City Hall but was continuing to watch Tri-County Health Department guidance.

City Attorney

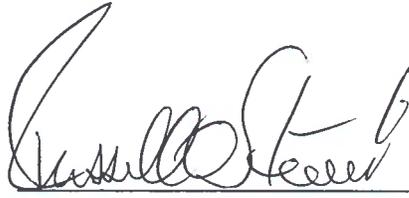
Assistant City Attorney Roth had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

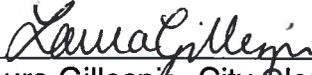
Hearing no objection Mayor Stewart adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

(SEAL)



Russell O. Stewart, Mayor



Laura Gillespie, City Clerk