

**EDGEWATER CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING & WORK SESSION
MINUTES
February 20, 2024**

ITEM 1. WORK SESSION CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor, Steve Conklin, Council Member Bill Berg, Council Member Joie Iten (arrived at 6:33pm), Council Member, John Thomsen, Council Member, Lilly Stierer, Council Member, Kali Janda, Council Member, Hannah Gay Keao, and Council Member, Mercedes Valdez.

Also Present: City Manager, Dan Maples, Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director, Jocelyn Mills, Finance Director, Ariany Young, Community Services Director, Kit Lammers, Police Chief, Eric Sonstegard, and City Attorney, Carmen Beery.

ITEM 3. Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4. Public Comment

ITEM 5. General Business

1. City Council Rules of Procedure

ITEM 6. Mayor and Council Comments

ITEM 7. WORK SESSION ADJOURNMENT 7:00 pm

ITEM 8. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER 7:06 pm

ITEM 9. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes of January 16, 2024

Council Member Valdez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Item and passed unanimously.

ITEM 10. Communications from the City Manager, and Staff

Community Services Director, Kit Lammers gave an update on the 25th Ave. project. A lot of the waterline work has been completed and they can now start work on the concrete. The plan is to keep progressing along the north side of 25th Ave. and go down to Benton and then back up the south side. Businesses continue to operate during construction, so please visit the businesses. They are working hard to make sure pedestrian walkways are open, so visitors can get around in that area. There is parking in the 25th Ave. parking lot and an agreement was made with Edgewater Inn to use their parking lot on the NE corner of 25th and Ames St. Because there will be delays, they are working with the businesses on when they can pour concrete in front of their business.

Police Chief, Eric Sonstegard stated he has worked closely with Monique in the Communications office, on revamping the Police Department's website. There is a lot of information and a lot of resources for the community's reference. The Police Department added four new hybrid vehicles to their fleet. They now have 6 hybrid vehicles, and they are the best vehicles they've ever had in fleet. They get great gas mileage and require no service. Attended the Memorial Service for long time PD employee, Gretchen Gordanier who passed away in early February of this year. Gretchen's father was the Chief of Police in Edgewater for twenty-five years, brother Chief of Police for the City of Lakeside, and son, a longtime Police Detective for the City of Westminster. She was born, here in Edgewater and raised her kids here as well. It was a nice celebration in Gretchen's memory.

City Manager, Dan Maples reminded everyone of the Celebration of Life for former Council Member and Edgewater Fire Chief, Kent Johnson on Saturday, February 24th from 4pm to 6pm. In an effort to comply with ADA regulations, he wanted to bring to everyone's attention the new ADA compliant podium in the Council Chambers. It raises and lowers to accommodate all visitors who wish to speak before the Council.

ITEM 11. Communication from Boards, Commissions and Membership Organizations

Mayor Conklin gave a brief DRCOG update, mentioned he has been serving as the Chair of the DRCOG Board for the past year, tomorrow being his last day as Chair. He will continue to serve as past chair and the Edgewater representative. Stated it has been very rewarding serving as the Chair the past year and having Edgewater have a seat at the head of the table. Chaired his last Regional Transportation Committee (CDOT, RTD and DRCOG) meeting this morning. Had good conversations on greenhouse gas issues and also on the plan for Zero Fatalities in the next 20-30 years and what that looks like in terms of safety. At the DRCOG

meeting tomorrow, they will be discussing appointing their representatives to the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board and will be discussing the Climate Action Plan. They will be electing new officers for the upcoming year and various other committees and receiving legislative updates. Nora Kern will be giving an update on the safety plan around the schools. CC4CA is meeting this week and Edgewater is continuing their participation in that. He will be attending his first meeting as a member of the Jeffco Economic Development Commission.

ITEM 12. Presentations

1. Filipino American Community of Colorado 7:18 pm

Domingo Belen presented the City with a Community Partnership Award and thanked the City for their support and partnership with the FACC. Appreciates being a part of the Edgewater Community.

2. CDOT Sheridan Multimodal Corridor Plan Update 7:20 pm

CDOT gave a brief presentation on the Sheridan Blvd. Multimodal Corridor Plan, which included raised center medians along Sheridan Blvd., sidewalk connectivity, curb ramps, pedestrian hybrid beacon, staggered crosswalks and setback stop bars.

3. Urban Forest Management Plan Update

Davey Resource Group gave an update on the Urban Forest Master Plan and the importance of a tree canopy throughout the City. Gave six recommendations and spoke on the next steps.

ITEM 13. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

ITEM 14. Resolution 2024-03

Council Member Iten made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03, A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING JEFFREY CAHN AS THE PRESIDING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND APPROVING THE ASSOCIATED JUDICIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Thomsen and passed unanimously.

ITEM 15. Resolution 2024-04

Council Member Janda made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF EDGEWATER AMERICANS WITH

DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TRANSITION PLAN, as presented. Seconded by Council Member and passed unanimously.

ITEM 16. Ordinance 2024-1

Council Member Iten made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-01, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FEES AND SURCHARGES FOR VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE, DEVELOPMENT, RECREATIONAL AND LICENSING SERVICES, COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY, as presented. Seconded by Council Member and passed unanimously.

ITEM 17. General Business

1. Citizen's Park Phase I Construction Contract

Council Member Valdez made a motion to approve the Citizen's Park Phase I Construction Contract as presented. Seconded by Council Member Steirer and passed unanimously.

ITEM 18. Public Comment

None

ITEM 19. Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Iten felt Council got a lot done tonight. Thanked the Mayor, Staff, Council and everyone who presented tonight.

Council Member Thomsen mentioned Kit's presentation on the 25th Ave. project and expressed his appreciation to the City for balance of working with the businesses and allowing them to continue operating through a big construction project that.

Council Member Steirer loves the new podium and is happy that they were able to approve the ADA Transition Plan. Excited to hear the Sheridan Corridor plan update and the enthusiasm and support from CDOT.

Council Member Janda thanked staff for their amazing work and thanked Kit and everyone who participated in the ADA plan. Also agrees and encourages everyone to continue to support the businesses on 25th Ave. during the construction process. Attended the Community Comprehensive Plan presentation at Jefferson High School and was happy to see a lot of young people engaging in the event. There were also a lot of Spanish speaking individuals in attendance. As a Council Member, she loves to see the different layers of people come together and share their voice and expertise on specific topics that mean so much to them.

Council Member Gay Keao wanted to share with Kit that many businesses along 25th Ave. are so happy that this revamp is happening. She hasn't heard of any complaints yet, they all seem to be very excited about the appeal it will bring to the area. Congratulated Mayor Conklin on his one-year term as Chair of DRCOG. Excited to hear we have a new Sustainability Coordinator on board, especially as we're pushing forward with this Urban Tree Canopy Plan.

Council Member Valdez also feels that this was a very productive meeting. There was a lot covered, from policies and procedures to the Urban Tree presentation.

Council Member Berg thanked tonight's presenters. It is exciting to see some of the big projects taking shape for the upcoming year.

Mayor Conklin mentioned the award from FACC. Thinks it is a great example of partnership and working together. It was a very productive meeting tonight. Thanked everyone for their attentiveness and being very involved. Appreciated the CDOT report. Appreciated the public comments tonight regarding the need for more crosswalks across Sheridan Blvd. Wherever they go on that project, they will have a much safer situation than what they currently have there on Sheridan. It was great seeing past and present City staff and community members present at Gretchen Gordanier's memorial service today and reminded everyone of the memorial for Ken Johnson on Saturday. Attended the CML legislative workshop last week. Spoke to a Council Member from Pueblo who said, most of the things this session do not affect Pueblo but perhaps upcoming sessions will. Working on appointments to City Boards and Commissions and appreciates people applying to be serve on a City Board or Commission. About 10 Mayors from around the region went to a theater performance in Littleton. It was a performance of Urinetown, dealing with local government that deals with infrastructure. It was very interesting. Will be attending the National League of Cities Congressional Conference in March. Attending the Jefferson County Housing Steering Committee meeting looking at what the issues are as we try to move forward with dealing with housing issues. Welcomed Bobbi Schuppert tonight and wished her a happy birthday this week.

ITEM 20. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas

ITEM 21. Executive Session

1. Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a) to review the appraisal and possible acquisition of real property known as 2447 Benton St., Edgewater, CO; and
2. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to confer with legal counsel about threatened legal claims concerning pedestrian right-of-way accessibility.

Council Member Gay Keao made a motion to enter into an Executive Session, pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a) to review the appraisal and possible acquisition of real property known as 2447 Benton St., Edgewater, CO; and Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to confer with legal counsel about threatened legal claims concerning pedestrian right-of-way accessibility. Seconded by Council Member Thomsen and passed unanimously.

ITEM 22. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Conklin adjourned the Business meeting at 8:35 pm