

COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
City Hall - Council Meeting Room
AGENDA

1. Council Meeting Follow-up
2. 21st Street – Missouri to Kingsbury Speed Data
3. GIS Demo
4. Scooters: Ordinance & Contract Discussion
5. Agenda Review
6. Legislative Review
7. Council Around the Table

Mayor Freel called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present: Pollock, Cathey, Vice Mayor Pacheco and Mayor Freel. Councilmember Johnson arrived to the meeting late. Councilmembers Engebretsen, Knell and Gamroth conferenced into the work session via GoToMeeting. Councilmember Lutz was absent.

There were no items for Council follow-up.

City Manager Napier discussed an analysis of the speed issues in the area of Kingsbury Street and 21st Street. Captain Chaney discussed that the analysis showed that the 85th percentile speed is 39-40 mph, which is consistent with other areas. The crash data are also consistent with other areas and are not necessarily concerning to staff.

Next, City Manager discussed the new tools available through the City's GIS (Geospatial Information Systems) portal. He then introduced Michael Szewczyk, IT Manager, and Denyse Wyskup, Regional GIS Administrator, to review all of the services. Mr. Szewczyk gave a background of the regional GIS system. Ms. Wyskup then demonstrated the GIS GeoSMART 2.0 data portal and some of its services, including the Natrona County Property & Ownership, Travel & Transportation, Natrona County FEMA Floodplain portals.

Councilmember Gamroth asked about the navigation and making it easier for citizens to utilize the system. Ms. Wyskup asked for more direction and feedback on ways that would make the portal more user friendly. She also stated that the primary audience for different portals are professionals, but they do want to make it more user friendly for citizens as well. Councilmember Engebretsen stated that realtors use these portals every day, and she thinks it could be useful for home buyers to use the system as well. Mr. Szewczyk stated that the aerial photography used for GIS will be updated soon. Ms. Wyskup also explained that the State is currently assessing other counties that need help developing their GIS infrastructure so it is at the same level as counties such as Natrona County.

Next, City Manager Napier introduced City Attorney Henley to discuss changes to an ordinance that would accommodate the Bird Ride scooter business in the downtown area. City Attorney Henley discussed some of the changes to the ordinance including a scooter exclusion area in much of the downtown area, age limit of 18 years of age and over for dockless scooters, age limit of 16

years of age and over for other scooters, geofencing, geo-diminishing speed limits around certain areas, traffic rules, prohibiting driving on the sidewalks and downtown fixtures, parking requirements, rider training requirements, and fees in the contract of \$3K per calendar year plus \$25 per scooter per calendar year.

Council asked questions about the different changes and discussed provisions they did and did not like, including the age limits, prohibitions for parking on the sidewalk, and the exclusion area. Councilmember Gamroth stated he would like for Council to slow down in changing this ordinance and possibly see how the scooters in Cheyenne work out before moving forward. Other Councilmembers did not feel that postponing was necessary. Council discussed that they do not want to have an exclusion area in the ordinance and gave their thumbs up to remove the downtown exclusion area from the changes to the ordinance and eliminate any inconsistencies that involve that area. City Attorney Henley stated the ordinance is written to allow for riding scooters on the pathways, and if the Platte River Trails Trust decides they do not want this they will need to come lobby the Council to take that out of the ordinance. Council discussed why there is a contract with Bird Rides as opposed to just having them go through the license process. They decided to wait until after the first couple of readings of the ordinance before considering the contract by resolution. City Manager Napier stated that the contract does add a level of protection for the City and was requested by the contractor, but it is not required by the ordinance. Council directed staff to include fees in the ordinance as well and to include language that allows for the transference of the scooters on the sidewalk for the purposes of parking. Councilmembers discussed having the fees be per scooter as opposed to a flat fee in addition to the per scooter fees.

Next, Council reviewed the agendas for upcoming Council meetings and work sessions. City Manager Napier began discussing the applications for bar and grill licenses, and Councilmember Pollock recused herself from the discussion and left the room. City Manager Napier continued by stating that there are three applications for the two remaining bar and grill licenses. Council directed staff to script the meeting so that the decision about the first application is tabled until all three applications can be considered at the same time at the following meeting. Councilmember Pollock returned to the meeting room.

City Manager Napier then reviewed legislative items and stated that the Wyoming Association of Municipalities is currently looking at resolutions to bring forward at the next legislative session.

Next, Council went around the table to discuss their respective board and committee meetings as well as other matters of public interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur Tremel
City Clerk

Steven K. Freel
Mayor