

WHITEFISH CITY COUNCIL

July 3, 2023

7:10 P.M.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Sweeney called the meeting to order. Councilors present were Feury, Caltabiano, and Norton. Mayor Muhlfeld, Councilors Qunell, and Davis were absent. City Staff present were City Clerk Howke, City Manager Smith, City Attorney Jacobs, Finance Director Gospodarek, Senior Planner Compton-Ring, Public Works Director Workman, Parks and Recreation Director Butts, Police Chief Kelch and Interim Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Tveidt. One person was in the audience and zero attended virtually.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Sweeney asked the gentlemen in the audience to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC– (This time is set aside for the public to comment on items that are either on the agenda, but not a public hearing or on items not on the agenda. City officials do not respond during these comments but may respond or follow-up later on the agenda or at another time. The mayor has the option of limiting such communications to three minutes depending on the number of citizens who want to comment and the length of the meeting agenda)

None

4) COMMUNICATIONS FROM VOLUNTEER BOARDS

None

5) CONSENT AGENDA (The consent agenda is a means of expediting routine matters that require the Council's action. Debate does not typically occur on consent agenda items. Any member of the Council may remove any item for debate. Such items will typically be debated and acted upon prior to proceeding to the rest of the agenda. Ordinances require 4 votes for passage – Section 1-6-2 (E)(3) WCC)

- a) [Minutes](#) from June 19, 2023 Special Session Meeting (p.46)
- b) [Minutes](#) from June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting (p.47)
- c) [Ordinance No. 23-10](#); An Ordinance approving the Whitefish Community Corridor Residential Planned Unit Development to develop 146 units in seven buildings on 6.56 acres at 105 Colorado Avenue, 709 Waverly Place, and 60, 124, 136 & 152 Texas Avenue, Whitefish (Second Reading) (WPUD 22-04) (p.52)
- d) [Resolution No. 23-10](#); A Resolution declaring certain property to be unneeded and obsolete, and authorizing the disposal of such property (p.57)
- e) [Consideration](#) of a request from Adnan Merchant and Jaffar Agha for extension of preliminary plat for Big Mountain River LLC Subdivision located at 244, 314, 322 West 2nd Street (WPP 20-01)(p.59)

Councilor Caltabiano made a motion, seconded by Councilor Norton to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

6) PUBLIC HEARINGS (Items will be considered for action after public hearings) (Resolution No. 07-33 establishes a 30-minute time limit for applicant's land use presentations. Ordinances require 4 votes for passage – Section 1-6-2 (E)(3) WCC)

None

7) COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- a) **Written report enclosed with the packet. Questions from Mayor and Council? (p.69)**

Manager Smith asked and Deputy Mayor Sweeney stated Mayor Muhlfeld is interested in serving on the interview board for the Fire Chief. If he is unable to attend, Deputy Mayor Sweeney will serve as his replacement.

- b) **Other items arising between June 28th through July 3rd.**

None

8) COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILORS

- a) **Resolution No. 23-11;A Resolution establishing annual goals for the City (p.72)**

Councilor Caltabiano made a motion, seconded by Councilor Norton to adopt Resolution No. 23-11;A Resolution establishing annual goals for the City. The motion carried.

- b) **Letter from Citizens for a Better Flathead regarding comments pertaining to the Whitefish Growth Policy Public Engagement Plans (p.74)**

Councilor Norton asked, and Attorney Jacobs responded to letter from Citizens for a Better Flathead on behalf of Long-Range Planner Tiefenbach. The City Council is only required to hold one hearing, but they can hold as many as they wish; he added Community Action Partnership of NW Montana; each phase will go before the Planning Board. Both City Attorney Jacobs and City Manager Smith stated Long-Range Planner Tiefenbach a professional planner with a degree in Planning and has over 20 years of experience working as a planner. The City has budgeted if there is a portion of the Growth Policy that Planner Tiefenbach feels is needed to hire a consultant. Manager Smith has confidence Planner Tiefenbach is capable of updating the Growth Policy.

9) ADJOURNMENT (Resolution 08-10 establishes 11:00 p.m. as end of meeting unless extended to 11:30 by majority)

Deputy Mayor Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

/s/Francis Sweeney

Deputy Mayor Sweeney

Attest:

/s/Michelle Howke

Michelle Howke, Whitefish City Clerk