

COUNCIL PRE-MEETING
Tuesday, May 5, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Casper City Hall - Council Meeting Room

AGENDA

1. Sole Source Purchase of 64 Sets of Globe Firefighting Turnout Gear from L.N. Curtis & Sons
2. Re-opening Plan
3. Boulder Park
4. WARM Resolutions
5. Agenda Review

Mayor Freel began the pre-meeting session at 5:37 p.m. with Vice-Mayor Lutz and Mayor Freel present at City Hall. Councilmembers Bates, Cathey, Hopkins, Huber, Johnson, Pacheco, and Powell attended via conference call.

City Manager Napier spoke briefly about the purchase of firefighting turnout gear and asked Chief Speiser to elaborate. Deputy Fire Chief Speiser provided Council with further information on the gear and answered questions about the rotation and lifespan of the gear. Council provided a thumbs up for the purchase of the equipment.

City Manager Napier then offered to address concerns or questions from the Council regarding the plan to re-open things throughout the state. He stated that the first phase had involved salons and personal care businesses. The second phase, which was launched on May 4, involved restaurants serving in a limited capacity by offering outdoor seating. He shared that restaurants may soon be able to further expand their business. Mayor Freel stated that he would lead a discussion about things that had come up regarding the health orders at the end of the Council meeting. Councilmember Powell shared his concerns about things opening up too quickly and about the metrics to determine if changes are needed. City Manager Napier shared that these decisions are being made with the assistance of medical professionals and that provisions are in place.

City Manager Napier then spoke about the chance to work with the Rotary Club to create a boulder park at Crossroads Park and invited Mr. Cortez and Mr. Griffith to address Council. Tim Cortez, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an overview of the project. Mr. Griffith, Rotary Club President, shared a bit about the partnership with the City and the opportunity to fulfill a need within our community. Council did not have any questions, and provided a thumbs up to moving this project forward.

City Manager Napier provided information about the resolutions before Council that were created for the deliberation process for the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM). He shared that these resolutions had been discussed previously at a work session and are on the consent minute action agenda. Council had no questions.

Mayor Freel asked for items of concern on the agenda. City Manager Napier indicated that the liquor license ordinance amendment that had been tabled would be considered for first reading tonight. He also shared that the College National Finals Rodeo contract extension would need to be removed from the agenda and postponed until the May 19, 2020 because the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) had concerns with the contract that needed to be worked through.

Councilmember Bates requested that the public hearing for the text amendments regarding unsafe structures and equipment be considered at a later time because of the current uncertainties in the community. Councilmember Huber shared that this matter is regarding safety issues and that they therefore, cannot wait.

Mayor Freel adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fleur Tremel
City Clerk

Steven K. Freel
Mayor