

AGENDA

OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

June 5, 2001

Proclamations and Presentations

5:30 p.m

- A. Proclamation Proclaiming June 15 and 16, 2001 as "Relay for Life Days".
- B. Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of June 2001 as "Bike Month".

Regular Meeting

6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
- 2. ROLL CALL.
- 3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (limited to 30 minutes)
- 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOLLOW-UP:

This is an opportunity for the Mayor or Councilmembers to follow-up on issues raised during Citizen Participation.

- 5. AGENDA REVIEW: CITY MANAGER

Authority will benefit by avoiding WAPA energy delivery charges (wheeling charges) associated with the current Overland Trail location or, alternatively, by avoiding considerable capital investment in high voltage transmission line construction needed to mitigate these charges.

21. Routine Easements.

- A. Utility easement dedication from Charles S. Hatchette, located east of Lemay on Hoffman Mill Road, south of Mulberry Street. Monetary consideration: \$10. Staff: Marc Virata.
- B. Drainage easement dedication from Larry R. Magnuson, located west of Shields Street at Raintree Drive, north of Drake Road. Monetary consideration: \$0. Staff: Dave Stringer.
- C. Utility and access easement dedication from Larry R. Magnuson, located west of Shields Street at Raintree Drive, north of Drake Road. Monetary consideration: \$0. Staff: Dave Stringer.

*****END CONSENT*****

22. Consent Calendar Follow-up.

This is an opportunity for Councilmembers to comment on items adopted or approved on the Consent Calendar.

23. Staff Reports.

24. Councilmember Reports.

Committees that have met since May 15, 2001 include:

Finance Committee

Growth Management Committee

NFRT&AQPC

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

25. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 57, 2001, Authorizing the Conveyance of an Easement to Wyoming Interstate Company for Construction of a 36-inch Gas Pipeline.

Wyoming Interstate Company proposes to build a new gas pipeline from Douglas, Wyoming to a station south of Cheyenne, Wyoming as part of the Medicine Bow lateral to increase transportation capacity of its current system in Colorado and Wyoming. This easement will parallel an existing easement granted by the City in May 1999. A portion of this proposed pipeline crosses City-owned Meadow Springs Ranch. This project has been determined to

be “in the public interest” and has been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Company’s offer is consistent with those made to adjacent landowners. An environmental assessment has been done for the proposed route. Ordinance No. 57, 2001, was adopted 6-1 on First Reading on April 17, 2001.

After the First Reading of the Ordinance some concerns with the environmental assessment review process were brought to the Utilities attention. In response to those concerns, a few changes to the process were made. The assessment has been reviewed jointly by Utilities and Natural Resources staff. Staff believes the assessment was well done, but that some further clarity was needed on a few wildlife and re-vegetation issues. Wyoming Interstate Gas Company’s (WIC) response indicates that the two species the City staff believed needed more discussion were not discussed because they are not present on City property along its proposed route. The WIC will be discussing seed mixes for re-vegetation with the City as part of the project and it is required to monitor the route for five years by the FERC project protocol. When the five-year period is over, certification that the re-vegetation has satisfactorily taken is required. As a result of the review process, a certified member of staff will be inspecting all stream crossings during and after construction to be sure they are satisfactory. A copy of the staff opinion and a copy of Wyoming Interstate Gas Company’s response to the concerns raised have been included with this item.

26. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 58, 2001, Authorizing the Conveyance of an Easement to the Platte River Power Authority for Construction of a 24-inch Gas Pipeline.

Platte River Power Authority proposes to build a new gas pipeline from Rockport, Wyoming to the Rawhide Energy Station to provide fuel for three new gas fired combustion turbines at the station. A portion of this proposed pipeline crosses City-owned Meadow Springs Ranch. The proposed easement will encompass approximately 54 acres. Platte River's offer is consistent with those made to adjacent landowners. An environmental assessment has been done for the proposed route. This Ordinance was adopted by a vote of 6-1, on First Reading on April 17, 2001.

After the First Reading of the Ordinance some concerns with the environmental assessment review process were brought to the Utilities' attention. In response to those concerns, a few changes to the process were made. The assessment has been reviewed jointly by Utilities and Natural Resources staff. In general, staff believes the assessment was very well done, but lacked detail in areas such as stream crossing specifications and re-vegetation issues. As a result of the review process a certified member of staff will be inspecting all stream crossings during and after construction to be sure they are satisfactory. A private native seed contractor has contacted the City on behalf of PRPA and will be meeting with staff to discuss seed mixes and reclamation plans. A copy of the staff opinion and a copy of PRPA’s response to the concerns raised have been included with this item.

27. First Reading of Ordinance No. 92, 2001, Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Fort

Collins by Changing the Zoning Classification for that Certain Property Known as the Timberline Lane Rezoning From UE (Urban Estate) to HC (Harmony Corridor).

The parcel consists of approximately .75± acres located south and adjacent to Timberline Lane, and west and adjacent to Timberline Road. The site contains one mobile home with a detached garage.

Staff has recommended approval on the basis that the request generally complies with the comprehensive plan (*City Plan*); the *City Structure Plan*, an element of the City's comprehensive plan; and, the *Harmony Corridor Plan*. Consistency with the comprehensive plan is legally sufficient for approval of the request; however, the Planning and Zoning Board found that the request does not satisfactorily address all of the additional considerations contained in Section 2.9.4(H)(3) of the Land Use Code. The Board determined that the request is not warranted by changed conditions within the neighborhood surrounding and including the subject property, and the proposed zone change is not compatible with existing and proposed land uses.

On May 1, this item was postponed to this date and time at the request of the petitioner, J.D. Padilla.

28. Pulled Consent Items.
29. Other Business.
30. Adjournment.