



Town Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Mayor Jason Gray
Mayor Pro Tem Desiree LaFleur
Councilmember Ryan Hollingshead
Councilmember Laura Cavey
Councilmember Kevin Bracken
Councilmember Max Brooks
Councilmember Tim Dietz

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

6:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers
100 North Wilcox Street
Castle Rock, CO 80104
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COUNCIL DINNER & INFORMAL DISCUSSION

INVOCATION

Mayor Gray provided the Invocation.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Gray, Mayor Pro Tem LaFleur, Councilmember Hollingshead, Councilmember Cavey, Councilmember Bracken, Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember Dietz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gray reminded us that there are people going through alot of stuff.

Councilmember Hollingshead thanked staff that puts out the Outlook magazine. Nice highlight of our public safety.

Councilmember Cavey would like to revisit the topic that Castle Rock is not a sanctuary city; and feels since we are Home Rule, in good faith we should be able to take a vote. She doesn't feel we need a Resolution, just a vote that they all agree and stand united.

Mayor Gray asked if this would come back with a resolution next meeting.

Corliss stated it usually means saying we are not a sanctuary city, we are not doing that, but are cooperating with federal immigration officials and not doing anything to encourage illegal migration into the city. We have a statement on our website, and this is a statement from the dais.

Councilmember Dietz said we are stating that we are not a sanctuary city.

Councilmember Brooks stated we have the language on our website so it is clear, but likes the idea that the elected officials take a vote and feels it is fair that it shows where we stand.

Councilmember Bracken stated we can make a vote saying we aren't doing anything and showing a united front.

Councilmember Hollingshead knows there is a concern but has never voted on anything stating to not do something. We are voting to keep doing the same thing, but we have a country that can't solve this problem. He feels making a political statement doesn't change anything. He doesn't want to vote because it is silly, but will agree.

Councilmember Dietz says a unanimous vote shows unity if we need to take action later.

Mayor Gray sees both sides. It doesn't change our policy. We don't have services so we can't serve that population. He agrees that we are in alignment, but it doesn't change anything and that's fine.

Councilmember Bracken states we can vote if it makes people feel better.

Councilmember Hollingshead doesn't want to take action if we don't have to.

The vote was taken.

Councilmember Brooks referenced emails Council has been receiving about the Rock Church. He wanted to let the citizens know that the Town has not received any application for any proposal from the church. If an application is received, it first goes to the Planning Commission and the process takes numerous months if it makes it out of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Gray stated it may never come to Council, but they are welcome to have meetings to discuss it.

Moved by Councilmember Cavey, seconded by Councilmember Dietz, to state the Town Council agrees and is united that the Town of Castle Rock is not a sanctuary city. The motion passed by a vote of:

Yes: 7 - Gray, LaFleur, Hollingshead, Cavey, Bracken, Brooks, Dietz

[ID 2024-034](#)

Welcome: Town of Castle Rock Welcomes the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12230

Mayor Gray welcomed the VFW Post 12230, read the Proclamation into the record, and presented the Proclamation.

Councilmember Dietz, stated he is also a member of the VFW and welcomed them. The Post will officially called the Max Donahue post to honor Donahue who was killed in action in Afghanistan..

[PROC
2024-002](#)

Proclamation: Mayor's Challenge Supporting April as Water Conservation Month (For Presentation - Approved on March 19, 2024, by a vote 6-0)

Mayor Gray read the proclamation into the record.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Citizens that addressed Council:

Dana Bonham thanked Council for their vote and referenced Laken Riley's murder and the issue with our border with over 40,000 that have arrived in Denver. She stated citizens are now voting on issues not on people; and they are looking at Council and how they are voting. They want people that will stand for what issues their constituents care about. We need to empower our Police department if we are faced with illegal immigrants.

Hunter Burns, filmmaker with Castle Rock Arts and Alliance and feels Castle Rock needs to be part of SCFD. Their film festival benefits our veterans. It allows us to bring artistic services to Castle Rock, and people go elsewhere for entertainment and culture. The film festival is next week.

Park is a retired Douglas County school teacher. They can only propose this on the ballot every 12 years. She outlined the benefits to the schools if we belong to the SCFD.

Tamara Anderson, retired school teacher, worked for an SCFD school and she outlined the benefits that school received.

Randy Reed read a statement about SCFD and that Castle Rock is a full service community and feels it would be a favorable benefit to the Town. Reed feels it is best to leave the decision to the citizens of Castle Rock to seek the will and desires of the community and urges Council to place this item on the ballot.

Patty Handby is not a resident but stated she worked for the library for 30 years; and the library had art that was appreciated by citizens. She asked Council to put the item on the ballot and let the citizens decide. We have beautiful trails, and we see it in paintings and sculptures.

KC Neel encouraged Council to put SCFD on the ballot for three reasons: kids, economic development, democratic process and reminded Council it is not just culture and arts, it is also science. Our schools can't provide programming SCFD schools can. We already are paying for SCFD when we shop outside of Town but aren't receiving any benefits. The citizens haven't been able to vote on this for 25 years and it won't cost the Town anything.

Mo agrees and talked about the young adults in Castle Rock and what can we do to attract young adults to live here. Mo likes Cavey's idea of voting on the sanctuary city item even if a decision isn't made, because it instills a thought or idea. We say the Pledge of Allegiance to reaffirm what it means. That does mean something to the residents and holds everyone accountable.

Yolanda thanked Council for all they have done for us and complimented the Town. She is grateful the Commissioners voted that the entire County is non-Sanctuary. She would like to see a formal document to state that the Town is not a sanctuary city.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

[ID 2024-035](#)**Update: Calendar Reminders**

David Corliss, Town Manager, summarized upcoming events and meetings.

[ID 2024-036](#)**Update: Legislative Update**

Kristin Read, Assistant Town Manager, presented an update on staff recommendations for opposing some legislation. May 8 is the final date of the session.

Councilmember Brooks feels we should explain why we are taking a position to educate legislators as it may be helpful.

Councilmember Cavey inquired about HB1007 regarding residential occupancy limits allowing more people to live in a residence, and that our code currently limits to 5 unrelated persons.

Corliss stated there could possibly be a legal challenge on Home Rule authority.

Mike Hyman, Town Attorney, won't have a suit until we are actually enforcing our Code and feels we have a good argument based on our Home Rule authority.

Cavey wants to be on the ready if we are faced with the situation and appreciates that we are going to follow what we already have in place in our Code.

Mayor Gray stated most Mayors feel that the state shouldn't set the rules for our Towns or Cities.

Councilmember Brooks stated there will be a flurry of things that come through the final 10 days and asked Kristin to provide updates to Council as they develop.

**Moved by Councilmember Dietz, seconded by Councilmember Cavey, to Affirm staff's recommended positions on state legislation as presented and direct staff to communicate the positions to the Town's legislative delegation, CML and others..
The motion passed by a vote of:**

Yes: 6 - Gray, LaFleur, Cavey, Bracken, Brooks, Dietz

Not Present: 1 - Hollingshead

[ID 2024-037](#)**Development Services Project Updates**

Tara Vargish, Director of Development Services, provided an update on 2023 Residential permits, Single Family Home permits, Multi-Family permits, Projects under construction or completed in 2023.

[ID 2024-038](#)**Update: Quasi-Judicial Projects****TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mike Hyman, Town Attorney, sent Council a couple updates and to reach out with any questions.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Bracken, seconded by Councilmember Cavey, to Accept the Agenda. The motion passed by a vote of:

Yes: 6 - Gray, LaFleur, Cavey, Bracken, Brooks, Dietz

Abstain: 1 - Hollingshead

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Bracken, seconded by Councilmember Cavey, to Approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by a vote of:

Yes: 6 - Gray, LaFleur, Cavey, Bracken, Brooks, Dietz

[RES 2024-034](#) **Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Services Agreement Between the Town of Castle Rock and Barricade Holdings LLC**

[RES 2024-035](#) **Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Construction Contract with Saunders Construction, Inc., for the Recreation Center Slide Tower Removal and Replacement Project [Location: 2301 Woodlands Blvd]**

[PROC 2024-003](#) **Proclamation: 2024 Arbor Day Proclamation (For Council Action - Presentation on April 16, 2024)**

[MIN 2024-007](#) **Minutes: March 19, 2024 Draft Minutes**

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS & DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

[ORD 2024-006](#) **Ordinance Amending Section 15.48.010 of the Castle Rock Municipal Code Adopting by Reference as a Primary Code the 2024 Town of Castle Rock Landscape and Irrigation Criteria Manual (First Reading) [Entire Castle Rock Service Area]**

Mark Marlowe, Director of Castle Rock Water, stated the manual is critical to water conservation. It is reviewed annually. They want to reduce non-functional turf, reduce the use of outdoor water for irrigation and the peak demand in the summer, and encourage Coloradoscape. They are partnering with CSU students to plant a demonstration garden.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem LaFleur, seconded by Councilmember Dietz, to Approve Ordinance ORD 2024-006 as presented. The motion passed by a vote of:

Yes: 6 - Gray, LaFleur, Cavey, Bracken, Brooks, Dietz

[RES 2024-036](#) **Resolution Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Water Rights and All Appurtenances and Easements Between Ranchview Investments, LLC and the Town of Castle Rock, Acting By and Through the Castle Rock Water Enterprise [along Indian Creek in northwest Douglas County]**

Mark Marlowe, Director of Castle Rock Water, provided an overview of the

agreement stating staff and Water Commission support.

No public comment.

Moved by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Cavey, to Approve Resolution RES 2024-036 as presented. The motion passed by a vote of:

Yes: 6 - Gray, LaFleur, Cavey, Bracken, Brooks, Dietz

ADDITIONAL UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

ADJOURN

Moved by Councilmember Bracken, seconded by Councilmember Dietz, to Adjourn. The motion passed by a vote of:

Yes: 6 - Gray, LaFleur, Cavey, Bracken, Brooks, Dietz

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by:

Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk