



# CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**June 11, 2024**

## **WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Duane Gurulé, City Manager Stacey Milenski, Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Robert and Thomas Mullins met for a work session to discuss a proposed 50/50 sidewalk replacement program.

## **REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.**

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Thomas Mullins

Staff: Interim City Manager Stacey Milenski and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present (in person): Gary Reed, J. R. Thompson, Demi Gurulé and Diane Marshall

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Thomas Mullins read aloud the City of Rocky Ford's Mission Statement

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ANY CHANGES TO, OR REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM – ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA**

None

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Gurulé explained the agenda and consent agenda to all. Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mullins. Voting results were:

YES	Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Mullins, Herrera, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for May 28, 2024
2. Application for Renewal of Retail Liquor License – **Barbara Martinez dba Fiesta Café, 400 N.11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford, CO**
3. Application for Renewal of Retail Marijuana Store – **Rocky Farms LLC, 1709 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Voting results were:

YES	Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Mullins, Herrera, Barron, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

## **PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Interim City Manager Stacey Milenski had earlier provided her report to Council by email. Milenski included information on 701 Sycamore Avenue. Milenski thanked Council for allowing her to attend the Nature & Children's conference. Milenski reported on a meeting held with School Superintendent Kermit Schneider regarding the school's utility bill.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; Regarding City Manager Contract*

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Mullins to go into executive session, title was read aloud by Roberts. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Roberts, Mullins, Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Those going into executive session were: Interim City Manager Stacy Milenski, Mayor Gurulé and Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Thomas Mullins. Mayor Gurulé recessed the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. to go into executive session.

Executive session ended at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Gurulé reconvened the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m. Mayor Gurulé reported, for the record, that if any person who participated in the executive session believed that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session. Or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meeting Law, that they should please state their concerns for the record. There were none.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of City Manager Contract**

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve the approve the City Manager contract and appoint Stacey Milenski to the City Manager position. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Roberts, Mullins, Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Gurulé
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NO None  
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

**Resolution #5 – Series 2024 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Rocky Ford to Hire Stacey Milenski as City Manager**

It was moved by Councilmember Herrera and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve and adopt Resolution #5 – Series 2024. Voting results were:

YES Mullins, Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Gurulé  
NO None  
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

**Resolution #6 – Series 2024 – A Resolution for Support of the Generation Wild**

It was moved by Councilmember Herrera and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to approve and adopt Resolution #6 – Series 2024. Voting results were:

YES Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Mullins, Gurulé  
NO None  
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Tournaments were held at the golf course Saturday and Sunday. Board continues to look for someone to take over the restaurant.

Councilmember Barron reported the following:

- Barron reported on Arts Commission news and thanked all the Grand Theater volunteers. There will be no movie at the Grand over the weekend. Barron informed all of the history of the Grand Theater.
- Attended the Fireside Chat.
- Thanked everyone for work done after the recent rains.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Martinez reported that he attended the Fireside Chat and Martinez encouraged people to attend.
- Pool is looking good.
- Attended a small business work shop.
- Tree Board President Diane Marshall reported that all planter boxes had been planted.
- Marshall asked Council to set a work session to discuss a plan for the city to take care of trees.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova has been working on events for Rocky Ford.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts reported that the Chamber of Commerce is helping to work on a commercial promoting the area.
- Chamber has many events planned.

Councilmember Mullins reported the following:

- Mullins reported on events at the Museum.

Mayor Gurulé reported the following:

- Gurulé attended some pool parties since it's been opened.
- An anonymous donor purchased pool passes and asked that they be given to children in need.

- Attended the Cruisin' into Fun.
- Attended the Southern Colorado Economic Development Business meeting.
- The youth summer lunch program began on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- A grant was awarded from the Colorado Health Program for outdoor programming for youth activities.
- Stacey and Duane will attend a meeting on Friday.
- OCLI/OPI will have a meeting next week.
- Will attend the Colorado Municipal League conference this month.

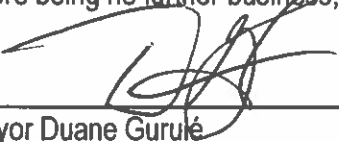
**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the regular meeting at 8:48 p.m.



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Mayor Duane Gurulé



Attest

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City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

