

April 5, 2011

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day at City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister  
Councilmember Debra J. Forstedt  
Councilmember Brent M. Nation  
Councilmember James A. Powers  
Councilmember Ronald Shaver

Councilmembers Scott Bryan and Lyn Deal arrived late.

Councilmember Forstedt made a motion to go into a scheduled executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shaver and approved unanimously.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The motion stated that the Executive Session was for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Golf course services.

The session was attended by the mayor and council members, with Deal and Bryan arriving during the executive session, as well as Acting City Manager Jeffrey Wells, Community Services Director Patti Evans, Golf Professional Tyler Tarpley and James Graff. The session concluded at 5:46 p.m. It was decided that another Executive Session that had been scheduled from 5:30 to 6 p.m. would be postponed until after the regular meeting scheduled for 6 p.m.

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### **REGULAR MEETING – 6 P.M.**

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The council convened the regular meeting at 6 p.m. in the City Council chambers. The meeting was also attended by Wells, Evans, Water Resources Director Gary Dreessen and City Clerk/Public Information Officer John Brennan.

Mayor Terry McAlister noted that the council had just concluded an executive session, and asked Councilmember Forstedt to report on the session. Forstedt said the council had met in Executive Session for the purpose stated on the meeting agenda, and made a motion to direct the acting city manager to negotiate within the parameters discussed during the session. That motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers and approved unanimously.

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### **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL TO BE SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

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Mayor McAlister read the proclamation and presented a signed and sealed formal copy of the document to Paula Bragg, executive director of Sexual Assault Response Advocates Inc. Bragg thanked the council for the support of the organization, spoke about SARA's programs and invited council members to visit the SARA House. Councilmember Deal praised the organization and its programs. Councilmember Forstedt said she did not step down during the reading of the

proclamation because she is proud to be employed by SARA and the action provided no financial gain for her whatsoever.

**PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 10-16 TO BE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY 9-1-1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**

McAlister read the proclamation and presented a signed and sealed formal copy of the document to Pam Monsees, director of the Morgan County Communications Center. Monsees thanked the council for its support, and several council members thanked her for the services provided by the center.

**REQUEST TO POSTPONE THE PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FORT MORGAN DENTAL CONDOMINIUM MINOR SUBDIVISION**

Acting City Manager Wells said the request to postpone was being made because a nearby property owner had asked for the delay of a previously scheduled public hearing before the city Planning Commission on this matter. The Planning Commission had agreed to continue the hearing for two weeks, and Wells asked the council to do the same. Powers made a motion to postpone the presentation of the Fort Morgan Dental Condominium Minor Subdivision and wait for more information from the Planning Commission. That motion was seconded by Councilmember Ron Shaver and approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION RESERVING REVENUES IN CBT WATER SALES FUND BALANCES FOR FUTURE CBT WATER PURCHASES**

Wells explained that at the council's last work session on March 22, the council had discussed and placed on the consent agenda for routine approval at tonight's meeting a proposal to establish a price for the purchase of CBT water units directly from the city. That price was to be based on a rolling three-year weighted average of the prices paid by the city for the purchase of CBT water, and for the current year would be \$7,433.42, plus a \$500 fee per transaction to cover the city's costs involved in purchasing the water. Also at that March 22 work session discussion, Wells said, one council member had suggested creating a restricted budget line item for the funds received from the sale of water in this manner, and dictating that those funds could only be used for the purchase of additional CBT water by the city. That was what was being proposed in the Resolution presented here, Wells said. Powers made a motion to approve the Resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember Bryan and approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY STAFF TO ACT AS SIGNATORIES ON A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE FORT MORGAN GOLF COURSE**

Wells said the city staff had been investigating options for securing a 3.2 beer license for the golf course, which must be obtained through Morgan County as the course is located in the unincorporated area of the county. The county had suggested having the mayor and all council members submit to background checks and fingerprinting as the controlling officials on the liquor license, but to save on the time required to do that the city was proposing this Resolution to designate the city manager or acting city manager as well as the golf course manager as the responsible officials on the license. This was a method suggested by an official from the state Liquor Enforcement Division. Wells said he was willing to do this, despite some religious tenets

that prohibit him from drinking alcohol and may make it somewhat hypocritical for him to sign onto a liquor license. Wells said he would do so if the council desired, but suggested that it could be done in a different way, perhaps with the mayor as a signer on the license instead of the city manager.

McAlister said he was willing to do this, and Powers offered a resolution amending the proposed Resolution to designate the mayor and the golf course manager as the signatories on the golf course liquor license. That resolution was seconded by Forstedt and approved unanimously.

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### **PRESENTATION AND ACTION ON A REQUEST TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD**

Community Services Director Patti Evans told the council that the golf course advisory board had recommended reducing the number of members on that board from nine to seven, and allowing up to two of those members to be non-city residents who live within Morgan County. Evans said more than one-third of the golf members at the course live outside the city limits.

Powers said he favored reducing the size of the golf board, but because the city taxpayers must support the operation of the golf course he was not in favor of allowing an additional non-resident to sit on the golf advisory board.

Bryan said he felt the golf board was only advisory in nature, and any final decisions were still up to the city council, so he would not object to allowing an additional non-resident board member. Several council members agreed with that position.

Councilmember Nation made a motion to change the number of golf course advisory board members from nine to seven, with two of those allowed to be non-residents of the city but living within the county. That motion was seconded by Shaver, and approved on a vote of 5-2, with Powers and McAlister voting against the measure.

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### **APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

Councilmember Nation said the library board had several vacancies and two members whose terms had expired had agreed to serve additional terms. The applications from these two members, Lisa Northrup and Rita Coates, were included in the council meeting packets and Nation asked that their reappointment be approved. Forstedt made a motion to approve the reappointments of Northrup and Coates, which was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION**

Clerk Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration, said Consent Agenda being in words, letters and figures as follows, to wit:

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of a proposal to allow the city manager and his designee to adjust fees at the golf course for promotional purposes.
- B. Approval of a proposal to implement a new punch card program and fees at the Fort Morgan Golf Course.
- C. Approval of a proposal to establish the price and fees for purchase of CBT water units from the city.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the March 15, 2011 regular council meeting.

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine business by the Council and will be enacted with a single motion and a single vote by roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is deemed necessary, that item should be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Councilmember Nation offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Bryan and approved unanimously.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of April 2011, the vote upon roll call being as follows: Ayes: Mayor McAlister; Councilmembers Bryan, Deal, Forstedt, Nation, Powers and Shaver. Nays: none.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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No members of the public approached the council to speak, but Mayor McAlister asked the new representative of the Fort Morgan Times to introduce herself to the council. Jenni Grubbs told the council about her background. Bryan then noted that he didn't believe the council had done the same when a new representative of a local radio station recently began covering council meetings, so the mayor also asked Michael Schaus of KFTM radio to introduce himself and tell a little about his background, which he did.

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### **REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

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Wells noted that city directors had submitted their monthly written reports, which were included in the council agenda packets.

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### **BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Clerk Brennan announced current city bids and upcoming meetings.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The regular meeting concluded at 6:37 p.m., and Forstedt then made a motion to convene a second executive session that had been scheduled to follow the first one earlier in the evening but was postponed because of time constraints. That motion was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously.

The motion stated that the executive session was called for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Pending litigation.

The executive session convened at 6:40 p.m. and concluded at 7:14 p.m., and was attended by the council members and mayor along with Wells and Water Resources Director Gary Dressen.

Following the session the council returned to the open regular meeting, where Forstedt reported that the council had discussed the scheduled topic and made a motion to direct the acting city manager to communicate the city's position as discussed in the executive session. Forstedt's motion was seconded by Nation and approved unanimously.

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## **WORK SESSION**

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The council then adjourned the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m. and began a work session designed to have the council engage in a “visioning” process to brainstorm ideas for the 2012 budget as well as long-term goals and visions for the future of the city.

The council members each presented their ideas in five categories: Quality of Life, Infrastructure, Public Safety, Taxes/Finance and Work Force Development. The ideas presented were written on large poster-sized sheets and placed on the walls of the conference room, and the members then went through them and eliminated some and combined or refined others. The final list of ideas was later compiled into a document that the city staff will use to research the costs, feasibility and other implications of bringing the ideas to fruition, in preparation for the development of the preliminary budget for 2012.

The council concluded the work session at 9:40 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister  
Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan  
City Clerk