



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Council Work Session

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Monday, September 21, 2015

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

- Present** 8 - Councilmember Larry Bagley, President Merv Bennett, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Keith King, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, and Councilmember Tom Strand
- Excused** 1 - Councilmember Helen Collins

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to the agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated a youth performing choir from Colorado Springs' Sister City, Bankstown, Australia, will be performing in the City Hall Atrium from 12:30-12:45 tomorrow and will provide a brief performance during the Council meeting.

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning, stated agenda items 10.A. and 10.B. have been properly published.

Ms. Gonzalez stated a proposal to create a moratorium on new marijuana related facilities will be added to the agenda tomorrow. Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated this proposed ordinance will create a temporary moratorium on new medical marijuana facilities within the City limits. Councilmember Knight stated a moratorium will allow decisions regarding the marijuana industry to be made in a fair and equitable manner.

Councilmember Knight stated he will pull agenda items 4.B.A. and 4.B.D. off the Consent Calendar.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [15-00601](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2015

The Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

5. Executive Session**A) Open**

David Andrews, Legislative Counsel, stated the City will provide defense for the officers included in this law suit.

A)A. [15-00603](#) Grant Bloomquist v. Jeremy Sheldon, John Ireland, Nathan Johnson, Felix Juliano, Jordan Leffler, Rafael Chanza, David Rosenhoff, Jim Jeffcoat, and John Garza; Case No. 15-cv-01398-RPM-NYW

Consensus of Council agreed with the recommendation of the Civil Action Investigation Committee to authorize the City to represent the City and named officers as required by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act and the Peace Officers Liability Act.

B) Closed**6. Staff and Appointee Reports****6.A.** [15-00338](#) Financial Report - Memorial Health System Enterprise

Councilmember Knight requested additional information about the legal fees included in the report. Kara Skinner, CFO, will provide a summary of that information to Council.

Council President Pro Tem Gaebler asked which legal fees are charged to this account. Ms. Skinner stated legal issues involving the lease and changes to City Code are charged to this account.

6.B. [15-00390](#) Financial Report - City of Colorado Springs

Kara Skinner, CFO, presented an overview of the financial report. There were no questions or comments on the financial report.

6.C. [15-00490](#) Agenda Planner Review

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated the agenda planners are in the Council packets. Ms. Gonzalez pointed out some changes to the October 12, 2015 agenda; Fire Chief Riley will provide a briefing on the Broken Arrow exercise and the Police department will provide information about the police body-worn camera program. A resolution

declaring October, 2015 to be fire prevention month will be presented in the October 13th meeting.

7. Presentations for General Information

7.A. [15-00180](#) Downtown Colorado Springs Update

Susan Edmondson, President & CEO, Downtown Partnership, presented the quarterly update on the downtown area and the progress made by the Imagine Downtown Master Plan.

7.B. [15-00540](#) Overview of the Colorado Springs Fire Department's Community and Public Health Section.

Jeff Martin, Community and Public Health Administrator, CSFD, provided an overview of the activities and services provided by the Fire Department's Community and Public Health Section and the plan to advance the C.A.R.E.S./Community Response Team programs.

Councilmember Pico commented on the success of this program, increasing the availability of fire staff and providing appropriate help to the most loyal customers.

Councilmember Gaebler asked what patient population is represented by the decrease in Emergency Room visits. Mr. Martin stated those are mostly mental health patients.

Councilmember King requested additional information about the response team for psychiatric related 911 calls. Mr. Martin stated a police officer, a paramedic from the fire department and mental health professional respond to these calls in an SUV.

Councilmember Knight asked how much funding for this program comes from the general fund. Mr. Martin stated 30 percent of the funding comes from the general fund and the rest comes from other sources including grants. Councilmember Knight asked if Squad 11 (the specialized response team) is fully staffed. Mr. Martin and Fire Chief Riley explained Squad 11 is currently fully staffed on a part-time schedule, targeting the high priority days and times identified through analyzing call statistics. Chief Riley also stated the funds to cover the expansion of this program to full-time will be included in the 2016 budget as the grants are limited.

Councilmember Strand asked for additional information about the "most

loyal customers". Mr. Martin stated they are identified as individuals who call excessively, some times over 300 times per year. Chief Riley explained management of these individuals leads to efficiencies.

Councilmember Murray asked if reimbursement for care by medical insurance providers is received by the City. Mr. Martin stated yes.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A.** [15-00444](#) Overview of 2015 Annual Council Actions Concerning the Downtown Development Authority Budget, Business Improvement District (BID) Operating Plans and Budgets, General Improvement District (GID) Budgets, Special Improvement Maintenance District (SIMD) Budgets, and Related Matters

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning, provided an overview of the required Council actions regarding special districts.

Councilmember Knight requested a list of projects the Downtown Partnership spent money on last year. Ms. Edmondson will present this information to Council.

Councilmembers Murray and Pico expressed concern about the number and disparity of districts within the City. They will work together to research ways to reduce the number of and standardize these districts.

Councilmember King asked if there are prohibitions on spending for the BID's. Mr. Schueler stated there are spending restrictions on things such as marketing and other uses. Councilmember King requested a breakdown of the spending limitations for the districts. Mr. Schueler will provide this information to Council.

Councilmember Murray asked how much money and debt is represented by the conglomeration of districts. Mr. Schueler will provide a report on these figures to Council.

- 8.B.** [15-00574](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Second Amendment to Agreement Concerning Park Credits for Springs Ranch Golf Course

Chris Lieber, Park Development Manager, provided an overview of this proposed amendment to the agreement between the City and the owner of the Springs Ranch Golf Course.

Councilmember Strand asked what a Park Credit is. Mr. Lieber

explained park credits are land, dedicated for parks, or fees paid in lieu of land. In this case, part of the land dedicated for parks, in the form of a golf course, will be exchanged for fees paid to the city or the completion of a trail funded by the developer. Mr. Lieber stated this is a positive proposal for the City, adding value to the community, allowing for future expansion of the Tutt Sports Complex, and providing a pedestrian access below North Carefree Circle. This agreement also includes the City taking possession of a pedestrian bridge to be used in another City park.

Councilmember Murray requested additional information about how property values and park fees are calculated. Mr. Lieber will provide this information to Councilmember Murray.

- 8.C.** [15-00497](#) A Resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement for Disaster Mutual Aid between the City of Colorado Springs and Douglas County, Colorado.

Bret Waters, Emergency Management Director, provided a summary of the proposed agreements between neighboring counties for mutual aid in the event of a disaster.

- 8.D.** [15-00559](#) A Resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the South Central Region Homeland Security equipment and personnel sharing between the City of Colorado Springs; Teller County, Colorado; Lake County, Colorado; Chaffee county, Colorado; Park County, Colorado; and El Paso County, Colorado.

Please see comments in agenda item 8.C.

- 8.E.** [15-00514](#) A Resolution to Extend the Term of the Cable Television Franchise being Operated by Comcast of Colorado/Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC (locally known as Comcast)

Renee Congdon with the City Attorney's Office presented this proposal to allow additional time for Council to address citizen concerns regarding the cable franchise agreement with Comcast.

Councilmember Knight asked if it would be acceptable to have the extension expire June 30, 2016. Ms. Congdon stated if Comcast is agreeable to this date it can be changed. Consensus of Council agreed to extend this to June 30, 2016.

- 8.F.** [15-00556](#) An ordinance amending Part 1 (General Provisions), Part 2 (License Required), Part 3 (Occupation Tax on Liquors), Part 5

(Issuance of Licenses), Part 6 (Suspension and Revocation of Licenses) and Part 7 (General Liquor Offenses) of Article 5 (Alcohol Beverages) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended

Lee McRae, License Enforcement Officer, provided a brief overview of the liquor licensing process and the proposed changes to the City Liquor Licensing process and The Rules of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board. Mr. McRae explained the majority of the proposed changes bring City Code in line with State Statutes.

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk, stated these changes have been reviewed and unanimously approved by the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board.

Councilmember Knight expressed appreciation to Mr. McRae and the City Clerk's office for the work done on these revisions.

- 8.G. [15-00557](#) A resolution amending the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board Rules of Procedure and accepting and adopting the optional fine in lieu of suspension procedures set forth in the Colorado Liquor Code

Please see comments in agenda item 8.F.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Council President Bennett also provided a summary of the recent RTA Advisory Board meeting.

Councilmember Murray stated he requested the items related to the Olympic Museum be kept separate in the 2016 budget.

Councilmember Pico spoke about the Syrian refugee crisis, stating that Denver and Colorado Springs have been listed as potential relocation locations. Mr. Waters stated he has not heard anything about this, but will increase his awareness of the situation and report to Council if he hears anything.

11. Adjourn