



City of Colorado Springs

City Hall
107 N. Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO
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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, March 23, 2015

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

- Present** 8 - Councilmember Larry Bagley, President Pro Tem Merv Bennett, Councilmember Helen Collins, Councilmember Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Jan Martin, Councilmember Andy Pico, and Councilmember Val Snider
- Excused** 1 - President Keith King

2. Changes to Agenda

Tim Geitner, Legislative Assistant, stated there were no changes to the agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Knight stated he will pull agenda items 5.B.F and 5.B.G. off the Consent Calendar for tomorrow with questions about the required parking.

Councilmember Pico stated he will pull agenda item 5.B.B. off the Consent Calendar with a question about Boards and Commissions, specifically a candidate for City Council being appointed to the Human Relations Commission, he suggested Council may want to table this action until after the election.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. 15-00199 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes March 9, 2015

The Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

5. Executive Session

A) Open

There was not an Open Executive Session.

B) Closed

There was not a Closed Executive Session.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. 15-00153 Financial Report - Memorial Health System Enterprise

Mr. Geitner stated there was a request to change to quarterly reports. Councilmember Collins stated the original agreement was to have monthly reports.

Councilmember Knight stated since the lawsuit and legal expenses continue, he would like to continue with monthly reports, Councilmember Pico concurred. Councilmember Bennett stated Council will continue to receive monthly reports until June at which time the situation can be reevaluated.

6.B. 14-0763 Agenda Planner Review

Councilmember Knight said he thought Council was going to offer a letter of resolution or support for a State Senate Bill dealing with stormwater retention. Mr. Geitner will research and follow-up on this.

Councilmember Pico would like to have the concealed carry for security officer included in a work session in the near future.

Councilmember Snider asked the Executive Branch to follow-up on the regional stormwater retention Bill.

7. Presentations for General Information

7.A. 15-00178 Downtown Colorado Springs Update

Susan Edmondson, CEO of the Downtown Partnership, provided an overview of the annual report and accomplishments of the Downtown Partnership. Ms. Edmondson also highlighted plans the organization has for 2015.

Councilmember Bennett expressed appreciation for the proactive efforts to improve downtown and reminded Ms. Edmondson that the City Hall has quarterly art displays.

Councilmember Snider asked about trash pickup on Sundays. Ms. Edmondson stated they do have trash pick-up seven days a week.

Councilmember Gaebler added that City Hall is also included in the

monthly art walk and mentioned lights will be added to the trees in the downtown area. Ms. Edmondson confirmed this plan along with plans to update holiday decorations.

Councilmembers Bennett and Martin thanked Ms. Edmondson for her enthusiasm and work.

7.B. 15-00158 yourCOS Boards & Commissions Informational Event

Nina Vetter with the City Strategic Advisory Team presented an overview of the plan to conduct a citizens academy. The event is planned for April 2, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Fire Department complex.

Councilmember Martin stated she worked with Nina on this and encouraged everyone to attend and get involved.

8. Items for Introduction

8.A. 14-0700 A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Department of Transportation to Accept Grant Funding to Conduct a Study Identifying Potential Expansion Options for the South Tejon Street Park-n-Ride Lot.

Craig Blewitt, Transit Manager, provided information about the proposal to expand the parking area, explaining this plan includes the possibility of obtaining land from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Councilmember Gaebler requested the Transit Department consult with the Downtown Partnership regarding these plans. Mr. Blewitt stated this has been and will continue to be done.

Councilmember Martin requested the new facility be attractive and available to other modes of transportation. Mr. Blewitt stated they are working with the Downtown partnership on this and the relocation and improvement of the downtown terminal.

8.B. 15-00183 A resolution authorizing in the Lodgers and Auto Rental Tax (LART) fund the abandonment of the 2015 "Pikes Peak Cycling USA Pro Cycling Challenge" project for \$120,000 and the transfer of \$100,000 to the "Pikes Peak Summit House" project and transfer of \$20,000 to the "Projects to be Determined" project; and the partial abandonment of \$25,000 of the "Transfer to General Fund" project and transfer of the \$25,000 to the "Projects to be

Determined” project

Kara Skinner, CFO, provided an explanation of the plan to reallocate funds designated for the Pro Cycling Challenge, which is not going to be held here, to other projects. Councilmember Martin added the LART committee plans to contribute \$250,000 in capital funds to the Pikes Peak Summit House as part of the plan to support that project.

Councilmember Bennett reminded everyone this is not a request for additional funds, but reallocation of existing funds.

Councilmember Knight asked how Council will be notified of where the funds were reallocated to. Councilmember Martin stated Council will be updated regularly on the approved LART fund allocations, adding major allocations will be made in June of each year. Councilmember Martin continued to explain the reserve funds will be allocated as new requests come in and Samantha Gunther, Assistant to City Council, will provide updates.

- 8.C. 15-00166** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-101 (2015 Appropriation Ordinance) for a Supplemental Appropriation to the Pikes Peak - America’s Mountain Fund in the amount of \$250,000 for the Summit Complex Project and to the General Fund in the amount of \$24,000 for the Acacia Park Ice Rink

Kara Skinner, CFO, explained this ordinance will allow accounts to be created so the appropriated LART funds for the Pikes Peak Summit House and the Acacia Park Ice Rink can be used.

9. Items Under Study

- 9.A. 14-0720** Progress update relating to stakeholder discussions on licensing of private security businesses

Councilmember Pico stated they have come to a working agreement with all the stakeholders involved. Security officers with firearm certification and a concealed carry permit will be allowed to carry one weapon and choose if it will be concealed or open carried. Additional training will be required for those choosing to concealed carry. Mr. Geitner stated he will provide a draft copy of the ordinance to Council.

Discussion continued on the pros and cons of the timing of this action in conjunction with the election of new Council members. Councilmember Pico stated this will be ready for presentation during the April 13, 2015 work session with a vote during the April 14, 2015 regular meeting.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Martin mentioned the upcoming art exhibit in City Hall opening Friday, April 3, 2015 from 6-8 pm and invited everyone to attend.

Councilmember Pico stated he has been looking at the Business Personal Property tax and is waiting for the new Council to be in place before presenting that item.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned.

William Powell
Deputy City Clerk