



# City of Colorado Springs

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, April 25, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, President Pro Tem Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, President Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Mike O'Malley, Councilmember Brian Risley, and Councilmember Michelle Talarico  
Councilmember O'Malley arrived at approximately 10:51 AM.

### 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was made by Chaplain Colonel Retired Phil Wright from the United States Army.

President Helms led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Changes to Agenda/Postponements

There were no changes to the Agenda.

#### **4. Consent Calendar**

**These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless a specific item is called for discussion by a Councilmember or a citizen wishing to address the City Council. (Any items called up for separate consideration shall be acted upon following the Mayor's Business.)**

##### **4A. Second Presentation:**

- 4A.A. [23-137](#) Ordinance No. 23-20 Platting a Columbarium in Evergreen Cemetery in Block 210

Presenter:

Kim King, Recreation and Administration Manager  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Britt Haley, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

**Attachments:** [3-27-23 - Cemetery New Columbarium Platting](#)  
[Cemetery-EvergreenColumbariumORD-2023-02-24 - Final](#)  
[Exhibit A - Map of Evergreen Cemetery](#)  
[Exhibit B - Schematic of New Columbarium](#)  
[Signed Ordinance No. 23-20.pdf](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

##### **4B. First Presentation:**

- 4B.A. [23-201](#) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes March 28, 2023

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [3-28-2023 City Council Meeting Minutes Final](#)

**The Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4B.B. [23-225](#) Special City Council Regular Meeting Minutes April 18, 2023

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [4-18-2023 Special City Council Meeting Minutes Final](#)

**The Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**Motion by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by President Helms, that all matters on the Consent Calendar be passed, adopted, and approved by unanimous consent of the members present. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0**

**Aye:** 8 - Avila, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, Risley, and Talarico

**Excused:** 1 - O'Malley

## **5. Recognitions**

- 5.A.** [23-217](#) A Resolution recognizing May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Presenter:

Yolanda Avila, Councilmember District 4

**Attachments:** [Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Signed Resolution No. 65-23.pdf](#)

Councilmember Avila spoke about the contributions of our fellow Asian Americans and presented the Resolution recognizing May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Harmony Francisca Quinto, President of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Southern Colorado, spoke about her experience immigrating to the United States, encouraged all residents to learn about the history and participate in the events and celebrations scheduled during the month, and identified the many Asian American leaders who have contributed greatly to the community.

Councilmember Henjum said she was born in the Philippines.

Mina Liebert, first generation Vietnamese American, expressed appreciation for the recognition.

Brent Sabati, Senior Product Marketing Specialist, Asian Pacific Islander Business Community (API-BC) of Colorado Springs, spoke about the impact of the Resolution on the local Asian Pacific Islander community in the City and provided a brief summary of their history in the area.

Councilmember Donelson introduced Elizabeth Kim, President of the Korean American Society of Southern Colorado, provided a brief background of her career and provided an overview of the goal and contributions of the Korean American Society of Southern Colorado.

**Motion by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Councilmember Talarico, that the Resolution recognizing May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of**

8-0-1-0

**Aye:** 8 - Avila, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, Risley, and Talarico

**Excused:** 1 - O'Malley

- 5.B. [23-219](#) A Resolution recognizing April 23rd to April 29th as National Library Week

Presenter:

Randy Helms, Councilmember District 2

**Attachments:** [National Library Week](#)  
[Signed Resolution No. 66-23.pdf](#)

President Helms read the Resolution recognizing April 23rd to April 29th as National Library Week.

Aaron Salt, President, Board of Trustees, Pikes Peak Library District, gave a brief overview of the Pikes Peak Library District and introduced Teona Shainidze Krebs, CEO and Chief Librarian of Pikes Peak Library District, who expressed appreciation for the recognition.

Several Councilmembers spoke about the importance of libraries in communities.

**Motion by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Councilmember Leinweber, that the Resolution recognizing April 23rd to April 29th as National Library Week as amended be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0**

**Aye:** 7 - Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, Risley, and Talarico

**No:** 1 - Avila

**Excused:** 1 - O'Malley

- 5.C. [23-218](#) Appointments to City Council Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Presenter:

Randy Helms, Council President and Councilmember District 2

**Attachments:** [042523 Boards Commissions and Committee Appointments](#)

President Helms presented the City Council Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

There were no comments on this item.

**Motion by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by Councilmember Risley, that the Appointments to City Council Boards, Commissions and Committees be approved. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0**

**Aye:** 9 - Avila, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, O'Malley, Risley, and Talarico

## **6. Mayor's Business**

There was no Mayor's Business.

## **7. Citizen Discussion For Items Not On Today's Agenda**

Citizen Nancy McCaffery, Board Member, Colorado Rail Passenger Association (ColoRail), spoke in support of the ConnectCOS Multimodal Transportation Plan and requested the new transit center be located next to the ColoRail.

Citizen Monika May spoke about urban warfare.

Citizen David Tone stated fifteen years ago he prophesied about the destruction of the City.

## **8. Items Called Off Consent Calendar**

There were no items called off the Consent Calendar.

## **9. Utilities Business**

There was no Utilities Business.

## **10. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business.

## **11. New Business**

There was no New Business.

## **12. Public Hearing**

There was no Public Hearing.

## **13. Added Item Agenda**

There were no items added to the Agenda.

## **14. Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

## **15. Adjourn**

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

adjourned.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk