



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes City Council Work Session

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Monday, November 24, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present 8 - Councilmember Tom Bailey, President Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, Councilmember Kimberly Gold, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember Brandy Williams, Councilmember David Leinweber, and Councilmember Roland Rainey Jr.

Excused 1 - President Pro Tem Brian Risley

Councilmember Gold arrived at 9:05 AM.
Councilmember Rainey arrived at 9:54 AM and attended the meeting virtually.
Councilmember Williams attended the meeting virtually.

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

There were no Regular Meeting Comments.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [25-632](#)

City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes November 10, 2025

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [11-10-25 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the November 10, 2025 Work Session were approved by Consensus of City Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

5B. Closed

There was no Closed Executive Session.

6. Presentations for General Information

6.A. [25-563](#) Trail & Open Spaces Coalition Presentation

Presenter:

Glenn Carlson, Executive Director, TOSC

Attachments: [TOSC Overview](#)

Glenn Carlson, Executive Director, Trails and Open Spaces Coalition (TOSC), provided an overview of the mission of TOSC, what TOSC does, their team, projects, Marlow, Pikes Peak Botanic Gardens, visioning, and site explorations.

Allen Beauchamp, Community Engagement Coordinator, TOSC, identified their programs,

Councilmember Henjum recommended adding signage at the City's trails and opens space to raise awareness for where the TOSC dollars are being spent.

Councilmember Donelson asked if they pick up trash in other public right-of-ways. Mr. Beauchamp confirmed they do but it is mainly parks, trails, and open spaces.

Councilmember Donelson asked if they provide a sharps container during pick-up events. Mr. Beauchamp confirmed they did.

President Crow-Iverson asked if there is still a plan to connect the Legacy Loop Trail. Mr. Beauchamp confirmed there is although to add a boxed culvert to the piece of it located on the railway piece is very challenging.

Councilmember Donelson asked if TOSC will continue to work with the

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department especially now that the parks budget has been cut for 2026. Mr. Carlson confirmed that they will continue to work with the Parks Department, especially in the way of utilizing volunteers.

Councilmember Henjum asked if they are coordinating efforts with the Parks Department in the way of asset management. Mr. Carlson confirmed they are.

Councilmember Gold asked if the 23-acres were available and how soon they would begin constructing the botanical gardens. Mr. Carlson stated if they used a phased approach, he believes construction could begin in approximately two years.

Councilmember Henjum suggested contacting the Union Printer's Home regarding the open space they may have available.

6.B. [25-640](#) Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families Presentation

Presenter:

SherryLynn Boyles
President and CEO
Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families

Michelle Talarico
Owner/Principal
Picnic Basket Catering Collective

Margaret Sabin
Past Immediate President
Children's Hospital Colorado Springs

Attachments: [Joint Initiatives Presentation.pptx](#)

Michelle Talarico, Owner/Principal, Picnic Basket Catering Collective, introduced SherryLynn Boyles, President and Chief Executive Officer, Joint Initiatives for Youth and Families (JI), who provided an overview of regional planning for childcare, childcare statistics, childcare desert map, associated costs of childcare, worker vacancies, 2024 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS), Economic Forum Report, on-base wait lists, brain development of children. She identified how childcare is critical economic infrastructure, JI building local infrastructure, family friendly summit, teams, affordable childcare problem, responsibility, preferred tax, and election data. Ms. Boyles went over the pro-tax increase message map, most persuasive messages, and uses of funding.

Councilmember Leinweber emphasized how important childcare is to

create building blocks for bettering the mental health of adults.

Margaret Sabin, Past Immediate President, Children's Hospital Colorado Springs, identified the role of City Council regarding the success of this childcare initiative in the community.

Councilmember Henjum requested additional information regarding the zip code map. Ms. Boyles stated the map shows where children under five reside compared to the childcare available in that area, but it is a bit distorted in the downtown corridor.

Councilmember Henjum asked what type of legislation is being introduced regarding opening childcare facilities. Ms. Boyles stated they have created a task force to address the legislation being proposed to address certain categories of regulation.

Councilmember Henjum asked when the ballot initiative will be brought forward to City Council. Ms. Boyles stated they have already drafted the ballot language and will begin polling in January 2026.

Councilmember Williams stated the childcare desert map should also include areas of childcare deficiencies based on where people work.

Councilmember Rainey asked if they are currently working with state delegates. Ms. Boyles stated they are currently having one off meeting but would appreciate any delegation support.

Councilmember Leinweber asked how they are addressing current childcare regulations. Ms. Boyles stated they are looking toward more common sense regarding conflicting regulations.

Councilmember Leinweber asked how they intend to measure the success of this initiative. Ms. Boyles stated they will be partnering with universities and third-party evaluators to assess performance.

7. Staff and Appointee Reports

7.A. [25-630](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 11-24-25](#)

There were no comments on this item.

8. Items for Introduction

8.A. [25-622](#) A Resolution Establishing 2026 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, Detention Pond Facility and Land Fees

Presenter:

Erin Powers, P.E., Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Attachments: [SW - 2026DrainageBasinFees RES 11-18-25](#)

[Exhibit A - Proposed 2026 Fee Schedule](#)

[Exhibit B - Memo to Drainage Board](#)

[Exhibit C - Resolution 190-24](#)

[Exhibit D - HBA letter of Support for 2026 fees](#)

Erin Powers, Acting Stormwater Manager, Stormwater Enterprise, presented the Resolution establishing 2026 drainage basin fees, bridge fees, detention pond facility, and land fees. She provided an overview of City Code 7.4.702, how drainage fees are determined, past fee increases, fee increase analysis, and Drainage Board fee recommendation of a 2.2 percent adjustment.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the closure of the Park Vista Basin is due to the work the City has completed on the stormwater infrastructure. Ms. Powers confirmed the channel improvements have been installed and those were the only improvements needed for that basin.

8.B. [25-644](#) A Resolution Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Colorado Springs, on behalf of its enterprise the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, and the Peak Metropolitan District No. 2 related to the reimbursement of design and construction costs.

Presenter:

Alex Kovacs, Director of Aviation - Colorado Springs Municipal Airport

Attachments: [Facilities Payment Agreement \(Milton E. Proby Pkwy\) partially signed](#)

[4897-9968-4469 1](#)

[RES-Milton E Proby Phase I IGA Approval](#)

[Project Proby Phase I FPA AK](#)

[Signed Resolution No. 190-25.pdf](#)

Alex Kovacs, Director of Aviation, Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, presented the Resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) by and between the City, on behalf of its enterprise the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, and the Peak Metropolitan District No. 2. He provided an overview of the background for the Milton E. Proby Parkway Rehabilitation Phase I, IGA specifics, and staff recommendation.

Councilmember Henjum asked if they expected the ratio of the airport businesses to the businesses in the Peak Metropolitan District No. 2 to remain the same. Mr. Kovacs stated he is hopeful that the business

within the airport will increase at a greater rate.

Councilmember Bailey asked if the overlap with Peak Innovation Park is the only overlap that is planned. Mr. Kovacs stated there is no additional overlap anticipated.

8.C. [25-624](#) A Resolution of the City of Colorado Springs consenting to the dissolution of the College Creek Metropolitan District.

Council District 2

Presenter:

Kevin Walker, Planning Director, City Planning Department

Attachments: [RES_College_Creek_MD_Consent to Dissolution](#)
[College_Creek_MD_Cover_Memo](#)
[College_Creek_MD_Note_of_Filing_Petition](#)
[Exhibit_A_Resolution_of_the_Board_of_Directors](#)
[Exhibit_B_Certified_Financial_Statement](#)
[Resolution_128-06_College_Creek_MD_Service_Plan](#)
[College_Creek_MD_Dissolution_Issuance_Staff_Presentation](#)

Kevin Walker, Director, Planning Department, presented the Resolution of the City of Colorado Springs consenting to the dissolution of the College Creek Metropolitan District. He provided an overview of the district location, feature, statutory criteria, and financial statement.

Councilmember Bailey asked if the roadways within the apartment complex will continue to be maintained. Mr. Walker confirmed they will.

8.D. [25-641](#) A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Establishing that the City of Colorado Springs Does Not Intend to Adopt an Ordinance or Resolution in Accord with CRS § 31-23-316(2)(a)(I) or (2)(a)(II) Concerning Electric Vehicle Charging System Permitting Procedures.
(Legislative)

Located in Council District: All

Presenter:

Johnny Malpica, Senior Comprehensive Planner, City Planning Department

Kevin Walker, Planning Director, City Planning Department

Attachments: [Resolution](#)[Attachment 1 - HB24-1173](#)[Attachment 2 - Model Land Use Code & Guidance](#)[CC Presentation Resolution Concerning EV Charging Systems](#)[Permitting Procedures](#)

Kevin Walker, Planning Director, City Planning Department, presented the Resolution concerning Electric Vehicle (EV) charging systems permitting procedures. He provided an overview of House Bill 24-1173, Colorado Springs EV charging systems standards, legislative options, and City Council optional motions.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the City's EV permitting standards are more restrictive than the state's procedures. Mr. Walker stated they are not more restrictive than the state's.

Councilmember Henjum asked why there are so many Tesla charging stalls located at the Lincoln Center and asked if it was free to Tesla owners. Mr. Walker stated they will research that information.

Councilmember Gold stated non-Tesla owners can utilize those stalls with an adapter and super charging and the idle fee is high.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Donelson asked if there will be any changes regarding the time Citizen Discussion is taken at City Council meetings. Emily Evans, City Council Administrative, stated the data shows no impact which would require the Citizen Discussion to be moved to another time in the Agenda. Councilmember Donelson stated he would like a specific time/duration dedicated to Citizen Discussion in the Agenda to show citizens that they value their time and what they have to say.

Councilmember Gold wished Councilmember Rainey a happy birthday and stated that last week was the anniversary of the Club Q shooting and she has had many conversations over the past couple weeks regarding solutions for people experiencing homelessness.

Councilmember Henjum recommended that quarterly or monthly evening sessions be scheduled which are dedicated solely to Citizen Discussion.

Councilmember Bailey stated that he feels citizens have the ability to

voice their concerns/questions to City Council with their current practice and met with the City Administration and CSU regarding their strategic planning for 2026. He expressed appreciation for Britt Haley, Director, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, for her and her team and stated he spoke with the third graders at Academy International Elementary on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

Councilmember Leinweber stated having Citizen Discussion later in the agenda does create efficiencies, and maybe a quarterly evening session could be created for individuals who are not able to attend the currently scheduled Citizen Discussion, he recommended more Town Hall meetings be scheduled, he attended the Westside Cares open house, expressed appreciation for the councilmembers who supported his outdoor recreation initiatives.

Councilmember Henjum stated she also attended the Westside Cares open house.

President Crow-Iverson requested Citizen Discussion be added to a lunch discussion in January. Councilmember Donelson stated decisions should not be made during lunches because those meetings are not transparent to the public.

Councilmember Bailey stated citizens can also email or call City Council at anytime to communicate any issues/concerns.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned at 11:19 AM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk