



# City of Colorado Springs

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## Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, July 13, 2020

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

- Present** 8 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember David Geislinger, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, President Richard Skorman, President Pro Tem Tom Strand, and Councilmember Wayne Williams
- Excused** 1 - Councilmember Jill Gaebler

Councilmember Knight arrived at approximately 11:00 AM and left at approximately 1:00 PM.

Councilmember Geislinger left at approximately 3:00 PM.

### 2. Changes to Agenda

President Skorman stated item 8.G. will be taken at 11:00 AM and there will be a public statement on the Fire District situation in Black Forest at 1:00 PM.

Councilmember Geislinger requested item 9.A. be presented before 3:00 PM because he will need to leave the Work Session early due to work conflicts.

Consensus of City Council agreed to these changes on the agenda.

### 3. Regular Meeting Comments

There were no Regular Meeting Comments.

### 4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A. [20-344](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes June 22, 2020

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [6-22-20 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final.pdf](#)

The minutes of the June 22, 2020 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of City Council.

## **5. Executive Session**

### **5A. Open**

**5A.A. [20-310](#)** David Adkins v. City of Colorado Springs and Gerald Bellow 20CV1022-KMT

The Civil Action Investigation Committee has recommended that the City represent the Officer as required by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act and the Peace Officer's Liability Act. The Officer was acting in the course and scope of his employment, and was acting in good faith. As usual, it is recommended that the City reserve the right not to pay any award of punitive damages.

Presenter:

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

**Attachments:** [Council Memorandum 7-13-20](#)

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, stated with the recommendation of the Civil Action Investigation Committee, the City is requesting authorization to defend.

President Skorman polled City Council regarding authorizing the City to represent the Officer. Consensus of City Council agreed.

### **5B. Closed**

**5B.A. [20-368](#)** In accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a), (b) and (e), the City Council, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold an electronic Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves legal advice and consultation with the City Attorney on specific legal questions related to a Title 32 Special District exclusions.

The President of Council shall poll the City Councilmembers, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may conduct an electronic Closed Executive Session. Each City Councilmember participating in the electronic Closed Executive Session shall affirmatively state for the

record that no other member of the public not authorized to participate in the electronic Closed Executive Session is present or able to hear the matters discussed as part of the electronic Closed Executive Session. If consent to the electronic Closed Executive Session is not given, the item may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.

Presenter:  
Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

**Attachments:** [07132020Closed](#)

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, stated in accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e), the City Council, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold an electronic Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves legal advice and consultation with the City Attorney on specific legal questions related to a Title 32 Special District exclusions.

President Skorman polled City Council regarding the desire to proceed with an electronic Closed Executive Session. At least two-thirds of City Council agreed to proceed in an electronic Closed Executive Session. Each City Councilmember participating the electronic Closed Executive Session affirmatively stated for the record that no other member of the public not authorized to participate in the electronic Closed Executive Session was present or able to hear the matters discussed as part of the electronic Closed Executive Session.

## **6. Staff and Appointee Reports**

**6.A.**    [20-339](#)            Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:  
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Agenda Planner Review 7-13-20.pdf](#)

President Pro Tem asked if any items scheduled for the July 28, 2020 could be moved to August 2020. Sarah B. Johnson stated many of the items are Planning items and the ballot items, but she will look into that.

**6.B.**    [20-050](#)            Colorado Springs Homelessness Initiative Annual Report

Presenter:  
Andy Phelps, Homelessness Prevention and Response Coordinator,  
Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:** [Homelessness Initiative Annual Report Presentation](#)

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development, gave a brief introduction of the Colorado Springs Homelessness Initiative Annual Report.

Andy Phelps, Homelessness Prevention and Response Coordinator, Planning and Community Development, provided a summary of the Colorado Springs Homelessness Initiative Annual Report. He identified the goals, bed availability, lives impacted, locations of camps, increased enforcement, increased response, and unsheltered homeless population.

President Skorman requested additional information regarding the Point in Time count of the homeless population. Mr. Phelps states they anticipate a substantial decrease in the number of unsheltered individuals in the community and encouraged homeless service providers to utilize the HMIS software because the data offers a much more granular and meaningful data set for the community.

Councilmember Geislinger asked for the quantitative cost of homelessness to the community. Mr. Phelps states the average is around \$58,000 per chronically homeless individual.

Councilmember Geislinger asked if any progress was made in reducing the number of homeless exposure deaths. Mr. Phelps stated it is difficult to force someone to utilize the available shelter beds and he will research that information.

President Pro Tem Strand asked how many veterans have been assisted with the Pikes Peak Veteran Housing Fund. Mr. Phelps stated the program will go into full effect within the next week or two where people can begin accessing the fund. President Pro Tem Strand requested future updates on the use of the fund. Mr. Phelps agreed to provide that information.

**6.C.** [20-077](#)

HomeCOS: Housing Our Future, A Comprehensive Affordable and Attainable Housing Plan for the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Presenter:

Steve Posey, HUD Program Manager, Community Development Division

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:** [HomeCOS Housing Our Future Housing Needs Chart.pdf](#)  
[HomeCOS CC CPC Presentations 6 2020](#)

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development, gave a brief introduction of the Colorado Springs Homelessness Initiative Annual Report.

Steve Posey, HUD Program Manager, Planning and Community Development, presented the HomeCOS: Housing Our Future, a comprehensive affordable and attainable housing plan for the City. He gave an overview of Mayor's Suthers' 2018 Community Goal, population growth, housing costs, housing our future chart, why housing matters, and the economic benefits. Mr. Posey identified the objectives in the plan and how success will be measured.

There were no comments on this item.

## **7. Presentations for General Information**

### **7.A. [20-286](#) Visit COS Update**

Presenter:

Doug Price, President & CEO, Visit COS

**Attachments:** [VCOS Presentation to City Council - Doug Price 07-13-20](#)

Doug Price, President and CEO, Visit COS, gave an update of the COVID-19 impacts on tourism. He gave an overview of U.S. travel, state impacts, regional impacts, Lodging and Auto Rental Tax (LART), July 4th travel comparison, meetings, and lodging forecast. Mr. Price identified the projection for full U.S. recovery, VisitCOS.com website KPIs, recovery plan, information hub, partners, safety poster, visitor information, and funding. He presented photos of the improvements made to the Visitor Information Center building and showed a video of "The Adventure is You" and "Find Your Inner Champion". Mr. Price presented the tour ads, the new direct flight to Chicago, and Samatha Brown's Places to Love feature of the City.

Councilmember Williams asked if there were statistics available for Colorado traveler sentiments. Mr. Price stated the Colorado numbers did mirror the national figures.

Councilmember Geislinger asked if the travel inquiries are local. Mr. Price confirmed they were since they were only advertising within Colorado.

Councilmember Geislinger asked if an outbreak of COVID-19 would affect the growth of tourism. Mr. Price confirmed that would be the worst thing to stifle the growth.

President Pro Tem Strand asked when the renovation of the visitor's center will occur. Mr. Price stated it is still two to three years out.

## **8. Items for Introduction**

### **8.A. [20-240](#) A resolution approving a service plan allowing for the creation of the**

Reagan Ranch Metropolitan District Nos. 1-3.

(Legislative)

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager- Comprehensive Planning, Planning & Development

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)

[Powerpoint](#)

[Attachment 1-2020 07 01 - Service Plan - Reagan Ranch MD Nos. 1 - 3](#)

[Attachment 2-Service Plan Transmittal Letter - Reagan Ranch MD Nos. 1-3](#)

[Attachment 3 -Supplement to Service Plan - Reagan Ranch MD Nos. 1-3](#)

[Attachment 4- 2020 07 01 - Revised Supplement to Service Plan - Reagan Ranch MD Nos. 1-3](#)

[Attachment 5-2020 07 01 - Redline Service Plan - Reagan Ranch MD Nos. 1-3](#)

[Attachment 6- MD Public Improvement Map](#)

[Attachment 7-Public Improvement Table {final}](#)

[Attachment 8-Reagan Ranch MD No. 2 - Regional Public Improvements Summary - with Initial Inclusions {final}](#)

[Attachment 9-Reagan Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1 - Public Improvements Summary - Initial Inclusions {final}](#)

[Attachment 10- Reagan Ranch Metropolitan District No. 1 - Regional Public Improvements Summary {final}](#)

[Attachment 11- Reagan Ranch Metropolitan District No. 2 - Public Improvements Summary - Future Inclusions {final}](#)

[Attachment 12- Reagan Ranch Metropolitan District No. 2 - Regional Costs](#)

[Attachment 13- Reagan Ranch Metropolitan District No. 3 Public Improvements Summary - Initial Inclusions {final}](#)

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department, presented the Resolution approving a service plan for the Reagan Ranch Metropolitan District Nos. 1-3 and stated this item has been thoroughly vetted by the Budget Committee. He provided a brief summary of the district, unique topics and issues, boundary context map, and revised maximum debt authorization language. Mr. Schueler identified the improvement costs, regional costs map, initial development application area, approved development plan, proposed Resolution language and questions/comments from the Budget Committee. He went over the reimbursement agreement language, cost recovery language, Colorado Revised Statutes findings, staff recommendation, and next steps.

There were no comments on this item.

- 8.B.**    [20-298](#)    A resolution approving a service plan allowing for the creation of the Greenways Metropolitan District Nos 1-3.

(Legislative)

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager- Comprehensive Planning, Planning & Development

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:**    [Resolution](#)

[Attachment 1- 2020 07 01 - Service Plan - Greenways MD Nos. 1-3](#)

[Attachment 2-Transmittal Letter - Greenways MD Nos. 1-3](#)

[Attachment 3- 2020 07 01 - Supplement Letter - Greenways MD Nos. 1-3](#)

[Attachment 4- 2020 07 01 - Redline Comparison - Greenways MD Nos. 1-4](#)

[Attachment 5- Public Improvements Cost Estimate - Greenways MD Nos. 1-3](#)

[Powerpoint-Greenways MDs](#)

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department, presented the Resolution approving a service plan for the Greenways Metropolitan District Nos 1-3 and there is a park which will go to the City as essentially a park swap. He provided a brief summary of the district, property context and development plan map, district maps, questions/comments from the Budget Committee, and next steps.

There were no comments on this item.

- 8.C.**    [20-299](#)    A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs Approving Issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2020 by the Interquest North Business Improvement District in an Amount Not to Exceed \$13,735,000

(Legislative Item)

Presenters:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning & Community Development

Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)[Attachment 1-2020 06 12 - Bond Cover Letter - Interquest North BID](#)[\(1\)](#)[Attachment 2- Draft 2020 Bond Resolution - Interquest North BID](#)[Attachment 3-Preliminary Cash Flow Numbers 6-19-20](#)[Attachment 4-2020-06-11 Interquest North BID 2020 - Bond Details - Preliminary Numbers](#)[Attachment 5-Draft General Counsel Bond Opinion - Interquest North BID](#)[Attachment 6-Draft Bond Counsel Opinion 2020 - Interquest North BID](#)[Attachment 7- 2020-06-11 Interquest North BID 2020 LT GO PIF](#)[Fairness Letter by RBC](#)[Attachment 8-Interquest North Cost Summary 6-15-20](#)[Attachment 9-2020-06-18 Interquest North BID Comps and Corporate Debt Issues](#)[Attachment 10- Tim Leonard Letter to Budget Committee](#)[etal-Interquest North BID-18June2020](#)[Powerpoint](#)

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department, stated the applicant has requested the Resolution approving the 2020 debt issuance for the Interquest North Business Improvement District (BID) to the July 27, 2020 Work Session and staff concurs with that request.

There were no comments on this item.

**8.D.** [20-301](#)

An Ordinance Amending And Creating New Sections Within Article 7 (Sales And Use Tax) Of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation And Taxation) Of The Code Of The City Of Colorado Springs 2001, As Amended, Pertaining To Sales Tax Marketplace Facilitators And Economic Nexus

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

**Attachments:** [2 - SalesTax-MarketplaceFacilitatorORD-2020-06-22\(clean\)](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, presented an Ordinance amending and creating new sections of City Code pertaining to sales tax marketplace facilitators and economic nexus. She gave an overview of the Supreme Court's Wayfair Case in regards to out-of-state sellers and a jurisdiction's collection of sales tax unless it is unduly burdensome to do so. Ms. McDaniel stated this will require retailers who do not have a physical presence in the City to collect and remit sales tax on online purchases. She stated the proposed Ordinances do not represent a change in tax policy or the taxability of any item, they provide the structure and authority



for the City to enforce collection of the current taxing policy. Ms. McDaniel stated the related Ordinance amends the Lodgers, Campgrounds and Automobile Rental Tax (LART) section of City Code to provide necessary updates in the terminology used to ensure consistency with the updates in the Sales Tax section. and the third item is for approval of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the State of Colorado Department of Revenue (CDOR) which grants the City access to the SUTS system for the collection and payment of sales and use tax for online purchases. She stated if these items are approved, the effective date will be September 1, 2020.

President Pro Tem Strand stated the Budget Committee supported putting these items on the fast track for approval.

Councilmember Williams stated the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) reported net sales tax collection for March, April, and May was up by more than \$200,000.

President Skorman stated this will even the playing field for local business owners.

- 8.E.**     [20-302](#)     An Ordinance Amending Article 9 (Lodgers, Campgrounds And Automobile Rental Tax) Of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation And Taxation) Of The Code Of The City Of Colorado Springs 2001, As Amended, Pertaining To Lodgers, Campgrounds And Automobile Rental Tax  
Presenter:  
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

**Attachments:** [SalesTax-LART\\_ORD-2020-06-17](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.D.

- 8.F.**     [20-303](#)     A Resolution Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Colorado Springs And Colorado Department Of Revenue For The Purpose Of Permitting Access To The Sales And Use Tax Software (SUTS System)  
Presenter:  
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

**Attachments:** [4 - Resolution for Finance-CDOR SUTS IGA - 07-13-20](#)  
[5 - Exhibit A - IGA - SUTS User Agreement CDOR Local Jurisdiction](#)  
[Signed Resolution 51-20.pdf](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.D.

- 8.G. [20-386](#) Indefinite Postponement of an Emergency Ordinance Requiring the Public to Utilize Face Coverings in Public Places Within the City of Colorado Springs Due to the Public Health Emergency Caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof

Presenter:

Richard Skorman, City Council President

**Attachments:** [Emerg Face Covering-ORD-2020-07-10 \(003\).docx](#)

President Skorman introduced the Emergency Ordinance requiring the public to utilize face coverings in public places within the City due to the public health emergency caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus, and providing penalties for violation thereof. He stated this originated from the business community and the El Paso County Health Department has not indicated they want to move forward with the requirement at this time.

Dirk Draper, President and CEO, Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and EDC, gave an overview of the status of the business community, the number of COVID-19 cases occurring, compliance of the Governor's Protect Our Neighbors Order, the City's Mask Up campaign,

Councilmember Murray asked if there is a solution other than making wearing a mask mandatory. Mr. Draper stated he supports the interim step of the increased public relations campaign from the City and Public Health Department that shows the impact to businesses from noncompliance.

Councilmember Williams stated in order to support property rights, he asked if a compromise Ordinance that allowed businesses to choose to opt-in to require masks to be worn would be a better solution. Mr. Draper stated as long as there are still provisions to enforce compliance in the Ordinance.

Councilmember Williams asked if because the recent spike in cases are in the twenty to forty-year old demographic which are more flu-like symptoms, if a government mandate would be necessary. Mr. Draper stated it would since it would still be contagious to the more vulnerable populations.

Jack Damioli, President and CEO, The Broadmoor, gave an overview of the economic results and layoffs of The Broadmoor, the variances put into place, and taking full advantage of the expertise of the El Paso County

Health Department and their recommendations.

Councilmember Geislinger asked what would occur if The Broadmoor had to close again. Mr. Damioli, stated they would have to lay off approximately 1,400 people, may not be able to sustain business, and the results would be tragic. He stated even though they ask all guests to wear a mask, one third of guests do not wear masks because it is not a requirement.

Councilmember Geislinger asked if there is a difference in compliance rates where there is a legal requirement to wear a mask. Mr. Damioli, stated he will research that information.

Councilmember Williams asked if the opt in type of Ordinance would accomplish what is needed. Mr. Damioli, stated it would if it had provisions for noncompliance.

Susan Edmondson, President and CEO, Downtown Partnership, gave an overview of the downtown businesses, stated how requiring masks would benefit them, and that another shut down would be devastating to local businesses.

President Pro Tem Strand asked if businesses would prefer the variance over the potential of losing the business from those that oppose wearing a mask. Ms. Edmondson stated she believes if a person loves a certain business, they will comply.

Doug Price, President and CEO, Visit COS, stated if the attraction type businesses have to close again, they may not ever be able to open again.

Councilmember Knight asked how the business community plans to enforce this Ordinance. Mr. Draper stated an Ordinance will keep the honest people honest and they will comply if it is mandated and not just voluntary. Councilmember Knight stated he believes the penalties are way too high and the Colorado Springs Airport has not been compliant with making the wearing of a mask mandatory.

Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated he will contact the Airport Director on the Colorado Springs Airport mask requirement enforcement and he also stated other communities that have a mandatory mask order creates a heightened awareness and compliance.

Councilmember Pico asked if the business community were surveyed. Mr. Draper stated they have not, but they have pieced together anecdotes from concerns and conversations they have had with them.

Councilmember Pico stated the number of cases is down to twenty-two, hospitalizations are zero, and deaths are zero, which does not support additional measures. Mr. Draper stated the trend line shows how fluid and dynamic circumstances are.

Councilmember Pico stated the El Paso County Health Department has not given any report which says this Ordinance is necessary and individual business owners should determine whether or not they require masks.

Councilmember Geislinger believes the City underreacted in January and February which required the shut down in March and April. He stated City Council has received over a thousand emails from citizens stating they do not need to wear a mask inside businesses.

Councilmember Geislinger requested additional information on the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and EDC. Mr. Draper gave an overview of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and EDC and the businesses and industries they represent and stated a majority of their members are in support of this measure.

Councilmember Murray stated the reason the curve flattened was due to everything being closed and now the cases are rising again. He stated tourism from other countries and states should not be open at this time and the Colorado Springs Airport should be requiring masks to worn in order to avoid lawsuits.

Councilmember Williams stated until the El Paso County Health Department shows otherwise, he does not see evidence of a medical need for this. He stated the individual business should determine whether or not to require a mask to be worn not a governmental office in Denver in order to grant a variance. Mr. Draper stated he is concerned about the potential impacts to the business community because this virus is so unfamiliar.

Councilmember Pico identified the statements from the World Health Organization which ended up being false and medical professionals are

split on their opinion of masks. He stated there is not a need for government sanctions with criminal penalties assigned.

President Skorman asked if this item should be postponed until there is a recommendation from the El Paso County Health Department.

Councilmember Geislinger requested the item be discussed at the July 14, 2020 City Council meeting and then if desired, he will motion to postpone it for two weeks.

President Pro Tem Strand recommended it be removed from the July 14, 2020 City Council meeting until they see the trend of the number of cases and the recommendation by the El Paso County Health Department.

Councilmember Pico and Councilmember Williams stated the El Paso County Health Department needs to make a statement concerning this.

Councilmember Knight also recommended it be removed from the July 14, 2020 City Council meeting, stated the public health department may ask for City Council to take action immediately, and that he does not support jail time as a provision of the proposed Ordinance.

Councilmember Williams agreed that it should be pulled from the July 14, 2020 City Council meeting and work needs to be done on the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Waters stated the El Paso County Health Department has been very responsive to the City. He said the State's metric on the City's variance, which is the positivity rate, has been exceeded and they have been working on a mitigation plan to submit to the State. He will request the El Paso County Health Department make a presentation within the near future.

## **9. Items Under Study**

- 9.A.**    [20-366](#)    Discussion on Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission appointments

Presenter:

Richard Skorman, Council President

Wayne Williams, Councilmember At-Large

President Skorman introduced the discussion regarding the appointments to the Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission. He stated the City received 832 applications and staff has verified residency

for each applicant.

Michael Montgomery, Deputy City Council Administrator, stated staff has sorted the data alphabetically, by district, verified residency requirements, and sent it to all Councilmembers.

Councilmember Geislinger stated the representative from the City Council District needs to be involved in the selection of the district representatives, but does not need to be the person that makes the final appointment.

Councilmember Avila recommended appointing five to seven people from their district who have not applied to the Commission to review applications and make suggestions for the appointments.

Councilmember Williams stated all nine City Councilmembers need to be involved in the selection process with each Councilmember choosing ten to fifteen people worth considering and then have a series of questions sent out to that group.

President Skorman stated he is open to having a public process and wants to have the option of selecting candidates from both within his district and outside of his district.

Councilmember Geislinger recommended the six district selected people participate in the selection of the At-Large representatives.  
Councilmember Pico, President Skorman and Councilmember Williams stated they would prefer the entire group of applications be considered to provide balance to the committee.

Emily Evans, City Council Administrator asked City Council to review the entire list of applicants and provide a paired down list of ten recommended candidates from each City Councilmember to City Council staff by July 23, 2020. She stated City Council staff will compile a list of final candidates, noting duplicates, and produce a revised PDF of application materials. Ms. Evans explained in order to allow for review prior to Work Session, City Council staff will work to make this information available to Council by end of business on Friday, July 24, 2020. Ms. Evans stated City Council will then discuss next steps at the July 27, 2020 Work Session and further considerations include establishing timelines moving forward, use of survey questions, composition of interview panels, etc.

President Skorman stated the process may include considerations such as the selection of subject matter experts or individuals directly impacted by issues, etc. and Councilmembers may undertake this selection process individually, consult with outside stakeholders, or utilize a selection committee.

## **10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion**

Councilmember Pico read a statement as follows: "It is a complicated process to exclude fire districts from property tax assessment in areas annexed by the City and covered by the Colorado Springs Fire Department. This process is established in State law and runs through the court system. Colorado Springs has been diligent and proactive in assisting the Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District as it pursues these exclusions. The City does not agree with the characterizations published by the Black Forest Fire Chief on how this process has gone to date. It should be made clear that exclusion of fire district assessments from property tax assessments, or what those assessments are, is ultimately between the fire district and the County Tax Assessor. Colorado Springs is appropriately collecting property tax to fund City services to all areas of the City."

President Pro Tem Strand stated he attended the retirement ceremony of Colorado Springs Police Officer Michelle Nethercot and Police Officers Mark Sandoval and Dwayne Peters will also be retiring this month.

Councilmember Murray stated he has received several inquiries from citizens as to why the members of the CSPD are not wearing masks. Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated he will follow up with the Police Chief.

Councilmember Avila stated she walks around Prospect Lake nightly and it makes her feel a sense of community.

Councilmember Williams stated he attended the Southside/K-land barbecue.

## **11. Adjourn**

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk