



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, September 8, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Crow-Iverson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Present 9 - Councilmember Tom Bailey, President Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, Councilmember Kimberly Gold, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember Brandy Williams, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Roland Rainey Jr., and President Pro Tem Brian Risley

Councilmember Bailey and Councilmember Williams attended the meeting virtually.

Councilmember Rainey arrived at approximately 9:11 AM.

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Henjum requested item 4B.J. and Councilmember Donelson 4B.G. and 4B.I. be removed from the September 9, 2025 City Council meeting Consent Calendar. Consensus of City Council agreed to these changes.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [25-468](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes August 25, 2025

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [8-25-25 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the August 25, 2025 Work Session were approved by Consensus of City Council.

5. Presentations for General Information

5.A. [25-431](#) Crime Stoppers Presentation

Presenter:

Don Addy

Attachments: [Crime Stoppers Presentation to COS C Council 090825](#)

Don Addy, Chairman, Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers (PPACS), provided an overview of PPACS, their principle, how they work, why they offer anonymity, their system, reward process, PPACS achievements, partnerships, how people can help, and what they seek.

Councilmember Gold asked what the amount of the average reward is. Mr. Addy stated \$400.00.

Councilmember Gold asked what types of stolen property had been recovered. Mr. Addy stated he does not have that information.

Councilmember Gold asked if video doorbell footage can be submitted for evidence. Mr. Addy confirms it can.

Councilmember Leinweber asked how PPACS is involved with Hey Neighbor and Neighborhood Watch groups. Mr. Addy explained how Neighborhood Watch groups are very important to them, and they are exploring a relationship with Hey Neighbor.

Councilmember Henjum asked why Randy Helms became a member of the PPACS Board of Directors. Mr. Helms stated that because of how important safety and crime prevention is to the community.

5.B. [25-474](#) Walkability Presentation

Presenter:

Lelia Gibson-Green, BA,MBA – Founder, COS Walk the Walk Community Advocate for Walkability and Urban Improvement

Kerry Childress, PE., RSP 1 – Multimodal Program Manager, Traffic Engineering, City of Colorado Springs

Attachments: [Walkability Presented by Lelia Gibson-Green, BA, MBA](#)

[SE Walkability Summit City Council Work Session - Public Works](#)

Lelia Gibson-Green, Founder, COS Walk the Walk, provided an overview of COS Walk the Walk, making changes by walking, reasons behind walkability, and the 2023 COS Walkability Summit.

Councilmember Henjum and Councilmember Gold expressed appreciation for Ms. Gibson-Green's achievements.

- 5.C.** [25-436](#) Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC - 2025 mid-year Lodgers and Auto Rental Tax (LART) contract update to City Council

Presenter:

Dani Barger, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Communications & Sales

Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC

Attachments: [Colorado Springs Chamber + EDC LART mid-year 2025](#)

Dani Barger, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Communications, and Sales, Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC, presented the 2025 mid-year Lodgers and Auto Rental Tax (LART) contract update. She provided an overview of LART, their mission, Colorado Springs reimagined, purpose, strategy, regional branding strategy, and media hub. She identified the recent national media features, digital marketing campaigns, digital ads, and business conference prospects.

Councilmember Donelson asked how they will promote the rebranding of the City. Ms. Barger stated they need to develop the brand which represents the future and the businesses within the City. Councilmember Donelson stated he hopes they do not stray too far from the traditions and history of the City. Ms. Barger confirmed they do not want to lose the rich history and legacy of the City.

- 5.D.** [25-435](#) Colorado Springs Sports Corp - 2025 mid-year Lodgers and Auto Rental Tax (LART) contract update to City Council

Presenter:

Davis Tutt, Director of Sports Tourism & Olympic Engagement, Colorado Springs Sports Corp

Attachments: [2025 LART - Sports Corp Mid-Year - City Council Presentation 9-8-25](#)

Megan Leatham, President and Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Springs Sports Corp (CSSC), provided a brief overview of Colorado Springs

Sports Corp's mission, organizational pillars, and key performance indicators (KPI).

Davis Tutt, Director of Sports Tourism and Olympic Engagement, CSSC, went over the 2025 summer of sport, upcoming events, how sports tourism events are secured, and major media engagements in 2025.

Ms. Leatham identified CSSC properties, civic engagement, and board service.

Councilmember Henjum asked which pickleball courts were used for the USA Pickleball Golden Ticket Tournament. Mr. Tutt stated the tournaments were held at Peak Pickleball.

Councilmember Henjum asked what percentage of residents attend the national events hosted in Colorado Springs. Ms. Leatham stated they will be working with the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Business School to put together that report in December 2025.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. [25-467](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 9-8-25](#)

There were no comments on this item.

7. Items for Introduction

7.A. [CODE-25-0004](#) An Ordinance amending Chapter 7 (the "Unified Development Code" or "UDC") of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, as related to kennels. (Legislative)

Related Files: CODE-25-0004

Located in All Council Districts

Presenter:

Austin Cooper, Senior Planner, City Planning Department

Kevin Walker, Planning Director, City Planning Department

Attachments: [UDC-Kennels-ORD](#)

[Staff Report Kennels_Final_20250731](#)

[CPC Minutes Excerpt - Kennel - 08 13 2025](#)

Austin Cooper, Senior Planner, City Planning Department, presented the Ordinance amending the City Code as related to kennels.

President Crow-Iverson asked if the definition of Animal Care Facility is being changed to Small Animal Clinic in City Code. Mr. Cooper clarified that both of those definitions are being removed.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the reasoning is behind decreasing the setback from fifty-five feet to twenty-five feet. Mr. Cooper stated they changed it to twenty-five feet to match largest setback in the Unified Development (UDC).

Councilmember Donelson asked how many decibels a barking dog would be at twenty-five feet compared to fifty-five feet. Mr. Cooper stated they will provide that information.

8. Items Under Study

9. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

9.A. [25-477](#) Authorization of Out-Of-State Travel for Councilmembers

Presenter:

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President and Councilmember At Large

President Crow-Iverson stated City Council leadership has requested that Councilmembers freeze out-of-state travel at this time. Councilmember Rainey asked if this is a temporary freeze. President Crow-Iverson stated it is through the end of the year. Councilmember Leinweber stated it is important to highlight that City Council also represents Colorado Springs Utilities. President Crow-Iverson stated that information was taken into consideration.

10. Executive Session

10A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

10B. Closed

10B.A. [25-481](#)

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 (f) the City Council, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves a personnel matter for an annual performance review of the City Council Administrator and consultation with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding the City Council Administrator's duties.

The President of Council shall poll the City Councilmembers, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may conduct a Closed Executive Session. In the event any City Councilmember is participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session, each City Councilmember participating in the Closed Executive Session shall affirmatively state for the record that no other member of the public not authorized to participate in the Closed Executive Session is present or able to hear the matters discussed as part of the Closed Executive Session. If consent to the Closed Executive Session is not given, the item may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.

Presenter:

Marc Smith, Acting City Attorney

Attachments: [Closed Session memo - 9-2-25 \(002\).docx](#)

Ben Bolinger, Legislative Counsel, City Attorney's Office, stated that the piece of this Closed Executive Session regarding receiving legal advice has been withdrawn and that 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 a Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves a personnel matter for an annual performance review of the City Council Administrator.

President Crow-Iverson 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 a Closed Executive Session.

11. Adjourn

Upon completion of the Closed Executive Session, there being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned at 12:34 PM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk