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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, December 7, 2020

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated item 4B.C. is duplicate of item 10.A. and a Pearl Harbor Day recognition will be added to the December 8, 2020 City Council meeting. Consensus of City Council agreed to these changes.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A. [20-664](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes November 23, 2020

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [11-23-20 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the November 23, 2020 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of City Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

- 5A.A.** [20-657](#) Estate of Jeffrey Melvin v. City of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Daniel Patterson; and Joshua Archer, No. 20-cv-00991-CMA-KMT, United States District Court, District of Colorado

The Civil Action Investigation Committee met on May 14, 2020, and has recommended that the City represent Officer Archer as required by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act and the Peace Officer's Liability Act. Officer Archer was acting in the course and scope of his employment and not in a willful and wanton manner. 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: [2020-12-07-CouncilMemo-Melvin-Archer](#)

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

5B. Closed

- 5B.A.** [20-669](#) In accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e), the City Council, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold an electronic Closed Executive Session. The issues to be discussed involves consultation with the City Attorney and City staff for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding an airport development project.

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: [11302020Closed](#)

Marc Smith, Corporate Division Chief, Office of the City Attorney, stated 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 issues to be discussed involve determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding an airport development project.

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.** [20-624](#) A brief presentation regarding the Colorado Springs Police Department's (CSPD) Traffic Enforcement Strategy.

Presenter:

Vincent Niski, Chief of Police, Office of the Chief

Vince Niski, Colorado Springs Police Chief, provided brief overview of how the Colorado Springs Police Department's (CSPD) is addressing traffic safety in the community with the CSPD traffic enforcement strategy and provided the statistics regarding traffic accidents within the City.

Councilmember Knight asked how a neighborhood experiencing street racing and other traffic violations could get support and enforcement from CSPD. Chief Niski stated a commander or the crime prevention officer will reach out regarding enforcement and feedback.

Councilmember Knight asked what the process is for adding a speed bump in a neighborhood similar to the speed bumps added near the airport. Chief Niski stated the request would need to go through the Traffic Engineering Department, but not all requests will be approved due to needed access routes by the Colorado Springs Fire Department. Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated an additional presentation will be provided by the Traffic Engineering and Public Works Departments.

Greg Phillips, Director of Aviation, Colorado Springs Airport, stated the Airport worked with the Traffic Engineering Department regarding the speed bumps on Aviation way and they were not funded by the City.

Councilmember Williams requested the cost of adding an additional speed patch per division. Chief Niski stated he will provide that information.

Councilmember Williams requested information regarding distracted crossing of streets or jaywalking be added to the public service announcements (PSA).

Councilmember Williams commented that if Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) had funded Powers Boulevard as they should have, installation of red-light cameras on Powers Boulevard would not be necessary.

President Pro Tem Strand asked if CSPD enforces stopping at stop signs. Chief Niski confirmed they do if it is occurring frequently in a particular intersection, the CSPD will send an officer to observe and issue moving violation summons when necessary.

President Pro Tem Strand asked if citizens can report traffic violation. Chief Niski confirmed they could and CSPD will send a letter to the registered vehicle owner, but in order for a traffic violation summons to be issued, the violation needs to be observed by an officer.

Councilmember Avila stated there are a lot of incidents where vehicles do not yield to City buses.

6.B. [20-667](#) Wildfire Mitigation and Tax District

Presenter:

Ted Collas, Fire Chief, Colorado Springs Fire Department

Ted Collas, Fire Chief, Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD), gave an informational overview regarding wildfire mitigation for the Westside of the City and pending legislation regarding special tax districts. He stated for the past two years the CSFD has had conversations with President Skorman regarding possible funding sources to increase wildfire preparedness on the Westside. Chief Collas stated Ellen Roberts, a former State Senator, is working on legislation for the state of Colorado for the establishment of a Special District which would generate capital for, but not limited to the following projects: Increased public-private partnerships for residential mitigation, increased mitigation in open-space areas, re-mitigation of previously treated areas funded by grant money, and fire patrols and enforcement in wilderness areas.

Councilmember Williams requested additional information regarding how the legislation addresses cross-jurisdictional districts and the impact regarding seeking federal grants for those districts. Chief Collas stated the Mayor is a member of the Wildfire Leadership Council and the Good Neighbor Initiative works on collaboration with all jurisdictions with common boundaries and the City is also meeting with the ranger for Pikes National Forest regarding mitigation efforts.

Councilmember Geislinger stated the City should not only be focusing on mitigation for the Westside because there are so many other areas of open space. Chief Collas stated there will be several initiatives for all the areas of the City that are of high concern. Councilmember Geislinger recommended both the Trails, Open Space, and Parks (TOPS) and Colorado Springs Utilities be included in further discussions. Chief Collas agreed.

Councilmember Murray stated there needs to be a balance between the responsibility of property owners and the City and requested a set of solution options in the event this issue needs go on the ballot. Chief Collas stated they need to see the state legislation framework first so the City is not in conflict with the state and the CSFD does assess properties and notify homeowners how they can assist with mitigation.

President Skorman stated it would be very difficult to get this resolved in time for the April 2021 Election. Chief Collas stated strategic solution options would need to be discussed further before it comes before City Council in order to ensure everything is considered in regards to the funding and expenses.

6.C. [20-668](#) Annexation Plan Update Status Report

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [12-7-20WS AnnexationPlanUpdate](#)

Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning and Community Development, gave an overview of the Annexation Plan Update Status Report. He identified why annexation planning is important, why there was a need for an update, the recommended approach, the major plan sections, the draft AnnexCOS strategic criteria, and the work completed to date. Mr. Wysocki provided a review of enclaves and near enclaves, areas of interest, how the map will be used and factors that would apply to area of interest annexations. He stated annexation petitions will continue to be processed and outlined the schedule and process going forward.

Councilmember Williams if the annexation plan only includes annexations only include privately or petitioner initiated annexations. Mr. Wysocki confirmed it does. Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated the City is in directly coordination with the County regarding urban density in unincorporated El Paso County, but they are all voluntary annexations.

Councilmember Gaebler commented that the Colorado Springs Utilities should be a signing authority with the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and requested the development requirements of the annexed area be included in the IGA. Mr. Wysocki stated a section of the IGA will include the standards of how the urban development is constructed with the possibility of future annexation into the City.

President Pro Tem Strand asked what the motivation to be annexed into the City would be for property owners who currently have their own water and sanitation systems. Mr. Wysocki stated if those private domestic wells and septic systems are not failing, the motivation would be low.

Councilmember Geislinger asked if there has been any objection from the developers or property owners who have an interest in the corridors. Mr. Greene stated the City has had some discussions with a small group of stakeholders and the industry and they have been pushing for guidance in regards to City annexations so they are very supportive of this process.

6.D. [20-663](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 12-8-20](#)

Councilmember Murray requested a Banning Lewis Ranch (BLR) presentation at the January 11, 2021 Work Session. Mr. Wysocki stated the public hearing for the BLR North annexation agreement hearing is scheduled for January 12, 2021 City Council meeting and a full presentation will be presented at that time. Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, stated the annexation Ordinance and Resolution walks City Council through all the criteria for annexation which needs to be satisfied and it needs to be a public hearing to allow the public to respond. Councilmember Knight stated this is a large parcel of land with many intricacies. Ms. Massey stated they will review the request.

President Pro Tem Strand requested an update regarding COVID-19 from the El Paso County Health Department at the January 11, 2021 Work Session and an update regarding City finances through the end of the year at the January 25, 2021 Work Session. President Skorman agreed to that request.

Councilmember Knight stated he previously requested a draft of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance to be provided to City Council. Mr. Wysocki stated he will provide that information.

Councilmember Knight requested a list of changes for RetoolCOS. Mr. Wysocki stated they are working on that.

7. Presentations for General Information

There were no Presentations for General Information.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A. [20-661](#) Resolution Authorizing the Patriot Park Metropolitan District No. 2 to Issue Series 2021 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$3,250,000.

(Legislative)

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [PatriotParkRES-2020-11-30](#)

[PowerPoint](#)

[1- Cover Letter to Colorado Springs re Bond Submittal - Patriot Park MD No. 2\(4355946.1\)](#)

[2- District Facilities and Improvements Map](#)

[3- 2020-11-16 Patriot Park MD - Estimated Cash Flows - DRAFT v5](#)

[4- 2020-11-16 Patriot Park MD - Estimated Cash Flows](#)

[5- Estimate of Public Improvement Costs](#)

[6- Draft Patriot Park MD No. 2 - Indenture of Trust\(4351155.1\)](#)

[7- Draft General Counsel Bond Opinion - Patriot Park MD No. 2\(4351129.1\)](#)

[8- Draft Patriot Park - Bond Counsel Opinion - 2021\(4350300.1\)](#)

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department, presented the Resolution authorizing the Patriot Park Metropolitan District No. 2 to issue debt in the form of a Series 2021 general obligation limited tax bonds in the amount not to exceed \$3.25M. He provided a brief summary, background, and map of the area and district. Mr. Schueler gave an overview of 2020 bonds, mill levy impacts, questions/comments from the Budget Committee, and next steps.

There were no comments on this item.

- 8.B. [20-651](#) Resolution Authorizing Peak Metropolitan District No. 1 to Issue Debt in the form of Series 2021A and Series 2021B Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development

Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [PeakMetroRES-2020-11-30](#)

[Airport PPT Budget Committee 11.17.2020](#)

[Applicant Presentation Peak Metro Dist Bonds 11-24-20](#)

[Peak Projects CY2020-Infrastructure map](#)

[Peak Innovation Park infrastructure development areas 1-10](#)

[5- Letter to Schueler - 2021 Bonds \(00838113x9C7A0\)](#)

[6- Term Sheet Peak MD1 \(as of 11.19.20\)](#)

[7- C Peak MD Financial Plan, Nov18](#)

[8- COS SIB Request - CDOT 2020 White Paper](#)

[PowerPoint](#)

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department, presented the Resolution authorizing the Peak Metropolitan District No. 1 to issue debt in the form of Series 2021A and Series 2021B general obligation limited tax obligation bonds. He provided a brief summary, questions/comments from the Budget Committee, and next steps.

Megan Becher, Esq., McGeady Becher P.C., representing the District stated Peak Metropolitan District Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are proposing to issue this debt in the form of \$35,045,000 of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021A at an estimated annual interest rate of 5.00 percent and approximately \$4,768,000 of Subordinate Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021B at an estimated annual interest rate of 7.75 percent. She gave an overview of the district structure, district boundaries, current and future infrastructure, public infrastructure costs and revenues available for public infrastructure costs.

Councilmember Murray asked if the district is asking for \$31.7M, but only nets \$25M for infrastructure and \$8M for the state bond. Brooke Hutchens,

D.A. Davidson & Co., stated under their current financing plan, they are projecting \$31M in available net proceeds based on the updates they received from the market study and they have \$3M in reserve funding, \$4.5M in a capitalized interest fund, and the rest for cost of issuance. Councilmember Murray stated he is opposed to all Series B bonds.

Councilmember Knight stated he does not believe some of the public infrastructure costs such as entryway signage are valid public infrastructures and requested a complete list of infrastructure costs for each district. Ms. Becher stated they will provide that information and any signage would be non-user specific, development-wide, and verified as publicly eligible by an independent engineer. Garrett Baum, Urban Frontier, stated they are working to keep up with the obligated infrastructure for projects already starting, they are trying to be very fiscally conservative, and making sure property owners in each district are only paying for what they should be paying for.

Councilmember Williams asked if there is cost benefit to building everything at once rather than by piece meal. Mr. Baum confirmed there is because it is work that needs to be completed prior to the opening of the businesses so as to not negatively impact them after they are open.

Councilmember Murray requested an additional presentation regarding the changes made since the item went before the Budget Committee. Mr. Baum agreed to provide additional information to the City Council representatives who are also on the Budget Committee.

Greg Phillips, Director of Aviation, Colorado Springs Airport, stated the Airport's business park has been receiving many opportunities that they are trying to stay ahead of and expressed appreciation for City Council's support.

8.C. [20-653](#)

A Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Inter-Connection of Bus Services and Service to El Paso County Citizens Services Center Between the City of Fountain, Colorado and the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Presenter:

Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Division Manager
Brian Vitulli, Transit Services Planning Supervisor

Attachments: [Powerpoint - Transit IGA with Fountain - City Council 120720](#)
[TransitFountainIGA RES-2020Final](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Signed Resolution 132-20.pdf](#)

Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Manager, presented the first amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Fountain to allow the Fountain bus service to co-serve a Mountain Metro Transit (MMT) bus stop in Security, providing the opportunity for transit riders to transfer to/from MMT's Route 32 (serving Security/Widefield) to the Fountain bus service and access the new El Paso County health facility.

Brian Vitulli, Transit Services Planning Supervisor, provided a brief background and overview of the transfer options, Pikes Peak Community College's transfer station, and maps of the new El Paso County public health facility and bus stop transfer location.

Councilmember Geislinger asked if Fountain will become more integrated with MMT on a larger basis. Mr. Blewitt stated they would support discussing that further.

- 8.D. [20-606](#) A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) to transfer specialized transportation services from the Transit Division of Public Works to PPACG.

Presenter:

Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Division Manager
Erin McCauley, Sr. Compliance Analyst

Attachments: [Transit IGA w PPACG - Presentation](#)
[Transit IGA w PPACG - Resolution](#)
[IGA PPACG CITY PPRTA FUNDING](#)

Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Manager, presented the Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) to transfer specialized transportation services from the Transit Division of Public Works to PPACG.

Erin McCauley, Senior Compliance Analyst, Metropolitan Mountain Transit (MMT), provided a brief background and overview of the 5310 eligible

activities, specialized transportation, and the role of the IGA.

There were no comments on this item.

- 8.E. [CPC CA 20-00144](#) An ordinance amending Section 504 (HS - Hillside Area Overlay) of Part 5 (Overlay Districts) of Article 3 (Land Use Zoning Districts) of Chapter 7 (Planning, Development and Building) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to grading and erosion control.

Presenter:

Erin Powers, Senior Technical Engineer

Richard Mulledy, Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Attachments: [Ordinance HS-O](#)
[CPC Staff Report Stormwater Code Amendments EP](#)
[GEC Code Changes City Council](#)

Erin Powers, Senior Technical Engineer, Stormwater Enterprise, gave an overview of the Ordinances amending sections 7.3.504-Hillside Area Overlay, 7.3.508-Streamside Overlay Zone, Part 7.7.9-Subdivision Drainage Facilities, and Part 7.7.15: Grading and Erosion Control Permitting and Permanent Control Measures of Chapter 7 of the City Code pertaining to grading and erosion control.

Councilmember Knight requested the differences with the appeal process. Ms. Powers went over the appeal authority process to ensure compliance with the MS4 Permit. Councilmember Knight asked if it would still be appealable to district court if they do not agree with the decision made by the Public Works Director. Marc Smith, Corporate Division Chief, Office of the City Attorney, stated final agency action is appealable to district court under Rule 106.

- 8.F. [CPC CA 20-00148](#) An ordinance amending Section 508 (SS - Streamside Area Overlay) of Part 5 (Overlay Districts) of Article 3 (Land Use Zoning Districts) of Chapter 7 (Planning, Development and Building) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to grading and erosion control.

Presenter:

Erin Powers, Senior Technical Engineer

Richard Mulledy, Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Attachments: [Ordinance SS-O](#)
[CPC Staff Report Stormwater Code Amendments EP](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.E.

- 8.G.** [CPC CA
20-00149](#) An ordinance amending Part 9 (Subdivision Drainage Facilities) of Article 7 (Subdivision Regulations) of Chapter 7 (Planning, Development and Building) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to grading and erosion control and stormwater quality.

Presenter:

Erin Powers, Senior Technical Engineer

Richard Mulledy, Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Attachments: [Ordinance Drainage Facilities](#)

[CPC Staff Report Stormwater Code Amendments EP](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.E.

- 8.H.** [CPC CA
20-00150](#) An ordinance repealing and reordaining Part 15 (Grading Plans and Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control Plans) of Article 7 (Subdivision Regulations) of Chapter 7 (Planning, Development and Building) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to grading and erosion control and stormwater quality standards and providing penalties and remedies for the violation thereof.

Presenter:

Erin Powers, Senior Technical Engineer

Richard Mulledy, Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Attachments: [SW-GEC-7-7-15-ORD-2020-11-10-clean](#)

[CPC Staff Report Stormwater Code Amendments EP](#)

[7.7.15 GECP SQCP REDLINE](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.E.

- 8.I.** [20-513](#) Update on the process to implement Electric Scooters in the City of Colorado Springs
(Informational Item)

Presenters:

Todd Frisbie, PTOE City Traffic Engineer, Public Works Department

Ryan Tefertiller, Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department

Attachments: [Scooter Share Council Presentation FINAL 12072020](#)

[Electric Scooter ROW ORD](#)

Todd Frisbie, PTOE City Traffic Engineer, Public Works Department, presented the Ordinance creating a new City Code Section pertaining to

the regulation of electric scooter share businesses in the public rights of way and providing penalties for the violation thereof. He provided an overview of the background of electric scooter sharing, electric scooter trends, escooter ridership trends, regulation framework, key request for proposal (RFP) requirements, City Council comments, and anticipated schedule.

President Pro Tem Strand asked why this RFP was limited to a final selection of three companies. Mr. Frisbie stated this was the number used by other jurisdictions.

President Pro Tem Strand requested the cost of an escooter. Mr. Frisbie stated he will provide that information.

Councilmember Knight stated the Budget Committee approved the rates to be charged, but he does not believe City Council has resolved whether or not the City should be contracting with escooter share companies.

Councilmember Knight asked if there will need to be changes to City Code in order to manage escooters. Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated there will be proposed changes to Chapter 10 due to state law requirements. Councilmember Gaebler stated the Code changes to Chapter 10 is not required to permit escooters, but it will make it safer for riders. Marc Smith, Corporate Division Chief, Office of the City Attorney, stated Chapter 3 is where the revocable permit is located in City Code which allows for the use of the City's right-of-way and Chapter 10 is based on the rules of the road. Councilmember Knight recommended the Ordinances be completed before the RFP is sent out. Mr. Greene stated the RFP is a separate process from the changes to state law which requires the changes to City Code Chapter 10 and the Administration would like to support the timeline regarding the RFP.

Councilmember Knight requested additional information regarding requiring riders to follow the rules of the road. Mr. Smith agreed to provide that information.

Councilmember Murray stated the question is whether or not the City can control the environment and protect the population.

Councilmember Williams stated the RFP responses may shape the way

the Ordinances are written and he is supportive of the RFP process occurring first and a six-month evaluation period.

Councilmember Knight if the Downtown Development Authority and Old Colorado City is supportive of it, he will also endorse it for those areas with a six-month probationary period. He recommended a draft request for quote (RFQ) be sent out prior to the final.

Councilmember Williams asked if the decision to use a RFP or RFQ is ultimately the decision of the Mayor. Mr. Smith stated generally, the procurement process falls under the purview of the Mayor.

Councilmember Geislinger commented that escooters would help address transportation equity and gap the distance for the last mile or two from bus stops.

Councilmember Geislinger and President Pro Tem Strand stated they also supports the six-month review period. Mr. Frisbie and Mr. Greene stated staff supports a pilot program, but it may need to be extended depending on the companies' cost of infrastructure. Mr. Greene stated standards will be outlined in the contracts to ensure compliance.

President Skorman stated he does not feel it should be delayed due to the timing of having it in place for the summer months.

Councilmember Avila stated she supports the City moving forward with the RFP, believes this will be a generational use, and the pilot program should be twelve months.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

10.A. [20-655](#) Annual Ethics Training

Presenter:

Tracy Lessig, City Attorney's Office

Tracy Lessig, City Attorney's Office, provided City Council the annual ethics training as required by City Code. She gave an overview of the City Code of Ethics, covered persons, advisory opinion, gifts, gift exceptions,

and prohibited conflicts of interest.

Councilmember Williams asked if a Councilmember writes a LinkedIn endorsement or a letter of recommendation for a friend or former employee if that would be considered as a covered person may not endorse private organizations or individuals or in conjunction with duties as a member of City Council. Ms. Lessig stated it would be in conjunction with duties as a City Councilmember, but endorsing a particular company on behalf of the City is not permissible.

President Skorman asked if a Councilmember is stopped by the Colorado Police Department for a potential traffic violation if they should identify that they are a City Councilmember. Ms. Lessig advised they do not identify themselves as City employees because it could be considered influential.

11. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk