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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, June 22, 2020

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order

Present 9 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Jill Gaebler, Councilmember David Geislinger, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, President Richard Skorman, President Pro Tem Tom Strand, and Councilmember Wayne Williams

2. Changes to Agenda

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated item 5.B.A. Closed Executive Session will be moved to the end of the meeting. Consensus of City Council agreed to this change on the agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Geislinger requested items 4B.G., 4B.H., and 4B.I., be removed from the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Knight requested item 4.A.A. be removed from the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting Consent Calendar and stated he would like the information he requested regarding whether Thunder mountain road will be two lanes or four lanes in the Kettle Creek development be presented at the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.

Consensus of City Council agreed to these changes.

Councilmember Pico stated he does not think City Council should weigh in on what is or is not acceptable speech in regards to the COVID-19 Anti-Hate Day Proclamation being presented at the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [20-291](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes June 4, 2020

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [6-4-20 Special City Council Meeting Minutes Final.pdf](#)

The minutes of the June 4, 2020 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of City Council.

4.B. [20-288](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes June 8, 2020

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [6-8-20 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final.pdf](#)

The minutes of the June 8, 2020 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of City Council.

4.C. [20-292](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes June 11, 2020

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [6-11-20 Special City Council Meeting Minutes Final.pdf](#)

The minutes of the June 11, 2020 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of City Council.

4.D. [20-304](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes June 16, 2020

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [6-16-20 Special City Council Meeting Minutes Final.pdf](#)

The minutes of the June 16, 2020 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of City Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

5B. Closed

5B.A. [20-275](#)

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), 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 the conduct of quasi-judicial hearings.

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: [06222020Closed](#)

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 the conduct of quasi-judicial hearings.

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.** [20-287](#)

Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 6-22-20.pdf](#)

Councilmember Knight stated it was his understanding that the item regarding a Resolution amending City Council Resolution No. 53-17 was permanently withdrawn. Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, confirmed it had been.

7. Presentations for General Information

- 7.A. [20-277](#) Update on the City's bid for the permanent home of the US Space Command Headquarters

Presenter:

Reggie Ash, Chief Defense Development Officer, Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC

Attachments: [Reggie Ash City Council 6.23.20](#)

Reggie Ash, Chief Defense Development Officer, Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC, gave a brief update on the City's bid for the permanent home of the U.S. Space Command Headquarters. He gave an overview of how aerospace and defense in the community affects the economy, the partnerships, it will remain at Peterson Air Force Base for up to six years, the submission to the U.S. Air Force, and the basing scorecard.

President Pro Tem asked what types of employment will the licensure reciprocity bill for military spouses include. Mr. Ash stated it will apply to all professions.

Councilmember Knight stated one of the categories evaluated will be energy resiliency and Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) will be considering a land acquisition at their July 17, 2020 board which will improve the City's resiliency. Mr. Ash stated he will highlight that to the Air Force in this process.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A. [20-282](#) Ordinance No. 20-44 creating the Citizens' Accountability Advisory Committee to the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs

Presenter:

Richard Skorman, City Council President and Third District Representative
Wayne Williams, City Council At-Large Representative

Attachments: [LETAC ORD](#)

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney asked if the formation of a Colorado

Springs Police Department (CSPD) Advisory Committee is intended to be a temporary advisory committee or a permanent advisory committee.

Councilmember Williams, President Skorman, Councilmember Knight, Councilmember Pico, Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Geislinger, and Councilmember Gaebler, stated it should be set up as a permanent advisory committee.

Councilmember Geislinger stated they have already received 561 applications for the commission and stated a temporary committee could be formed to establish the standards for the permanent committee. Councilmember Williams stated alterations could be made to the permanent committee as needed.

Ms. Massey asked for the committee's mission or tasks, whether City Council will be suggesting areas of inquiry or if the committee will be conducting those on their own, work product results, and reporting standards.

President Skorman stated he believes the committee should be able to suggest areas of inquiry on their own as well as receive input from City Council. He stated he would like to express to them a sense of urgency.

Councilmember Murray stated the mission is to assist in approving the public perception of CSPD as a community resource through greater transparency and communication, the board will be able to suggest areas of inquiry on their own as well as receive input from City Council, monthly dashboard and bi-annual reporting with the first one being within ninety days to see how things are working.

Councilmember Pico stated they need to be semi-independent and the work product should be determined by the committee unless something is requested by City Council. He stated this is an advisory committee so authority needs to remain largely with City Council.

Councilmember Geislinger stated the mission should be defined by the committee as it evolves and pursue the things they find important. He stated the dashboard would be difficult to quantify, the committee should have a presence in the event of a crisis and recommended a yearly audit.

Councilmember Williams stated the committee goals would be to review CSPD policies and practices, examine best practices in police transparencies, policies and procedures, provide reliable information of positive practices to improve police outcomes and make recommendations for the adaptation and implementation to improve the relationship between law enforcement and the community. He stated the committee should be able to suggest areas of inquiry on their own as well as receive input from City Council. Councilmember Williams stated many reports should be made in writing, but there may be times where it could be an oral presentation and many issues could be addressed relatively quickly. He stated recommendations should not be required to be made public.

Ms. Massey clarified that City Council cannot appoint a truly independent committee who acts independently of themselves and this committee would not have authority to issue disciplinary matters to City employees because that oversight falls under the Mayor.

Councilmember Knight stated this committee would be assigned by and report back to City Council and not be permitted to act independently. He requested the language be added which bounds their authority and identifies expected results. Councilmember Knight stated the committee should be able to investigate best practices, but not address specific personnel matters directly.

Councilmember Avila stated this advisory committee is very diluted and is being used to control the citizens. She stated it is important this committee be independent in order to really hear what the public is saying.

Councilmember Gaebler stated having this commission under the authority of City Council is good balance of power and gives the community a voice by allowing them to communicate with the commission if they do not feel comfortable speaking directly with CSPD or the Mayor.

Councilmember Pico stated caution should be taken in regards to what is put on the dashboard, the data needs to be statistical, how much County involvement there will be. He stated this commission should not have authority over individual incidents, it should look at policy and best practices, and the entire community should be involved.

Councilmember Geislinger stated he is not in support of an independence of authority and oversight, but does support independence in what the board chooses to investigate.

Councilmember Williams stated recommendations from the commission to City Council will ultimately rest with the authority of the Mayor, but City Council should have the opportunity for input in regards to particular personnel issues.

President Skorman stated a majority of City Council agrees to allow the committee to be as independent as possible in regards to their areas of study. Councilmember Knight stated he does not support complete independence and there should be some boundaries in regards to this committee.

Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated this City Council sponsored committee will be independent from the Mayor's Office with recommendations from them being submitted to the Mayor and City Council. He stated there should be non-voting representation from the command level and line level position from the CSPD to provide assistance to the committee.

Councilmember Pico stated he believes drafting an Ordinance by tomorrow may be rushing it. President Skorman stated they will evaluate it after they receive citizen input regarding it.

Councilmember Avila asked if this group could be created as independent similar to the Independent Ethics Commission (IEC). Ms. Massey stated the IEC is independent in the aspect of receiving and investigating complaints, but the determination of violation of the code of ethics remains with City Council and they cannot impose discipline.

Councilmember Pico stated the IEC is investigative and the proposed committee is intended to be advisory in regards to policy and procedure.

Councilmember Murray stated the commission should be created by the Mayor within thirty days. Councilmember Pico and Councilmember Geislinger stated their preference is that it is City Council appointed.

Ms. Massey requested direction regarding how many members, the length of term, qualifications for membership, selection process, and vacancies

are intended for this committee.

Councilmember Murray recommended nine members with three alternates, staggering length of terms, members should reside within the City, and each Councilmember will select a member.

Councilmember Pico recommended The People's proposal regarding the number of members and the qualifications should include participation in specific CSPD training related to the policy or procedure they are making recommendations on.

Councilmember Geislinger stated there should be eleven members with five alternates and specific expertise and competencies should not be required, only the ability to listen to others. He stated the selection process should include a virtual town hall in order to get public input.

Councilmember Williams stated he believes this committee would function best with a wide variety of views and backgrounds rather than each City Councilmember choosing a member. He stated the number of members would need to be determined by the need of representative, he supports staggering terms, the qualifications should include a broader list of applicants, and the selection process should include input from several groups and background checks.

President Skorman stated the members should include citizens who are most affected by these issues, they are community leaders, and who are very knowledgeable about the issues. He stated he supports a large committee of eleven members and selection should be done by those who have a level of expertise in the area such as Councilmember Avila.

Councilmember Knight stated eleven members would complicate the decision making process, terms should be two to three years and staggered, there should be a member from CSPD on the committee, he does not support each Councilmember choosing a member, nor does he want to give his proxy to any other Councilmember to choose the members, and he prefers someone from the PPA, CSPD, and the People's group to sit in on the interviews.

President Pro Tem Strand stated he wants to be sure the Ordinance is ready before it is voted on, he supports a group of eleven members, two to

three year staggered terms, members should include someone from each district, but does not need to be selected by that district's Councilmember, members should be registered voters, reside within the City, and members should be selected within thirty days.

Councilmember Gaebler stated she supports eleven members, background checks, and the committee should be inclusive to build trust throughout the City.

Councilmember Pico stated the committee should be inclusive of the entire City, no one on City Council should be excluded from the selection process, and the Citizens' Academy for CSPD would be a good requirement.

Councilmember Avila asked if all advisory committees are required to be registered voters and have background checks. She stated this committee is to address the people that have been impacted by police shootings, the police already have a strong voice with the Mayor, and she will not be supporting this because it is defeating the purpose of giving the impacted people of color a collective voice.

Councilmember Geislinger stated the issues being discussed are steps which need to be taken to move forward, he would like someone from his district represented to address the interpretation of "defund the police" on the committee although he does not need to be involved in the selection.

Councilmember Williams stated the sensitivity and access of information of the members of the committee is why he suggested background checks and this group is not supposed to advocate for a particular faction of the community, it is to advise on best practices for the entire City.

Councilmember Pico stated a community based working group needs to include the entire community.

Councilmember Murray stated he supports eleven members and allowing City Council to select two to three members regardless of district.

Ms. Massey summarized the responses which included eleven members, length of term of three years, limit of two terms, staggered, reside within City, district identified on application, specific expertise or live within

impacted communities identified on application, selection of members by City Council as a whole, vacancies will be handled by the provisions in Chapter 1 of City Code, and alternates will be identified, but not included as a provision in the Ordinance.

Councilmember Knight requested the district Councilmember be included in the interview process of their district represented member, but not have sole approval authority and the same requirements be implemented for at-large members.

Councilmember Geislinger requested two youth liaisons be included. Ms. Massey stated that request does not need to be a provision of the Ordinance.

President Skorman and Councilmember Pico stated they does not feel members should be required to be registered voters.

Ms. Massey stated this committee will be subject to the Open Meetings Law, the Open Records Act, the Colorado Criminal Justice Records Act, members will be covered by the City's Code of Ethics, and required to comply with the Code provisions for Boards and Commissions. She stated the quorum will be seven members, rules and procedures will need to be approved by City Council, meeting times and locations will be at the call of the chair unless prescribed by City Council, and there is no authority of the committee to obligate the City financially, employ staff, to contract for any purpose, or make official statements on behalf of the City.

President Skorman and Councilmember Avila stated they do not support a background check or that a member of CSPD or District Attorney's office need to be appointed as a voting member of the committee, but are comfortable with them being included as ex officio members.

Councilmember Avila requested a public defender and private criminal defense attorney or investigator also be included as ex officio members.

Ms. Massey stated it is not recommended that City staff be voting members of boards and commissions and the City does not have authority over participation in a board or commission from an outside governmental agency.

Councilmember Williams asked if City staff would be able to participate in Closed Executive Sessions if they are not identified as ex officio members of the committee in the Ordinance. Ms. Massey stated City Code provisions state only regular members and necessary City staff could participate in Closed Executive Sessions so in order for an ex officio member to participate, it would need to be outlined in the Ordinance.

Councilmember Gaebler requested input from CSPD in regards to background checks.

Councilmember Murray stated he does not see the need for background checks and requested a position to be represented by the local American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Councilmember Geislinger and Councilmember Pico stated he does not believe City Council should designate ex officio positions and which groups will be allowed to participate as members.

President Pro Tem Strand asked if the Ordinance could be postponed if it is not ready for a vote at the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting. President Skorman confirmed it could be.

Councilmember Knight stated he does not believe the Ordinance needs to be presented at tomorrow's meeting, but would like to receive public input regarding the issue.

President Pro Tem Strand, Councilmember Williams, President Skorman, Councilmember Avila, Councilmember Gaebler, and Councilmember Murray stated a draft Ordinance would be useful for review and public input. Ms. Massey stated she will provide that Ordinance.

8.B. [20-225](#)

A Resolution declaring the intention of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to hold a Special Municipal Election and to participate in a Coordinated Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and providing the effective date of this resolution.

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Reso to Participate in Nov Election](#)

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, presented the Resolution declaring the intention of participating in the November 3, 2020 Coordinated Election

with El Paso County. She stated this Resolution is the procedural step to place an item on the ballot.

Councilmember Knight requested the deadline to be able to back out of participation. Ms. Johnson stated September 2, 2020 or September 3, 2020.

8.C. [20-220](#)

A resolution submitting to the registered qualified electors of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the coordinated election conducted by mail ballot to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the question of retaining and spending all revenues received in 2019 and 2020, and resetting the revenue and spending limitations for later years based thereon, as voter approved revenue changes; providing for the form of the ballot title; providing for certain matters with respect to the election; and providing the effective date of this resolution.

Presenter:

Mayor John Suthers

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Resolution referring TABOR Question - DeBruce and Reset Cap-5-14-20pm](#)
[TABOR proposed ballot examples - 06-22-20](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Resolution submitting to the registered, qualified electors of the City the question of retaining and spending all revenues received in 2019 and 2020, and resetting the revenue and spending limitations for later years based thereon, as voter approved revenue changes. She gave an overview of the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR) cap calculation based on all revenue and funds eligible under TABOR, the ratchet down, expected revenue recovery, TABOR calculation without the proposed ballot measure, TABOR calculation with the proposed ballot measure, and impact of proposed ballot measure.

President Pro Tem Strand asked if concept of the TABOR ratchet down is most effective during multiple years of recession. Ms. McDaniel stated it is meant to restrict the government, but in this acute instance, it is very detrimental to City services.

President Pro Tem Strand asked if the Mayor had conducted any polling regarding this ballot measure. Ms. McDaniel stated he had not. President Skorman stated a private group may be polling regarding this issue.

Councilmember Geislinger requested the anticipated amount of the TABOR retention. Ms. McDaniel stated approximately \$1.9 million for 2019 and \$2 million for 2020. Councilmember Geislinger requested the actual amount of revenue loss for 2020 with the federal assistance factored in and without the retention component. Ms. McDaniel stated the federal revenue is not subject to TABOR so it would still cause the ratchet down effect and would not have a better estimate of the revenue loss, or the amount of the federal assistance until further into the year.

Councilmember Geislinger stated he supports the ratchet down issue, but the City may need to uncouple the retention if it cannot be justified. Ms. McDaniel explained the need to use all of it due to the impact far beyond 2019 and 2020.

Councilmember Knight requested the item be bifurcated as two separate ballot measures because he is not comfortable asking citizens who are running out of unemployment benefits to give the City approximately \$3.9M.

Councilmember Knight requested the language of the ballot measure be strengthened to indicate the growth of the TABOR cap will only be for a particular year and not compounded from previous years. He also requested language be included which indicates the ratchet down protection will only be in effect until 2023 or 2022.

Tom Florczak, Deputy City Attorney, gave an overview of how the TABOR cap calculation with the proposed ballot measure would not be compounded due to the 2019 revenue base and the growth and inflation factor of the following years. He read the actual ballot language which reflects the revenue base of 2019.

Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, requested an additional work session for a more detailed discussion.

Councilmember Williams stated it is appropriate to ask the voters to make the decision regarding this.

Councilmember Pico stated the question should be bifurcated, should be designated for a specific purpose, and the timeframe should not be open ended. Councilmember Murray stated the purpose is for basic City

services.

President Skorman and Councilmember Murray stated there are advantages to having it as one ballot measure.

8.D. [20-296](#)

A resolution submitting to the registered qualified electors of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the coordinated election conducted by mail ballot to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020, the question of imposition and collection of a ten cent (\$0.10) per bag fee on single use plastic bags, providing for the form of the ballot title and text, providing for certain matters with respect to the election, and providing the effective date of this resolution.

Presenter:

Councilmember, Yolanda Avila

Attachments: [Plastic Bag Fee RES-06-10-20-clean](#)
[Plastic Bag Fee Revenue Expenses June 2020 Final](#)
[Public Works Trash Data](#)

Councilmember Avila presented the Resolution submitting to the registered, qualified electors of the City the question of imposition and collection of a \$.10 per bag fee on single use plastic bags. She presented a video illustrating how plastic affects the world's environment and stated a single use plastic bag fee of \$.10 would encourage consumers to bring their own reusable bags with \$.04 going back to the stores and \$.06 to the City to help mitigate the effects and cleanup of plastic bags in the community. Councilmember Avila stated several stores already require reusable bags and the effective date of the fee would be July 1, 2021.

Dee Cunningham, Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful (KCSB), gave a brief history of KCSB, presented a photos of a storm drain occupied by transients, the South Greenway Trail, the Midland Trail, and flower beds throughout the City. She identified the cleanups that had taken place from May 1, 2019 through June 19, 2020 in which forty-five percent of the waste was comprised of plastic bags. Ms. Cunningham stated this fee would enable KCSB to expand their cleanup efforts and focus on additional areas of the City.

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, stated based on comparison to other jurisdictions on the Front Range, the estimate of revenue is approximately \$937,000 - \$1.7 million per year.

Councilmember Knight stated people on state or federal food assistance programs should not be exempt from the fee because he would rather the City purchase reusable bags for the public with part of the \$.06 fee than allow the problem to continue. Councilmember Avila requested this be discussed further.

Councilmember Knight asked if the penalty for violation is 189 days in jail. Marc Smith, Corporate Division Chief, Office of the City Attorney, stated there are sections within the provision that provide for unlawful acts if people do not follow this structure and could be enforced similar to the process of Sales Tax remittance. Councilmember Knight and Councilmember Avila requested any provision of jail time be removed. Mr. Smith agreed to remove that provision.

Councilmember Geislinger stated he would like a public input discussion involving grocery stores, the Department of Health, and Code Enforcement before they move forward. Councilmember Avila stated the funding will assist in behavioral changes and the cleanup of the City.

Councilmember Pico stated it is more of a littering issue than a plastic bag issue, the funding for clean-up will go away once there is no more plastic bag use, and the government should not be mandating and collecting the fee.

President Skorman stated this will send a message and educate the community regarding the amount of trash in the City.

Councilmember Gaebler asked if the demographic that uses plastic bags the most is the low income and homeless population. Ms. McDaniel stated she will research that data.

Councilmember Gaebler asked if a grocery store were already charging a plastic bag fee, if the City's fee would be in addition to it. Ms. McDaniel confirmed it would be.

Councilmember Williams stated he is also in support of allowing public comment regarding this issue, he is concerned with putting another Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR) exemption measure on the ballot, and he is wary of the government coercion of it rather than it being a voluntary

program.

Councilmember Murray stated he see this as a better way to do business and he supports this item.

Councilmember Pico stated he agrees with the objective to clean up the community, but does not believe this is the right way to do it.

President Pro Tem Strand stated he is in favor of one-time paper bags, but not the reusable ones, and does not believe 2020 is the time to put this on the ballot.

Councilmember Geislinger stated there are a lot of other issues currently being dealt with, is supportive of receiving public input, but does not believe this should be a ballot measure at this time.

Councilmember Murray stated this has worked in other communities and the people should vote on it.

Councilmember Knight requested an additional Work Session be held to receive additional information regarding the subject.

Mr. Smith asked if it is City Council's preference that the section regarding the exemption for people on state or federal food assistance programs removed. Councilmember Avila requested this be discussed further at the July 13, 2020 City Council Work Session.

- 8.E.** [20-295](#) An ordinance creating a new Article 15 (single use plastic bag fees) of Chapter 6 (neighborhood vitality/community health) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to the imposition and collection of a ten cent (\$0.10) fee on single use plastic bags and providing for penalties and remedies for the violation thereof

Presenter:
Councilmember, Yolanda Avila

Attachments: [Plastic Bag Fee CODE-2020-06-12-Clean](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.D.

- 8.F.** [20-293](#) A Resolution Approving an Economic Development Agreement Between the City of Colorado Springs and Project Next

Presenter:

Bob Cope, Economic Development Officer

Attachments: [Project Next Economic Development Agreement](#)
[Project Next EDA City Council Work Session June 22](#)
[Project Next Resolution](#)

Bob Cope, Economic Development Officer, presented a Resolution approving an economic development agreement with Project Next. He gave an overview of Project Next, the proposed economic development agreement, the financial analyses, and staff recommendation.

There were no comments on this item.

- 8.G.** [20-278](#) A Resolution declaring the intent of the City of Colorado Springs to issue its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to finance the construction of an affordable multifamily housing development known as Academy Heights

Presenter:

Steve Posey, HUD Program Manager, Planning & Community Development

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [RES_AcademyHeightsInducement](#)
[Prelim Inducement Res Academy Heights](#)

Steve Posey, HUD Program Manager, Planning and Community Development, presented the Resolution declaring the intent of the City to issue Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to finance the construction of an affordable multifamily housing development known as Academy Heights using the City's Private Allocation Bonds (PAB) in the amount up to \$23 million. He gave an overview of the recent allocations of statewide PABs, total PAB allocations for the City and El Paso County over the past three years, and project pipeline.

Councilmember Geislinger, President Skorman, and Councilmember Murray expressed appreciation for all the efforts made towards these projects.

9. Items Under Study

- 9.A.** [20-281](#) Protect Our Parks ("POPS") Discussion

Presenter:

Richard Skorman, Third District City Councilmember
Kent Obee

Attachments: [2020-Option1-POPS-Charter-Amendment-ParklandConveyances-2020-03-09-CLEAN.docx](#)
[2020-Option2-POPS-Charter-Amendment-ParklandConveyances-2020-06-04-Redline.pdf](#)
[2020-Option3-POPS-Charter-Amendment-ParklandConveyances-2020-06-04-v2-Redline.pdf](#)
[2020-Option4-POPS-Charter-Amendment-ParklandConveyances-2020-06-19.pdf](#)
[UPDATED Exhibit A--Copy of POPsProposal2020List_06162020_Draft.xlsx](#)
[2nd UPDATED Exhibit A Including TOPS POPsProposal2020List_06162020_Final.xlsx](#)
[UPDATED-Inventory-Copy of ParklandInventoryList_2020_LO_Draft.xlsx](#)
[Exhibit A--Parkland Designation List.xlsx](#)

[POPS-WhatWhy.doc](#)
[POPS-2019Option1.docx](#)
[POPS-2019Option2.docx](#)
[POPS-2019Option3.docx](#)

President Skorman introduced the Protect Our Parks (POPS) discussion which would refer a Charter Amendment to the November 2020 election.

Citizen Kent Obee stated the POPS group's preference is to have Option 1 referred to the ballot which includes the requirement of referral by a super-majority vote of City Council, Valley Hi Golf Course to the list of protected properties, and the latest version of the park designation list which was provided by Karen Palus, Director, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services.

President Skorman, Councilmember Gaebler, Councilmember Avila, President Pro Tem Strand, and Councilmember Murray stated they are in support of referring the POPS initiative to the ballot and adding Valley Hi Golf Course to the designation list.

Marc Smith, Corporate Division Chief, Office of the City Attorney, stated if an Option is to be referred, he recommends utilizing Option 4 because it is basically Option 1, with an added qualifier that states if a Trails Open Space and Parks (TOPS) property or another property which is already subject to a vote by the people for voluntary parkland conveyance, it would only require the referral of one question on the ballot instead of two.

Mr. Obee stated he is comfortable with what Mr. Smith outlined.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

There were no Councilmember Reports and there was no Open Discussion.

11. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk