



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, April 27, 2015

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Present 9 - Councilmember Larry Bagley, President Merv Bennett, Councilmember Helen Collins, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Keith King, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, and Councilmember Tom Strand

2. Changes to Agenda

Council President Bennett requested the Closed Executive Session be moved to the end of the meeting today because legal counsel for the discussion was going to be late.

Councilmember Knight suggested Council move the Executive Session to the end of the meetings moving forward. Consensus of Council agreed to this change.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Knight stated he plans to pull agenda items 5.B.J. and 5.B.K from the Consent Calendar in the meeting tomorrow due to question about the traffic at Lexington and Bordeaux and traffic calming, and he requested Kathleen Krager, Transportation Planning Manager, be available tomorrow to answer his questions.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [15-00263](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes April 13, 2015

The Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

5. Executive Session

A) Open

B) Closed

B)A. [15-00266](#) Proposed Closed Executive Session

David Andrews, Legislative Counsel, stated the purpose of the Closed Executive Session is to discuss a litigation matter and a pending

litigation matter regarding the Southern Delivery System.

Council President Bennett polled Council regarding the desire to proceed with the Closed Executive Session, Consensus of Council agreed to proceed with the Closed Executive Session by a vote of 8-1-0 on both discussion items. Councilmember Collins voted no on both items.

Council President Bennett was excused.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. [15-00154](#) Financial Report - Memorial Health System Enterprise

There were no questions or comments on the report.

6.B. [15-00235](#) Agenda Planner Review

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated the Agenda Planner is in the Council packets and reminded Council of the meeting schedule for Tuesday May 26th with the work session at 9am and the regular meeting at 1pm.

Ms. Gonzalez added that a UCHealth and Children's Hospital update will be included in the May 26th meeting.

7. Presentations for General Information

7.A. [15-00218](#) Presentation of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, 2015 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan for the use of federal block grant funds (CDBG, HOME, ESG) provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Aimee Cox, Housing and Community Initiatives Manager, presented an overview of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, 2015 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan. Councilmembers asked Ms. Cox questions about how projects and neighborhoods are prioritized, projects that have been discontinued and economic development opportunities. Ms. Cox responded to the questions providing additional details as requested.

Councilmember Murray asked about the meaning of an acronym and if the data used to research the City for target areas is the most recent available. Ms. Cox stated a contractor was hired to do the research and

she would follow-up with Council on the acronyms and data used in the report.

Councilmember Knight asked how to best handle citizen concerns and comments about the plan. Ms. Cox requested Council refer citizens expressing concern about the plan to her office so she can address them and respond to them in writing.

Councilmember Knight asked about CDBG funds for economic development in declining neighborhoods. Ms. Cox stated that as they develop specific plans in the targeted neighborhoods, economic development opportunities will be identified and addressed. Councilmember Knight requested the plan be modified to include economic development as an option.

Ms. Cox stated there is a public meeting scheduled May 4th from 6 to 7:30 at the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department on International Circle.

President Pro Tem Gaebler asked who decides which projects receive funding. Ms. Cox stated there is a committee that looks at the criteria and projects and makes those decisions. President Pro Tem Gaebler asked about transportation funding. Ms. Cox stated CDBG is not a good source for funding transit and added they do work with transit to assist with accessibility to transit stops. President Pro Tem Gaebler requested Housing and Transit work together to align strategic plans in the future.

Councilmember King asked how the needs assessment is calculated, specifically why the housing development projects do not have priority over roads and other projects. Ms. Cox responded that the City is not a housing developer and they do not always get applications for housing projects, adding that the City will lose the money if it is not spent on other projects.

Councilmember Knight asked about the timing of the fiscal year. Ms. Cox stated the fiscal year for block grants has not aligned with the City's budget for many years, they have discussed aligning them, this would require significant action on their part to shift spending to a new program year.

Councilmember Knight asked if funding percentages, if not dollar

figures, for defined projects can be available for the hearing. Ms. Cox stated she will have figures available.

Councilmember Knight asked what happened to the first time home buyers program, Ms. Cox stated that program has been eliminated and she will follow-up with Councilmember Knight in a separate discussion about that.

Councilmember Murray provided comments from CONO about the plan. Ms. Cox will respond to CONO and copy Council on the response.

Councilmember Knight expressed concern about changes to the plan, specifically programs that have been eliminated which were included in the 2007 plan and encouraged Ms. Cox to have additional public meetings or reach out to groups such as CONO to solicit public input on the plan. Ms. Cox stated they have had more than the required number of public hearings.

Councilmember Knight requested a comparison between the previous plan and this plan be provided to Council in the May 11, 2015 meeting.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A.** [15-00207](#) A resolution amending Resolution No. 4-14, with respect to the terms of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Van Buren safe routes to school project

Mike Chaves, City Engineering Manager, stated this is a renewal of an existing agreement. Councilmember Knight confirmed the matching funds come from CDOT, Mr. Chaves explained the funding sources and how the matching funds work. Councilmember Knight requested Kara Skinner, CFO, be available at the next meeting to provide a better explanation of the City funding as it relates to this item.

- 8.B.** [15-00215](#) A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Department of Transportation to Delineate Responsibilities for Maintenance and Operations of the Tejon Street and Woodmen Road Park-n-Ride Facilities Located Along Interstate 25

Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Manager, explained this and the next agenda item are related and provided an overview of the maintenance and operations agreement for the Park-n-Ride parking facilities.

Councilmember Knight asked if the City has been approached about providing snow removal in the parking areas, Mr. Blewitt explained snow removal has been contracted out and will not affect City snow removal resources.

Councilmember Knight requested language be added to the agreement stating any major changes to the agreement will be approved by Council. Mr. Blewitt agreed to these changes.

- 8.C.** [15-00216](#) A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Colorado Springs; Ace Express Coaches, LLC; and the Colorado Department of Transportation to Allow Limited Access to the Downtown Bus Terminal for the Purpose of Boarding and De-Boarding Bustang Passengers

Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Manager, provided a brief overview of this agreement. There were no questions or comments.

- 8.D.** [15-00260](#) A Resolution Authorizing a Land Exchange of Real Property with the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Cimarron Street Reconstruction Project

Chris Lieber, Parks Development Manager, provided an overview of this land exchange included as part of the Cimarron and I-25 intersection reconstruction. This land will realign the Midland Trail and improve trail connections. There were no Councilmember questions or comments.

- 8.E.** [15-00233](#) An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-101 (2015 Appropriation Ordinance) for a Supplemental Appropriation to the Pikes Peak - America's Mountain Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for the Noxious Weed Control Grant Project

Jack Glavan, Pikes Peak - America's Mountain Manager, provided an overview of the request to accept and receive grant funding to assist with the removal of noxious weeds identified on the mountain. There were no Councilmember questions or comments.

- 8.F.** [14-0720](#) An Ordinance amending Part 2 (Private Security Services) of Article 3 (Sales of Goods and Services) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to private security

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, reviewed the proposed changes to the Licensed Private Security Officer requirements.

Councilmember Pico stated the stakeholder team reached an agreement on the licensing requirements for licensed security officers being allowed to carry one weapon with that being an open concealed weapon.

Vincent Niski, Deputy Police Chief, stated the CSPD made some concessions and confirmed the team had reached an agreement.

Councilmember Murray asked about the striking of language about the display of a firearm. Officer Niski stated there was much discussion about the definition of the term "display a weapon" and the group agreed to strike that language and agree to require the reporting of the discharge of a weapon or CED, in writing to the City Clerk's Office within 24 hours of the incident.

Ms. Gonzalez stated she will provide comparable research from neighboring municipalities done by City Attorney Lindsey Rose to all Councilmembers. Ms. Rose stated all municipalities regulate the carrying of firearms by licensed security officers and provided additional information about some of the requirements from other cities.

Councilmember Pico was excused.

- 8.G.** [15-00172](#) An Ordinance Amending Sections 102 (Purpose), 103 (Definitions) and 111 (Contractual Authority) of Article 9 (Lodgers, Campgrounds, and Automobile Rental Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as Amended, Pertaining to Lodgers, Campgrounds and Automobile Rental Tax

Fred Veitch, Chair of the LART Committee, explained the aim of this ordinance is to clean up some outdated language in the ordinance and bring it up to current standards.

Renee Congdon with the City Attorney's Office provided an overview of the proposed changes to the ordinance. One of the major changes is the removal of the list of projects, which was meant to be illustrative and no longer serves that purpose. Ms. Congdon stated the new language also clarifies the LART funds that go to the CVB.

Councilmember Knight asked about City sponsored events and how those are funded, Mr. Veitch stated those will be presented to Council in future resolutions. Ms. Congdon stated funding for for-profit events is up to City Council discretion.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember King stated there are many empty hotels on S. Nevada and suggested these may be considered as possible housing opportunities in the housing and urban development plan.

11. Adjourn

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

Sarah Johnson
City Clerk