



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, April 9, 2019

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was made by Chaplain Matt Kasper from the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

President Skorman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Changes to Agenda/Postponements

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated item 7. Mayor's Business will be moved before item 6. Citizen Discussion.

Consensus of Council agreed to this change on the agenda.

4. Consent Calendar

These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless a specific item is called for discussion by a Councilmember or a citizen wishing to address the City Council. (Any items called up for separate consideration shall be acted upon following the Mayor's Business.)

4A. Second Presentation:

**4A.A. [CPC PUZ
18-00173](#)**

Ordinance No. 19-23 amending the zoning map for the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 8.57 acres located southeast of the terminus of Silversmith Road, changing the zoning from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to PUD (Planned Unit Development: commercial and residential, 16 dwelling units per acre, maximum 120,000 square feet for nonresidential uses, maximum building height of 45 feet).

(QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Related File: CPC PUP 13-00033-A2MJ18

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development
Daniel Sexton, Senior Planner, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [ZC ORD FlyingHorseParcel22](#)

[Exhibit A - Legal Description](#)

[Exhibit B - Zone Change Exhibit](#)

[Vicinity Map](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.

4A.B. [CPC ZC
18-00153](#)

Ordinance No. 19-24 amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 0.18-acre located at 629 N. Corona Street from R-4/PUD (Multi-Family Residential and Planned Unit Development) to R-4 (Multi-Family Residential).

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related Files: CPC DP 18-00154, CPC R 18-00156

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning and Community Development
Matthew Fitzsimmons, Planner II, Urban Planning Division

Attachments: [ZC ORD 629NCoronaSt](#)

[CPC Report 629 N. Corona](#)

[Exhibit A - Legal Description](#)

[Exhibit B - Rezone Exhibit](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.

4A.C. [CPC ZC
18-00128](#)

Ordinance No. 19-25 amending the zoning map for City of Colorado Springs from A (Agricultural) to OC (Office Complex) for the property located west of Cordera Crest Avenue and Outlook Ridge Trail on Cordera Crest Avenue consisting of 3.39 acres.

(QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Related File: CPC DP 18-00129

Presenter:

Catherine Carleo, Principal Planner, Planning and Development
Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director

Attachments: [ZC ORD CorderaCrestAve](#)
[EXHIBIT A - Legal Description](#)
[EXHIBIT B - Zone Change](#)
[Vicinity](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.

4B. First Presentation:

4B.A. [19-205](#) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes March 26, 2019

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [3-26-2019 City Council Meeting Minutes Final.pdf](#)

The Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Strand, that all matters on the Consent Calendar be passed, adopted, and approved by unanimous consent of the members present. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, and Strand

5. Recognitions

5.A. [19-183](#) A Resolution of Appreciation Designating April 7th Through 13th, 2019 as National Volunteer Week

Presenter:
Karen Palus, Director - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Annette Proctor, Senior Volunteer Coordinator - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Attachments: [4-9-19 - Volunteer Recognition Week Resolution](#)

Karen Palus, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, stated National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and expressed appreciation for the volunteers who contributed over 115,000 hours of service to the community. She said this year's theme is "Celebration of Service".

Councilmember Bennett read the Resolution of appreciation designating April 7th through 13th, 2019 as National Volunteer Week.

Jerry Cordova, Stormwater Specialist, Stormwater Resources Engineering Division, Jean Kraus, Program Administer, Community Advancing Public Safety (CAPS!), Chief Vince Niski, Colorado Springs Police Department, Randy Royal, Deputy Chief, Colorado Springs Fire Department, and Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff, expressed gratitude for the numerous volunteers for many different programs across the City and the many ways they have contributed to the community.

Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Strand, that the Resolution of Appreciation designating April 7th through April 13th as National Volunteer Week be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, and Strand

5.B. [19-188](#) A proclamation celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month

Presenter:
Tom Strand, City Council Member

Attachments: [Child Abuse Prevention Month - 2019 - FINAL](#)

Councilmember Strand read a Proclamation recognizing April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Julie Crow, Executive Director, El Paso County Department of Human Services, identified the statistics for foster homes and child abuse and neglect cases within the City and expressed appreciation to City Council for their support.

Cami Bremer, El Paso County Commissioner, stated these Resolutions are a way to bring awareness to these issues.

Linda Weiss, Founding CEO of the Colorado Springs Conservatory, expressed appreciation for Councilmember Bennett for his involvement in the YMCA and with keeping children active, engaged, and empowered.

Students from the Colorado Springs Conservatory sang a song titled "Home".

5.C. [19-189](#) A proclamation celebrating Military Basketball Association Appreciation

Presenter:
Andy Pico, City Council Member

Attachments: [MBA Appreciation - 2019 - FINAL](#)

Doug Harris, President, Pikes Peak Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, gave a brief history of the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and the Military Basketball Association.

Mike Meyers, Commissioner, Military Basketball Association, gave an overview of the upcoming Military Basketball Finals Tournament being held in Colorado Springs.

Angel Acevedo, Head Coach, Peterson Air Force Knights, spoke about his work with the community and Peterson Air Force Base in bringing military basketball to Colorado Springs.

Paul Abair, Branch Manager, Armed Forces Bank, and Cinthia Wilkinson, AAFMAA Wealth Management and Trust, sponsors of the Military Basketball Finals Tournament, expressed appreciation for the support of the community for this event.

Councilmember Pico read a Proclamation of appreciation for the Military Basketball Association.

5.D. [19-208](#) Resolution of Appreciation for Merv Bennett

Attachments: [Draft Resolution_Merv Bennett](#)

President Skorman, read the Resolution of appreciation for Councilmember Bennett,

Each Councilmember and Mayor Suthers expressed their gratitude for Councilmember Bennett's eight years of dedicated service on City Council.

Motion by Councilmember Geislinger, seconded by Councilmember Pico, that the Resolution of appreciation for Merv Bennett be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, and Strand

6. Citizen Discussion

Citizen Gerald Miller requested the restrooms at Memorial Park be reopened and spoke about the crime in his neighborhood.

Citizens Cathy McRae and Risa Greenberg from the Cottonwood Creek Estates neighborhood requested Mountain Metro transit provide drop offs for disabled and special needs adults directly on Living Hope Covenant Church property instead of on Magnum Court. Councilmember Avila and

Councilmember Geislinger stated they are continuing to work on this issue.

Citizen Carl Strow requested the cost of the needed repairs on Barr Trail.

Citizen Don Aaker spoke regarding his wife's diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and against the Peaks Recovery rehabilitation house being opened across the street from his house. Councilmember Knight recommended connecting with the Planning Department regarding solutions.

Citizen Rick Orthwon spoke about the different programs in the City he volunteers for.

Citizens Gertrud Nuhn and Chris Conboy spoke against the City's decision to not open Prospect Lake beach this summer.

Citizen Jaymen Johnson read an excerpt from a lecture from Manley P. Hall.

7. Mayor's Business

- 7.A. [19-206](#) Re-appointment of Peter Scoville to a five year term on the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board, expiring on April 1, 2024.

Presenter:
Mayor John Suthers

Attachments: [PS Bio 2018_Redacted](#)

Mayor John Suthers introduced Peter Scoville, provided a summary of his experience, and recommended him for reappointment for a five year term on the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board.

Peter Scoville expressed appreciation for the reappointment.

Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Murray, he Resolution to re-appoint Peter Scoville to a five year term on the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board, expiring 4/01/2024 be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, and Strand

- 7.B. [19-207](#) Appointment of Lori Bellingham to complete the remaining one year of a five year term on the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board, created by the resignation of Valerie Hunter. The term would be set to expire on April 1, 2020.

Presenter:
Mayor John Suthers

Attachments: [Lori Bellingham Application and Bio Redacted](#)

Mayor John Suthers introduced Lori Bellingham, provided a summary of her experience, and recommended her for an appointment to complete the remaining one year of a five year term on the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board.

Lori Bellingham expressed appreciation for the appointment.

Motion by Councilmember Strand, seconded by Councilmember Bennett, the Resolution to appoint Lori Bellingham to a one year term on the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board, expiring 4/01/2020 be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, and Strand

8. Items Called Off Consent Calendar

9. Utilities Business

- 9.A.** [19-160](#) Consideration of a Resolution Adopting Certain Changes that Add Joint Dispatch Transmission Service to Colorado Springs Utilities' Open Access Transmission Tariff

Presenter:
David Beckett, Senior Attorney
Aram Benyamin, Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Springs Utilities

Attachments: [1 - 2019 OATT Hearing Agenda.docx](#)
[2 - 04-09-19 CC OATT Hearing Instructions.docx](#)
[3 - 04-09-19 CC OATT Hearing Presentation.pptx](#)
[4- 2019 OATT Hearing Resolution.pdf](#)
[5- 2019 OATT Filing 2-26-19.pdf](#)

David Beckett, Senior Attorney, City Attorney's Office, Colorado Springs Utilities Division, read the Colorado Springs Utilities rate-setting standards and the quasi-judicial role of City Council. Mr. Beckett presented the hearing agenda and requested suspension of Part 4 1(C) of the Rules and Procedures of City Council to allow for the consideration of the tariff proposal and revisions directly following the conclusion of the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Bennett, that Part 4 1(C) of the Rules and Procedures of City Council be suspended. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, and Strand

Mr. Beckett polled City Council concerning if any members had received any ex parte communications. City Council indicated there were no ex parte communications. He presented the proposed changes to add a joint dispatch agreement to Colorado Springs Utilities' Open Access Transmission Tariff Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

There were no comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Bennett, the Resolution adopting certain changes that add Joint Dispatch Transmission Service to Colorado Springs Utilities' Open Access Transmission Tariff be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, and Strand

10. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

11. New Business

There was no New Business.

12. Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing.

13. Added Item Agenda

There were no items added to the Agenda.

14. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk