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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Helms called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Present: 8 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Dave Donelson, President Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Mike O'Malley, Councilmember Brian Risley, and Councilmember Michelle Talarico

Excused: 1 - President Pro Tem Lynette Crow-Iverson

Councilmember Leinweber and Councilmember Talarico attended the meeting virtually.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was made by Pastor Stan Lightfoot from the Rustic Hills Church.

President Helms led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Changes to Agenda/Postponements

There were no changes to 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:

4B. First Presentation:

4B.A. [25-115](#) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [2-11-2025 City Council Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

4B.B. [25-116](#) Northern Monument Creek Interceptor Construction Services Cost Sharing Agreement

Presenter:
Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Springs Utilities

Attachments: [NMCI Construction Services Cost Contribution Agreement Final](#)

[NMCI resolution v3](#)

[Signed Resolution No. 27-25.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Henjum, seconded by Councilmember O'Malley, 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 8-0-1-0

Aye: 8 - Avila, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, O'Malley, Risley, and Talarico

Excused: 1 - Crow-Iverson

5. Recognitions

- 5.A. [25-118](#) A Resolution Supporting Designating the North Academy Bridge Spanning Interstate 25 in Colorado Springs as the “Naval Aviation Pilot and Aviation Machinist Mate Petty Officer First Class Daniel T. Griffin Bridge”

Presenter:

Randy Helms, Council President and Councilmember District 2

Attachments: [Daniel T. Griffin Bridge](#)

[Signed Resolution No. 28-25.pdf](#)

President Helms presented the Resolution supporting designating the North Academy Bridge spanning Interstate 25 as the “Naval Aviation Pilot and Aviation Machinist Mate Petty Officer First Class Daniel T. Griffin Bridge”.

Dave Griffin, Mr. Griffin’s grandson, Ed Duffett, Navy League of the United States (U.S.), Andrea Finegan-Fossey, Commander Post 5, American Legion, Welling Clark, National Museum of World War II Aviation, Commander Art Ciphers, Captain Greg Thomas, Navy veteran and Navy Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) instructor, Doherty High School, Lianne McNew, Chair, Military Affairs Council, Rick Glitch, Chair of the Veterans Committee of the Pikes Peak Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and member, American Legion Riders Post 2008, Keith LaMee, American Legions Post 5, Scott Kartvedt President, Blue Angels Foundations, Captain Jamie Delcore, NORAD and US Northern Command Mindy King, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 101 and VFW District 5, Marie Glitz, Assistant State Captain for Southern Colorado Patriot Guard Riders, Russ Miller, President of the Pikes Peak Veterans Council and National Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League, and Sallie Clark, Senior Advisor, Office of Community Affairs, honored Mr. Griffin for his sacrifice and expressed appreciation for the recognition to honor Mr. Griffin.

Chief Petty Officer Garcia read the poem “The Watch”.

Several Councilmembers express appreciation for the sacrifice of Mr. Griffin, the service of all veterans, and their families.

Motion by Councilmember O’Malley, seconded by Councilmember Henjum, that the Resolution supporting designating the North Academy Bridge spanning Interstate 25 in Colorado Springs as the “Naval Aviation Pilot and Aviation Machinist Mate Petty Officer First Class Daniel T. Griffin Bridge” The motion

passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

Aye: 8 - Avila, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, O'Malley, Risley, and Talarico

Excused: 1 - Crow-Iverson

5.B. [25-122](#) A Joint Proclamation recognizing March 2025 as Women's History Month

Presenter:

Randy Helms, Council President and Councilmember District 2

Yolanda Avila, Councilmember District 4

Mayor Yemi Mobolade

Attachments: [Women's History Month Proclamation 2025 Revised](#)

Councilmember Avila and Jamie Fabos, Chief of Staff, read a joint Proclamation in recognizing March 2025 as Women's History Month and recognized the many contributions women have made to the City

Former Mayor Mary Lou Makepeace, Cleastra Marchman, JJ Frazier, Jackie Jaramillo, Nina Liebert, and Susan Wheelen expressed appreciation for the recognition.

Councilmember Henjum and Councilmember Donelson honored Ms. Wheelen for her service to the City as the Director of El Paso County Health.

Several Councilmembers expressed gratitude for the all the women who have worked and sacrificed to make the world a better place.

5.C. [25-111](#) A Resolution of Appreciation of Veronica Garcia, Probation Technician, Municipal Court, for their 25 years of service to the City of Colorado Springs.

Presenter:

Hayden Kane, Municipal Court Administrator, Municipal Court.

Attachments: [Retiree Resolution Veronica Garcia](#)
[Signed Resolution No. 29-25.pdf](#)

President Helms read the Resolution of Appreciation for Veronica Garcia, Probation Technician, Municipal Court, for their twenty-five years of service with the City of Colorado Springs.

Hayden Kane, Municipal Court Administrator, acknowledged Ms. Garcia and her achievements.

Several Councilmembers expressed gratitude for Ms. Garcia's service and accomplishments during her career with the City.

Ms. Garcia expressed appreciation for the opportunities she had been given with the City and for the recognition.

Motion by Councilmember O'Malley, seconded by Councilmember Henjum, that the Resolution of Appreciation of Veronica Garcia, Probation Technician, Municipal Court, for their 25 years of service to the City of Colorado Springs be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-2-0

Aye: 7 - Avila, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, O'Malley, and Risley

Absent: 1 - Talarico

Excused: 1 - Crow-Iverson

6. Mayor's Business

There was no Mayor's Business.

7. Citizen Discussion For Items Not On Today's Agenda

Citizen Charles Barber requested everyone prevent hair from going into the City's wastewater system.

Citizens Veronica Baker and Brooke Graves spoke about the last minute, hastily scheduled, Pikes Peak Library District Board Work Session meeting held on February 12, 2025 where many important items were discussed.

Citizen Kat Gayle spoke in opposition of the Rock Creek Valley area annexation due to public safety concerns.

8. Items Called Off Consent Calendar

There were no Items Called Off the Consent Calendar.

9. Utilities Business

There was no Utilities Business.

10. Unfinished Business

10.A. [24-630](#) Ordinance 25-30 amending Article 1 of Chapter 4, of the Chapter 4 of

the Code of Colorado Springs 2001, as Amended, Pertaining to Electrical Assisted Bicycles

Presenter:

Britt Haley, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Department

Lonna Thelen, Program Manager, Trails, Open Space and Parks
(TOPS) Program

Scott Abbott, Manager, Regional Parks, Trails and Open Space

Attachments: [PR-E BikesORD-Class 1 edit.docx](#)

[E-Bike Policy Presentation to Council 120924](#)

Lonna Thelen, Program Manager, Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Program, introduced the Ordinance pertaining to electrical assisted bicycles (e-bikes).

Citizens Jim Lockhart, Kat Gayle, Brad Frieden, and Dana Duggan spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance.

Councilmember Henjum stated she is struggling with whether City Council has the legal right and authority to change the TOPS definition of motorized vehicle. Caitlin Moldenhauer, Attorney, City Attorney's Office, stated by defining non-motorized, City Council is giving a definition to this term because there is not currently one in City Code and City Council has the authority to provide this definitional structure.

Councilmember Henjum and in terms of the language that is in the original TOPS Ordinance regarding the voter approved definition of non-motorized vehicles in TOPS open space. Ms. Moldenhauer stated because there is not a definition of non-motorized, City Council is not amending a TOPS definition, they are providing a definition.

Councilmember Henjum asked how this Ordinance will be implemented in relation to rules and regulations. Britt Haley, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (PRCS), stated the implementation date of this Ordinance is July 1, 2025 which gives them time to put important rules and regulations in place regarding the phased rollout of the use of e-bikes on the urban trail system and then possibly e-bike use in Palmer Park which is not a TOPS property. She stated they are also working with the Palmer Land Conservancy to identify the conservation easements, updating signage on trails, and a limited commission approach to

enforcement to allow Rangers some enforcement capacity.

Councilmember Henjum requested additional information regarding hiking only trails. Ms. Haley stated they are working on that approach similar to what has been requested with the Blodgett open space.

Councilmember Donelson stated that by approving a definition of non-motorized which conflicts with the commonly understood meaning of it will create distrust among voters, the sale of e-bikes is increasing even without this Ordinance passed, and the lithium batteries on e-bikes is a risk for fire danger.

Councilmember Leinweber stated the National Parks, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Corp of Engineers recognize e-bikes as bikes, they have policies for them within their systems, Class 1 e-bikes should be considered non-motorized due to having to pedal it to make it move, and he believes Ms. Haley and her team will capably manage the use of e-bikes within the Park System. Ms. Haley stated she feels fully competent to effectively manage an e-bikes policy.

President Helms stated he supports this because Ms. Haley and her team have been working for a very long time on this policy and City Council has the responsibility to make this work.

Motion by Councilmember Risley, seconded by Councilmember Leinweber, that the Ordinance No. 25-30 amending Article 1 of Chapter 4, of Chapter 4 of the Code of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to electrical assisted bicycles be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3-1-0

Aye: 5 - Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, Risley, and Talarico

No: 3 - Avila, Donelson, and O'Malley

Excused: 1 - Crow-Iverson

11. New Business

- 11.A. [25-121](#)** An Ordinance Appointing Natalie Lovell As City Auditor And Prescribing Her Duties, Compensation, and Teunure In Office, And Superseding And Repealing All Prior Ordinances Inconsistent With The Provisions Of This Ordinance

Presenter:
Randy Helms, City Council President

Attachments: [City Auditor Ordinance \(Lovell\) Final.docx](#)

President Helms presented the Ordinance appointing Natalie Lovell as City Auditor and prescribing her duties, compensation, and tenure in office.

Ms. Lovell provided an overview of her experience and identified her vision for the Office of the City Auditor.

Councilmember Avila stated she was not initially part of the majority on the vote to appoint Ms. Lovell but will be supporting the majority now and voting yes on this appointment.

Councilmember Henjum stated Ms. Lovell does not currently have a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license but will be obtaining one as a Condition of Employment and this position will be a leadership role which will strengthen the Office of the City Auditor.

Motion by Councilmember Henjum, seconded by Councilmember Talarico, that the Ordinance appointing Natalie Lovell as City Auditor and prescribing her duties, compensation, and tenure in office, and superseding and repealing all prior ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

Aye: 8 - Avila, Donelson, Helms, Henjum, Leinweber, O'Malley, Risley, and Talarico

Excused: 1 - Crow-Iverson

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, President Helms adjourned the meeting at 11:48 AM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk