



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, October 10, 2022

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present 9 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Dave Donelson, Councilmember Stephannie Fortune, President Pro Tem Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Mike O'Malley, President Tom Strand, and Councilmember Wayne Williams

Councilmember Fortune arrived and attended the meeting virtually starting at approximately 2:00 PM.

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

President Strand stated the Closed Executive Session will be held at 1:00 PM.

Councilmember O'Malley requested items 4B.N. 4B.O. and 4B.P. be removed from the October 11, 2022 City Council meeting Consent Calendar.

Consensus of City Council agreed to these changes.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [22-652](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes September 26, 2022

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [9-26-22 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the September 26, 2022 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of City Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

5B. Closed

There was no Closed Executive Session.

6. Presentations for General Information

6.A. [22-423](#) UCHealth Annual Report

Presenter:

Joel Yuhas, President & CEO, UCHealth Southern Colorado Region

Attachments: [City Council \(annual update\) 10.10.22 - FINAL](#)

Joel P. Yuhas, President and Chief Executive Officer, University of Colorado Health (UCH) Memorial Hospital, presented an update on UCH Memorial Hospital and UCHealth Southern Colorado Region. He provided an overview of their mission, commitment to the community, Colorado Springs hospitals, ranking by U.S. News, investment in community health benefits, needs assessment, areas of focus, virtual care, and commitment to behavioral health. Mr. Yuhas identified their Behavioral Health Connect co-responder program (BHCON), veteran/armed forces support, COVID-19, ten years of growth, review of Memorial Hospital Central, North, and Grandview Hospital. He went over the number of cases for comprehensive stroke care, Level 1 Trauma Center, cancer care, cardiac care, workforce, and vision for Southern Colorado.

Councilmember Williams asked if their fiscal year is the same as the calendar year. Mr. Yuhas stated with the exception of Children's Hospital, their fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Councilmember Health asked how behavioral health providers are funded. Mr. Yuhas stated approximately two years ago they began to be funded by UC Health.

Councilmember Donelson asked if behavioral health services are billed to

insurance companies. Mr. Yugas confirmed they are.

Councilmember Murray asked if a hospital will be built in southeast Colorado Springs. Mr. Yugas stated they are not forecasting the building a hospital because they have Memorial Central Hospital but are adding primary care facilities in Southeast.

Councilmember Avila commented that the largest population of babies are in the Southeast, yet Children's Hospital is up north. Mr. Yugas explained how the costs associated with building a new hospital would erode the infrastructure of the existing hospitals.

President Pro Tem Helms asked if workforce housing is an issue in recruiting healthcare professionals. Mr. Yugas stated the lack of affordable housing is key issue in hiring workers.

Councilmember Henjum requested additional information regarding embedding mental health services into primary care and the addition of specialized services in the Southeast. Mr. Yugas stated he will provide additional information to City Council regarding behavioral health and identified the specialty services they have expanded in the Southeast.

Councilmember Murray asked what they do with profits. Mr. Yugas stated they are a not-for-profit organization and reinvest the profits back into the system and the community.

Councilmember O'Malley asked when the Eastview Campus will be complete. Mr. Yugas stated it is anticipated to be completed in September or October of 2023.

How much federal government funding was received due to COVID. Mr. Yugas stated he will provide that information.

Councilmember Avila requested additional information regarding the paid training UCHealth provides. Mr. Yugas stated he will provide that information.

Councilmember Williams asked how the electronic transfer of patient data to the hospital from first responders has helped. Mr. Yugas explained how care is targeted based on the initial diagnosis.

President Strand asked what can be done to increase the number of mental health providers in the area. Mr. Yugas stated the community is still deficient, so they are working with University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS) and supporting their clinical social worker and behavior health nurse practitioner programs.

6.B. [22-566](#) Children's Hospital Colorado Update

Presenter:

Greg Raymond, Southern Region President, Children's Hospital Colorado

Attachments: [Children's Colorado Springs Council Presentation](#)

Greg Raymond, Southern Region President, Children's Hospital Colorado, provided an update on Children's Hospital Colorado. He identified their commitment to southern Colorado, system, locations, 2021 statistics, hospital-based services, outpatient services, COVID-19 response, mental health impact on kids, future, and community partners.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the top three most common reasons for mental health hospitalizations are caused by. Mr. Raymond stated depression, anxiety, and threat of self-harm.

Councilmember Williams asked what percentage of patients actually needed to be at the emergency room. Mr. Raymond stated he believes they are seeing an appropriate use of the pediatric emergency department.

Councilmember Henjum asked how they work with other behavioral health facilities in the City. Mr. Raymond explained how they embed behavioral health providers into primary care and coordinate with pediatricians.

President Strand asked if they work with the Ronald McDonald House. Mr. Raymond stated the Ronald McDonald House is critical to the operations of Children's Hospital Colorado.

Councilmember Avila requested data regarding the zip codes of the patients. Mr. Raymond stated he will provide that information.

President Pro Tem Helms asked if workforce housing is an issue. Mr. Raymond confirmed it is.

7. Staff and Appointee Reports**7.A.** [22-498](#) Amara Addition No. 1 - 11 Annexation overview.

Presenter:

Katie Carleo, Land Use Planning Manager, Planning & Community Development

Peter Wysocki, Planning Director, Planning & Community Development

Cody Humphrey, Director of Planning, La Plata Communities

Doug Quimby, President and CEO, La Plata Communities

Attachments: [Amara CC Work Session 10-10-22 FINAL](#)

[Attachment_3-Mile Buffer](#)

[Attachment Amara Additions](#)

[Attachment_Surrounding Ownership and Future Roads](#)

[Attachment Amara Roadway Exhibit](#)

[FINAL DRAFT Amara Addition No. XXX](#)

Peter Wysocki, Planning Director, Planning and Community Development provided an overview of the Amara Addition No. 1 - 11 Annexation. He identified their approach to large annexations, schedule, and next steps.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the Annexation Plan that the City utilizes is from 2006. Mr. Wysocki confirmed that it is.

Councilmember Avila asked if this area is proposed to be developed if annexed. Mr. Wysocki confirmed it is.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the City should wait until AnnexCOS is rolled out. Mr. Wysocki stated that is option for City Council because annexations are discretionary.

Katie Carleo, Land Use Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development, identified the annexation contiguity, applications, technical requirements, terms of agreement for development.

Travis Easton, Director of Public Works, went over the results of the Traffic Impact Study and the responsibilities for the developer for roadway infrastructure improvements.

Councilmember Williams asked if the effects on traffic of development on the adjoining areas are addressed in the annexation agreement. Mr. Easton confirmed they are.

Councilmember Henjum asked if there would be a burden to the City of Fountain regarding the impact on roadways. Mr. Easton stated that burden is addressed in the annexation agreement as financial contributions. Bob Cope, Economic Development Manager, stated the details of that will be addressed at the October 11, 2022 Budget Committee meeting.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the traffic study meets the City's requirements. Mr. Easton confirms it does.

President Pro Tem Helms asked if the emergency response time from the nearest station has been considered. Deputy Chief Mary Rosenoff, Colorado Springs Police Department, stated since the roadways have not

been built yet, they can only speculate on what will be needed.

Todd Sturtevant, Contract and Development Services Supervisor, Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), identified the CSU conditions for annexation.

Councilmember Williams asked if the chart reflected the additional water purchases CSU is working on. Jenny Bishop, Long-Term Planning, CSU, stated it did not and explained the calculations for Reliably Met Demand.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the reason behind the increase in water uses reflected on the chart is. Ms. Bishop stated that is reflective of a two-percent increase in population growth in the City.

Councilmember Murray asked how much of an increase is expected for the Amara annexation. Abbie Ortega, General Manager for Infrastructure and Resource Planning, stated they project a two percent growth rate.

Councilmember Murray asked what the plan is for water supply in 2041. Ms. Ortega stated they need to continue to develop water and develop their system in order to meet the future demands.

Councilmember Donelson asked if CSU could acquire additional water supplies at this time. Ms. Bishop stated Colorado Water Law has anti-speculation doctrines so there is a limit as to how far out a City can project water needs.

Councilmember Donelson asked if there are any leaks in the water system. Ms. Abeyta confirmed there is and there is an approximate seven percent water loss.

Councilmember Henjum asked at what point does CSU begin to increase the Reliably Met Demand. Ms. Abeyta stated as they are legally able to increase their water supply, they would implement Phase 2 of the Southern Delivery System.

Councilmember Henjum asked what other annexations are being considered which may impact projections. Ms. Abeyta stated they have three other applications in process.

Councilmember Avila requested additional information regarding how the proposed annexation applications and the already approved annexations which have not been developed yet will affect the water supply. Ms. Carleo stated the only one that everyone is currently reviewing is the Amara annexation and she will provide the historical data of annexations which

have been approved.

Councilmember Henjum asked if many county residents outside the City limits rely on their water supply from aquifers and what CSU's plan is when those aquifers run dry. Ms. Bishop confirmed many of the water districts outside of Colorado Springs do rely on aquifers and CSU is looking to leverage their infrastructure to provide regional water services.

President Pro Tem Strand asked if the CSU costs which the developer will be responsible for be passed along to the residents of the development. Mr. Sturtevant stated more than likely, yes.

Councilmember Henjum asked if there would be any adverse effects to the City's wastewater system. Mr. Sturtevant stated there would not be because the flow would go to the City of Fountain's Sanitation District.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the Utilities Advisory Commission (UPAC) recommendations for cost recovery will be considered for Amara. Mr. Sturtevant stated it would depend on the time of the policy change.

Councilmember asked who would hold the responsibility of operations and maintenance on the newly built water line. Mr. Sturtevant stated after the two-year warranty, it would CSU's responsibility. Councilmember asked what the projected cost of that would be. Mr. Sturtevant stated they will provide that information.

Councilmember Henjum asked how common utility overlap is. Mr. Sturtevant stated they already have invasion areas with Mountain View Electric currently and those invasion fees are paid by the developer.

Councilmember Murray asked who is responsible for the capital costs. Mr. Sturtevant stated CSU. Councilmember Murray asked what the projected revenue is to offset these costs. Ms. Ortega stated the costs will be recovered through their rates.

President Strand asked what the wastewater third party cost would be. Mr. Sturtevant stated CSU's cost is \$1,868 per each home and \$5,500 for the City of Fountain Sanitation District.

Doug Quimby, President and CEO, La Plata Communities, representing the applicant, provided an overview of the compliance with the City's requirements for annexation, Amara location map, reasons Amara should be developed in Colorado Springs, projected growth needs, and key areas/changes of the El Paso County Master Plan. He identified the distance/travel time comparisons, current/future urban development growth,

Amara Master Plan, compliance with PlanCOS, Amara Phasing Plan, and Amara Metro Districts. Mr. Quimby went over the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Powers Boulevard extension, military outreach, stakeholder meetings, and unsolicited third-party testimonials.

Councilmember Williams asked where the connecting boundary of Briargate was when it was annexed into the City. Mr. Quimby stated it connected along I-15 north of Woodmen Road.

Councilmember Henjum stated she is concerned that the response time for Police and Fire may be too great since the City is already struggling to recruit.

Councilmember Henjum asked why this area is not annexed to City of Fountain. Mr. Quimby stated it is because the City of Fountain cannot provide water and do not want any residential applications.

Councilmember Avila asked if upscale houses will be available. Mr. Quimby confirmed that there will be a broad range of homes offered.

Councilmember Murray asked what the impact of the competition this annexation would create would have on the prices of homes will be. Mr. Quimby stated there are a lot of factors which go into the cost of houses; material cost, labor costs, regulation fees, utility extensions, roadways, land prices, and they do not build houses, they only provide finished lots to builders.

Councilmember Henjum requested a future presentation regarding public transportation. Mr. Quimby agreed to Councilmember Henjum's request.

Cody Humphrey, Director of Planning, La Plata Communities, representing the applicant, stated the developments for the southern part of the City limits and Amara are within the Widefield Water and Sanitation District.

Councilmember Williams requested additional information regarding the CSU reservoir to the east of Bradley Road. Ms. Ortega stated CSU acquired that land for Upper Williams Creek also known as Bostrom Reservoir and is part of Phase 2 of the Southern Delivery System. Councilmember Williams asked if this property is within the City limits. Ms. Carleo stated it is owned by the City but is not within City boundaries.

7.B. [22-661](#)

Converting Kentucky Bluegrass to Native Grass in City Parks and Medians

Presenter:

Eric Becker, Acting Parks Maintenance and Operations Manager/SIMD

Administrator
Britt Haley, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

Attachments: [2021 Water Conservation Annual Report FINAL](#)
[10-10-22 - Parks Turf Conversion and Irrigation Report - Powerpoint](#)

Eric Becker, Acting Parks Maintenance and Operations Manager/SIMD Administrator, presented the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services water conservation program, comprehensive irrigation water management, Kentucky Bluegrass conversion process to native grass in City parks and medians, conversion method, seeding, areas with Kentucky Bluegrass, conversion costs, return on investment (ROI) with prairie native grass, maintenance savings, annual cost benefit, project sites, and acreage.

President Strand asked if the City uses non-potable water for its golf courses. Mr. Becker confirmed they do.

President Strand asked if synthetic turf is difficult to maintain. Mr. Becker stated it does have to be groomed and coco fibers have to be added but there is not much maintenance for it.

Councilmember Henjum asked how much additional land of Kentucky Bluegrass could be converted. Mr. Becker stated there are tons of opportunities for conversion. Councilmember Henjum asked if there is a plan to convert all of them. Mr. Becker stated not at this time.

Councilmember Williams asked if the entrance to City Hall would be slotted as a project for conversion. Mr. Becker stated there are some instances/locations where Kentucky Bluegrass or landscaping is appropriate.

President Strand asked if there any risks for the use non-selective herbicide. Mr. Becker stated they have experimented with a lot of different products and are currently using Cheetah Pro and they have reduced their herbicide use by half.

Councilmember Avila asked if anything can be done with the Chinese Elm trees in the Southeast. President Strand stated they will reach out to the Forestry Department regarding this.

7.C. [22-651](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 10-10-22](#)

Councilmember Murray requested a presentation regarding the new transit center. Ryan Trujillo, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated they will provide that information.

Councilmember Henjum requested an update on E-Scooters. Mr. Trujillo stated they will provide that information.

Councilmember Donelson requested an update from Colorado Springs Police Department regarding the enforcement of massage parlor license at the October 24, 2022 Work Session. President Strand stated he will follow up on that.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A.** [22-382](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Barnes & Powers North Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan- Barnes _ Powers North BID](#)
[Colorado Springs BIDs](#)
[10-10-2022 BID presentation](#)

Peter Wysocki, Planning Director, Planning and Community Development, presented the proposed 2023 budget for the Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the proposed 2021 operating plans and budgets for the eighteen Business Improvement Districts (BID). He explained the annual budget and mill levy approval by City Council is required for the DDA and annual budget and operating plan approvals by City Council are required for BIDs. Mr. Schueler identified the refinements for this cycle, Greater Downtown BID, list of other BIDs, proposed mill levy changes, requests for debt issuance, developer advances, public improvement fees (PIFs), boundary changes, and districts which have less than full boards. He identified examples of ownership and maintenance, overlapping districts/DDA, overlapping Urban Renewal Authorities (URA), BID websites, and next steps.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the Budget Committee reviews these. President Strand confirmed they do.

Councilmember Henjum asked who oversees the PIF. Mr. Wysocki stated the state of Colorado.

Councilmember Henjum asked how boundary changes are approved. Mr. Wysocki stated inclusions and exclusions are approved by City Council.

President Strand asked what the acronym for MW Retail BID stands for. Russ Dykstra, Spencer Fane, representing the district, stated it was just the developer's designation of the project and MW does not stand for anything in particular.

President Strand asked how BIDs help businesses. Mr. Dykstra stated the BID statutes are much more expansive for business relations and activities than metropolitan districts.

Councilmember Murray asked if the debt for the BIDs who had mill levy changes were issued was after the policy change. Mr. Dykstra stated they were not.

- 8.B.** [22-383](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Barnes & Powers South Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan - Barnes Powers South BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.C.** [22-384](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Briargate Center Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [Briargate Center BID 2023 Operating Plan and Budget](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.D.** [22-385](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the

Catalyst Campus Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community
Development

Attachments: [2022-09-29 Ltr re catalyst Campus BID 2023 Operating Plan and Budget \(w enclosure\)](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.E. [22-386](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Creekwalk Marketplace Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community
Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan - Creekwalk Marketplace BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.F. [22-387](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the First and Main Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community
Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan - First _ Main BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.G. [22-388](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the First and Main Business Improvement District No. 2

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community
Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan - First _ Main BID No. 2](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.H. [22-389](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the First and Main North Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan - First Main North BID\(6954199.3\)](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.I. [22-390](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Gold Hill North Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan- Gold Hill North BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.J. [22-392](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the GSF Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan and Budget- GSF BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.K. [22-393](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Interquest North Business Improvement District

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan and Budget - Interquest North BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.L. [22-394](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Interquest South Business Improvement District

Presenter:
Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan and Budget - Interquest South BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.M. [22-395](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Interquest Town Center Business Improvement District

Presenter:
Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan and Budget- Interquest Town Center BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.N. [22-396](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the MW Retail Business Improvement District

Presenter:
Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan and Budget - MW Retail BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.O. [22-397](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Park Union Business Improvement District

Presenter:
Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan and Budget - Park Union BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.P.** [22-398](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Powers & Woodmen Commercial Business Improvement District

Presenter:
Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan and Budget - Powers and Woodmen Commercial BID](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.Q.** [22-399](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the TrueNorth Commons Business Improvement District

Presenter:
Carl Schueler, Planning Manager - Comprehensive Planning
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [2023 Operating Plan and Budget - TrueNorth Commons BID\(7119310.3\)](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.R.** [22-391](#) A Resolution of the City Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado Approving the Proposed 2023 Operating Plan and Budget for the Greater Downtown Colorado Springs Business Improvement District

Presenter:
Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Michael Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Community Development

Attachments: [Updated 2023 Operating Plan](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.A.

- 8.S.** [22-640](#) A Resolution Amending Resolution 36-21 Adopting Amendments To The “City Of Colorado Springs Rules And Procedures Of City Council” Effective October 25, 2022

Presenter:

Emily Evans, City Council Administrator
Michel Montgomery, Deputy City Council Administrator
Carly Hoff, Legislative Analyst, Senior

Attachments: [Rules and Procedures of City Council 2022 Review 10.10.2022](#)
[Redline](#)

Michael Montgomery, Deputy City Council Administrator, presented the Resolution adopting the “City of Colorado Springs Rules and Procedures of City Council” effective October 25, 2022. He gave an overview of the purpose of the rewrite, previous City Council action, stakeholder process, proposed revisions, and next steps.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the proposed change regarding “in the absence of the rule to govern and appointed procedure” represents. Mr. Montgomery stated it was just updating the formatting of the previous document used.

Councilmember O’Malley asked if the citizen comment time limit in paragraph C could be revised from three minutes to ninety seconds. President Strand, Councilmember Williams, Councilmember Avila, and Councilmember Murray stated they support keeping it at three minutes unless the President decides there needs to be an adjustment.

Councilmember O’Malley stated the rule regarding if a Councilmember fails to attend three consecutive scheduled meetings of the City Council without being excused by the City Council, the office of the Councilmember shall be forfeited is in direct conflict to what the City Charter says and needs to read “City Council Regular meetings”. Ben Bolinger, Assistant City Attorney, stated he will research that.

Councilmember Williams stated City Council has the ability to make a change of the default Rules And Procedures of City Council if needed and requested it be referenced earlier in the document. Mr. Montgomery stated he will add a reference to that rule in the opening paragraph of rule fifteen.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports, Open Discussion and Takeaways

Councilmember Fortune stated she and Councilmember Henjum have been working on the Opioid Council and their two-year plan for El Paso

and Teller County should be ready by the end of the year so that the communities will be able to start receiving funding to address the crisis. President Strand asked how much funding is anticipated for this program. Councilmember Henjum stated it is estimated to be \$37,097,740.94 over eighteen years.

Councilmember Williams attended the COSILoveYou event, Rail Steering Committee which involves the southern access of Fort Carson and the Ray Nixon Power Plant, ribbon-cutting ceremony Research and Powers Boulevard intersection, and the Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) tour of the lower Arkansas Valley.

Councilmember O'Malley stated he received a report from the Stetson Hills Police Commander who stated they are top of the people experiencing homelessness population escalation over the past couple of weeks.

Councilmember Henjum stated she attended the COSILoveYou event who will be funding the renovation of the RJ Montgomery Building to focus on families experiencing homelessness.

President Pro Tem Helms stated the 2023 Budget approval is in process with the next meeting scheduled for October 17, 2022 and the public hearing will be held on October 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM. He also stated that ballots for the November 2, 2022 election will be mailed out on October 17, 2022 and encouraged everyone to vote "yes" on the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) ballot measure.

Councilmember Avila stated she attended the Fire Ops 101 and spoke about the hardships and risks to their health that firefighters experience. She also stated she attended a Colorado College Students of Color Homecoming event, her and President Pro Tem Helms will be attending the CC Tigers versus United States Air Force Academy Falcons soccer match, and her mother was honored again as a leading Latina community leader during Hispanic Heritage Month.

President Strand stated the Colorado Springs Police Promotion Ceremony of thirteen Officers occurred on September 26, 2022 and read the names of each of the Officers promoted. He stated he attended the Fostering Hope luncheon for foster parents/children, Annual Saluting Branches Day of Service at Evergreen Cemetery, and Allegion Manufacturing Day.

11. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk