



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, April 18, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special City Council meeting to elect a President and President Pro Tem.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 9 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, President Pro Tem Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Mike O'Malley, Councilmember Brian Risley, and Councilmember Michelle Talarico

2. New Business

2.A. [23-197](#) Election of City Council President and President Pro Tem

Presenter:

Randy Helms, City Council President Pro Tem and District 2 Councilmember

President Pro Tem Helms requested nominations from Council for City Council President.

Councilmember O'Malley nominated President Pro Tem Helms for President.

Councilmember O'Malley stated he nominated President Pro Tem Helms because he thinks he is a really nice guy. President Pro Tem Helms stated it would be a privilege and an honor to serve as City Council President, he has served as President Pro Tem for over a year, and served as Board Chair and Vice Chair for several different committees. He said the President's job is to lead and he is dedicated to that, will seek Councilmember views and effectively communicate those views.

There were no other nominations for City Council President.

Councilmember O'Malley nominated President Pro Tem Helms as City Council President.

The result of the roll call vote was: President Pro Tem Helms was elected City Council President by a vote of 9-0-0-0

**Councilmember Avila voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms
Councilmember Crow-Iverson voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms
Councilmember Donelson voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms
President Pro Tem Helms voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms
Councilmember Henjum voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms
Councilmember Leinweber voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms
Councilmember O'Malley voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms
Councilmember Risley voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms
Councilmember Talarico voted in favor of President Pro Tem Helms**

President Helms requested nominations from Council for City Council President Pro Tem.

President Helms nominated Councilmember Henjum for City Council President Pro Tem.

President Helms stated Councilmember Henjum has the knowledge of how City Council works, over the last two years she has learned all the processes and procedures, she has no problem with letting him know if he might have a blind spot, she comes prepared, is extremely responsive to her constituents, they have collaborated often, their relationship is strong, and most importantly, Councilmember Henjum brings balance to City government and he trusts her as President Pro Tem.

Councilmember Donelson nominated Councilmember Crow-Iverson for City Council President Pro Tem.

Councilmember Donelson stated it is good for citizens when the elect new Councilmembers that those new members become part of leadership on City Council. He stated he has gotten to know Councilmember Crow-Iverson over the past few years, she has given him some guidance on a couple of issues, he recognizes and appreciates her wisdom, and strategic thinking, He identified that she has served on the Pikes Peak Workforce Development Board for eight years, as Chair for two of those

years, Colorado Springs Health Foundation for eight years, Marijuana Task Force, ran multiple campaigns and most recently, the successful Trails, Open Space, and Parks (TOPS) extension issue campaign. The Councilmember who ran in the State's House race was supported by Councilmember Crow-Iverson and he is very appreciative of that and her judgement in that race, her experience, and decisiveness are three of the numerous reasons he is proud to nominate her for President Pro Tem.

Councilmember Henjum expressed appreciation for the nomination, trust, and selection of her to be President Pro Tem. She welcomed the new Councilmembers, stated they have hard work ahead of them to keep the City safe, healthy and address its welfare and she is prepared to do that. She stated she and President Helms would work well together to set the appropriate agenda for City Council meetings, to work in an efficient manner to address the matters which need to be addressed, and she brings Council knowledge, relationships, and a commitment to prioritize her time to this Board, the Colorado Springs Utilities Board, as well as the other boards and commissions she serves on. She stated outside of her role on Council, she has extensive leadership experience serving on community boards and as an executive coach and leadership consultant over the past twenty years.

President Helms asked each of the nominees to speak on their behalf.

Councilmember Crow-Iverson expressed appreciation for the nomination and stated she has served the community for the past twenty years, has served on several boards and commissions, ran many committees, and ran her own business for twenty-three years. She stated she is decisive, a strong leader, it is not hard for her to make strong, hard decisions, and she feels she would be able to serve this role for City Council and the citizens.

President Helms nominated Councilmember Henjum and Councilmember Donelson nominated Councilmember Crow-Iverson for City Council President Pro Tem.

The result of the roll call vote was: Councilmember Crow-Iverson was elected City Council President Pro Tem by a vote of 6-3-0-0

**Councilmember Avila voted in favor of Councilmember Henjum
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Councilmember O'Malley voted in favor of Councilmember Crow-Iverson
Councilmember Risley voted in favor of Councilmember Crow-Iverson
Councilmember Talarico voted in favor of Councilmember Crow-Iverson

3. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk