



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, July 10, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

- Present** 8 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Merv Bennett, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, President Richard Skorman, and Councilmember Tom Strand
- Excused** 1 - Councilmember David Geislinger

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Knight requested Items 4.B.J. and 4.B.K. relating to the zone change for the apartment complex located on Mark Dabling Boulevard be removed from the July 11, 2017 City Council meeting Consent Calendar.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A. [17-1144](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes June 26, 2017

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [6-26-2017 Work Session Final](#)

The minutes of the June 26, 2017 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

5B. Closed

There was no Closed Executive Session.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. [16-693](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator

Attachments: [071017 Agenda Planner Review MEMO](#)

There were no comments on this item.

6.B. [17-1044](#) 2016 Yearend Review, 2017 Monthly Financial Update, and 2018 Budget Outlook

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Acting Budget Director

Attachments: [2016 yearend-2017 monthly update-2018 Budget Outlook.pptx](#)

Charae McDaniel, Acting Budget Director, presented the 2016 Year-end Review, 2017 Monthly Financial Update, and 2018 Budget Outlook. Ms. McDaniel stated that as of December 31, 2016, the total net position of the City was \$3.1 billion with a \$7.3 million increase in governmental activities and a \$136.1 million increase in business type activities. She stated the combined ending balance of governmental funds was \$152.3 million. Ms. McDaniel also explained that the 2016 budget was under expenditure budget by almost \$29 million and the 2016 actual revenue over expenses was \$18,565,385. The general fund ended the year with a total fund balance of approximately \$69.0 million, of which \$38.6 million was in unrestricted fund balance and \$30.4 million in restricted fund balance.

Ms. McDaniel stated that revenue activity through May 2017 indicated \$6.6-\$7.0 million above budget and expenditure activity through May 2017 indicated \$700,000-\$250,000 below budget. Ms. McDaniel reviewed sales tax trends, grant funds, and economic indicators.

Councilmember Knight asked if the unrestricted fund balance which is currently at 14.1% had decreased from the past several years. Ms. McDaniel confirmed that it had.

Ms. McDaniel said the 2018 estimate of revenue is \$177 million which is a 3.5% increase from the 2017 estimated budget and a 9.1% increase from the estimated budget-to-budget amounts. Ms. McDaniel listed the

2018 budget priorities and other potential impacts to budget resulting in a -\$7.6 million net impact and presented the 2018 budget balancing strategies to reduce the net impact gap.

Councilmember Knight asked what amount the City will be allowed to retain in excess of the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR) cap. Ms. McDaniel said that \$6 million has been approved for 2016, she does not anticipate that the City will be over TABOR cap for 2017, and she predicts it will be very close in 2018.

Ms. McDaniel said the 2018 budget process plan will be presented to Council October 2, 2017.

Councilmember Geislinger arrived.

7. Presentations for General Information

7.A. [17-1145](#) El Paso County Fair Update

Presenter:

Kayla Summers, El Paso County Fair Queen

Pam Dawson, El Paso County Fair Advisory Board Queen Coordinator, introduced Kayla Summers, the 2017 El Paso County Fair Queen. Ms. Summers described activities associated with the 112th El Paso County Fair being held July 15 - 22, 2017.

7.B. [17-1141](#) National Cybersecurity Center Briefing

Presenter:

Ed Rios, Chief Executive Officer; Jenifer Furda, Chief Operating Officer, National Cybersecurity Center

Attachments: [NCC Brief-JulyV4.pptx](#)

Ed Rios, Chief Executive Officer, National Cybersecurity Center, provided an update of the activities of the National Cybersecurity Center (NCC). Mr. Rios identified their focus of cybersecurity, cyber economic development, and cyber workforce development. Mr. Rios presented the NCC five year plan of expanding support of law enforcement and intelligence organizations, obtaining 90% funding through internal revenue, and expanding student training and university partnerships.

Councilmember Geislinger asked for the position of NCC on transnational collaboration. Mr. Rios said that global communication is

essential and they are continually working towards protecting it.

Councilmember Murray inquired how long the NCC \$6 million reserve will last. Mr. Rios said that amount was appropriated federal funds given to the Army Reserve. Councilmember Murray asked if the NCC will obtain government sponsorship. Mr. Rios stated that grant support is vital to their operation and anticipates the application process will take approximately two years.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A. [17-1052](#) A Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Approximately 85.61 Acres of Real Property Known as the Kyle Property for Expansion of the Corral Bluffs Open Space

Presenter:

Karen Palus, Director - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Sarah Bryarly, Interim Parks Development Manager - Parks,
Recreation and Cultural Services

Attachments: [7-10-17 - Kyle Property Acquisition PowerPoint](#)
[KylePropertyAcquisitionRES-2017-07-03](#)
[Exhibit B-depiction of Kyle Property \(Corral Bluffs\)](#)
[Signed Resolution 84-17](#)

Sarah Bryarly, Interim Parks Development Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, presented the proposed acquisition of approximately 85 acres to be used for open space expansion purposes which is intended to be purchased in one phase in partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL). Ms. Bryarly stated that the funding for the proposed acquisition will come from the Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Open Space category fund. Ms. Bryarly identified the property location and the financial implications of the acquisition of 85.61 acres purchase price of \$570,000. She indicated the maintenance and operations cost of maintaining the open space at current service levels is \$44 per acre. Ms. Bryarly also presented the timeline and approval process details.

Councilmember Geislinger commented that this area has appeal with the potential of education, fossil and science centers and asked if there were plans for partnership with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Karen Palus, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, said that there has been significant discussion with the staff of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to develop a science partnership with the City.

President Skorman said this property has been identified as one of the top ten areas in the world to observe the Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary (K-T boundary) effect and five hundred extinct species have already been identified there.

Councilmember Bennett, Councilmember Strand and Councilmember Pico expressed their support for the proposed acquisition and said it is a unique property that needs to be preserved.

Councilmember Knight inquired that since this a supplemental appropriation request, what the 2017 appropriation of \$4.6 million in the Open Space fund balance would be applied to. Ms. Palus said they do not appropriate the entire Open Space balance, only stewardship and eligible project expenses. She also clarified that that the fund balance and total annual estimated revenue presented was for 2018.

Councilmember Murray asked if there has been discussion for acquiring other properties in the area. Ms. Bryarly said there is ongoing dialogue in regards to those properties.

- 8.B.** [17-1119](#) An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 16-116 (2017 Appropriation Ordinance) for a Supplemental Appropriation to the Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Fund (Open Space Category) in the Amount of \$580,000 for the Acquisition of Approximately 85.61 Acres of Real Property Known as the Kyle Property for Expansion of Corral Bluffs Open Space

Presenter:

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Attachments: [7-10-17 - Kyle Property Acquisition PowerPoint](#)
[TOPSAmendAppropReKyleAcquisitionORD-2017-07-03clean](#)

Please see comments in agenda item 8.A.

- 8.C.** [17-1068](#) A resolution declaring the intention of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to hold a special municipal election and to participate in a coordinated election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, and providing the effective date of this resolution.

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Coordinated Election2017Notice Resolution FINAL61517](#)
[Signed Resolution 83-17](#)

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, presented the resolution declaring the intention of participating in the November 7, 2017 coordinated election with El Paso County. Ms. Johnson stated this would be a special election for the City. She stated that the deadline to declare participation is July 28, 2017 and that an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) would need to be established with El Paso County once ballot questions are determined.

Councilmember Strand asked if the City would still have to pay the cost to participate if they did not have ballot language. Ms. Johnson said that if there was no ballot language, there would be no cost to the City, but the rest of the participants in the election would have to pay more to participate in the election.

Councilmember Knight asked if other communities withdrew from participating, would the City have to incur their cost. Ms. Johnson said yes and that the estimated cost will be calculated after the July 28, 2017 participation deadline. Several Councilmembers requested that Ms. Johnson contact El Paso County to inquire if anyone has already stated their intent to participate and the last date the City could withdraw from the election.

Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated that voters will only see questions relating to their municipality, district and county. Colorado Springs voters may have a county question, an El Paso County Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR) retention question, a Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) question, and a School District 11 question on the ballot.

9. Items Under Study

There were no items under study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Bennett stated that he received a request from the El Pomar Foundation on behalf of the American Council of Young Political Leaders exchange program to have eleven delegates from Australia and four sponsors meet in Council chambers July 24, 2017 at 9:00am.

Councilmember Gaebler acknowledged the success of the Bike to Work Day event which had approximately 2,000 people in attendance. She recognized the efforts of the sponsors which included the YMCA, Bike Colorado Springs, Trails and Open Space Coalition, Kids On Bikes, and Colorado Springs Center for Sustainability (The Sustainacenter).

Councilmember Gaebler requested permission to attend an event in Washington D.C. in September with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Organization (EDC). Consensus of Council agreed to her request.

Councilmember Avila invited Council to attend the Wildflower Park cleanup and barbecue on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 10:00am.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council was adjourned.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk