



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, June 22, 2015

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

- Present** 8 - Councilmember Larry Bagley, Councilmember Helen Collins, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Keith King, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, and Councilmember Tom Strand
- Excused** 1 - President Merv Bennett

2. Changes to Agenda

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated agenda item 7.C., the Polaris Pointe Development Update, will be postponed to a later date.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Pico requested a discussion about an extension for the construction of the community solar garden be added to the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

Ken Burgess with the CSU Attorney's Office provided a copy of the Tariff agreement for the construction of the community solar garden which is to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Burgess explained the need for an extension of the agreement to allow additional time to finish construction of the solar garden which has been delayed due to weather conditions and apologized for the late presentation of this item to Council.

Councilmember Knight asked if the city is in jeopardy of losing the associated financial incentive as a result of this extension request. Mr. Burgess stated he does not believe this extension will adversely affect the multiplier. Mr. Burgess will verify this information and report back to Council via email today or in the meeting tomorrow.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A.** [15-00351](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes June 8, 2015

Councilmember Knight requested additional documentation on questions asked by Councilmembers be added to the Gold Hill Mesa

discussion.

5. Executive Session

A) Open

There was not an Open Executive Session.

B) Closed

There was not a Closed Executive Session.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. [15-00156](#) Financial Report - Memorial Health System Enterprise

There were no questions regarding the Memorial Health System Enterprise Financial Report.

6.B. [15-00239](#) Agenda Planner Review

Ms. Gonzalez stated the agenda planner is included in the packet, there were no questions or comments.

7. Presentations for General Information

7.A. [15-00297](#) Update on United States Olympic Museum project

Richard Celeste, President, United States Olympic Museum Board of Directors, provided a brief update on the plans for the museum.

Council President Pro Tem Gaebler requested the committee partner with Council to keep the zone changes and other requests needing to be approved by Council moving forward in conjunction with the development.

Councilmember Strand asked what the funding concerns are. Mr. Celeste stated the cost estimates are his biggest concern at this time.

Councilmember Murray asked about the parking arrangements and the proposed pedestrian bridge. Mr. Celeste stated there is adequate parking for the museum and they plan to include the pedestrian bridge in the museum design but the bridge still needs to be funded. Mr. Celeste stated the bridge has been in the City's long term plan for years and if needed, he will work on raising funds for the bridge after the museum plans are finalized.

7.B. [15-00179](#) Downtown Colorado Springs Update

Susan Edmondson, President & CEO, Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs, provided a quarterly update focusing on the Imagine Downtown Master Plan and Art on the Streets.

Councilmember Murray suggested a themed art display and creating geocaches in conjunction with the pieces of art.

7.C. [15-00330](#) Polaris Pointe Development Update

This item was postponed to a later date.

8. Items for Introduction**8.A.** [15-00289](#) 2016 Audit Plan Approval

Denny Nester, City Auditor, provided a brief overview of the 2016 Audit Plan and responded to Councilmember questions about the plan.

Councilmember Knight asked about the frequency change in auditing the TOPS Department from every six months to every two years, adding the City Code requires this be audited bi-annually. Mr. Nester will check Code and either recommend a Code change or schedule audits to meet Code requirements.

Councilmember Strand asked if the ten percent staff time flexibility will provide enough hours to cover any issues that may arise. Mr. Nester stated his staff will budget their time to cover the required audits, along with some flexibility to allow projects to flow into the next year.

Councilmember Strand requested clarification on the planned audits for 2016 related to spending on stormwater management. Mr. Nester explained there are multiple entities looking at and investigating this issue. Mr. Nester also explained that City staff uses special codes to associate pay with disasters allowing the auditors to more closely associate expenditures with events.

8.B. [15-00335](#) An ordinance approving the salary of the City Auditor

Ms. Gonzalez presented this request for City Council to approve a one point five percent pay increase based on performance and the regular process to allocate salaries, retroactive to March 30, 2015, for the City Auditor by Ordinance.

Councilmember Knight asked if the City Attorney's salary will also be increased. Ms. Gonzalez stated she has not received a request to increase the City Attorney's salary.

- 8.C.** [15-00285](#) An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-101 (2015 Appropriation Ordinance) for a supplemental appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$558,447 for repairs due to hail damage that was incurred on May 21, 2014, an increase in insurance premiums, and an increase in court-appointed attorney costs; and to the Parking System Fund in the amount of \$31,937, and the Patty Jewett Golf Fund in the amount of \$10,138 for repairs due to hail damage that was incurred on May 21, 2014

Kara Skinner, CFO, provided an explanation of this supplemental appropriation request from the general fund to cover costs associated with the insurance deductible to repair hail damage to City property, increased insurance premiums and an increase in court appointed attorney costs.

Councilmember Knight asked what happens to the funds if the actual costs are lower than estimated. Ms. Skinner stated unused funds will be returned to the general fund.

Councilmember King asked if the increased expenditures will be on-going. Ms. Skinner stated the insurance premiums and the court appointed attorney costs will continue to be higher, adding that the increased costs will be addressed in the next budget.

Councilmember King asked which City buildings have hail damage. Ms. Skinner stated City Hall, the CAB, the Courthouse, the Patty Jewitt Clubhouse and multiple fire stations have hail damage.

Councilmember Strand asked why the insurance premiums were increased. Victoria McColm, Insurance specialist, stated the totaling of a fire engine contributed to the increased insurance premiums. Ms. McColm stated they will get insurance quotes to lower the insurance premiums if possible, but there was not time to do this when the renewal invoice came in.

Councilmember Strand asked if they research the need for court appointed attorneys and why this expense was under estimated by so

much. Judge HayDen Kane explained how a federal case and state law changed how court appointed attorneys are provided, creating an increase in the number of court appointed attorneys and the associated costs. Judge Kane provided a hand-out on the number of appointed attorney's between 2013 and 2015 and explained how the attorneys are paid.

- 8.D. [15-00358](#) An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-101 (2015 Appropriation Ordinance) for a \$2,000,000 Supplemental Appropriation increasing revenue and expenditure in the Airport Capital Improvement Fund for the Airport Terminal Apron and Trench Drain System Reconstruction project.

Res/Ord Number: 15-40

Dan Gallagher, Aviation Director, presented a request by the airport for an additional revenue and expenditure appropriation for the Airport Terminal Apron repair and Trench Drain System Reconstruction project. Mr. Gallagher explained Council must approve the grant acceptance in order to receive the additional almost two millions dollars in grant funds available from the Federal Aviation Administration under the Airport Improvement Program. The increased amount is based on actual costs to have the work completed within a year. These repairs are necessary for the continued ability to land planes diverted from other airports at the Colorado Springs Airport.

Council President Pro Tem Gaebler asked about landing fees for diverted planes. Mr. Gallagher explained how the fees are structured and the profitability of the ability to accept diverted planes.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Knight addressed the plan to review and update the City Code and Charter as discussed with the Mayor, recommending the allotted time-frame be increased and Chapter 13 of City Code, addressing Memorial Health System, be modified to reflect the lease agreement with University of Colorado Health first. He also recommended starting the process by reviewing sections one and eleven of the City Charter. Councilmember Murray suggested Council develop a schedule and consider forming teams to address assigned portions of the documents.

Councilmember Strand thanked Amy Smith from the City Learning Resource Center for her assistance, thanked the Pikes Peak Range Riders for their hospitality at a rodeo promotion event, and recognized Council President Pro Tem Gaebler on her election to the Colorado Municipal League Board.

Councilmember Murray stated the 21c Library is having an anniversary celebration this week and encouraged everyone to stop by the library.

Councilmember King asked if the requested changes to the Gold Hill Mesa resolutions were included in the agenda packet. David Andrews, Legislative Counsel, suggested the language be added to the motion and the suggested language will be provided to Council via email today.

11. Adjourn

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

Sarah Johnson
City Clerk