



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, September 11, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

- Present** 6 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Merv Bennett, Councilmember David Geislinger, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, and President Richard Skorman
- Excused** 3 - President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Don Knight, and Councilmember Tom Strand

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated that she received a request from staff that Items 11.C. and 11.D. relating to the Southwest Downtown districts be postponed to the September 26, 2017 City Council meeting. Ms. Gonzalez also stated that the appellant had requested that Items 12.A., 12.B., and 12.C., relating to the Robbin Place appeal be postponed to the September 26, 2017 City Council meeting.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A. [17-1227](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes August 21, 2017

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [8-21-2017 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the August 21, 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. [17-940](#) Financial Report - City of Colorado Springs**

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Acting Budget Director

Attachments: [091117 September 2017 Financial Update Presentation w Grant slides](#)

Charae McDaniel, Acting Budget Director, presented the September 2017 Financial Update. She stated the general fund revenue is trending 2.2% -2.4% above budget and general fund expenditures are at 58% of budget year-to-date which is trending close to what is expected at this point in the year.

Councilmember Pico asked why the Transit Services Department had a \$7 million reduction in grant funding. Jen Vance, Grants Manager, stated that the difference was due to the original estimate of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and a delay with the federal awards being received.

Councilmember Avila asked if the referenced unemployment rate reflected the unemployment rate for Colorado Springs. Ms. McDaniel said it is 3.1% for El Paso County. Councilmember Avila asked for the unemployment statistics on the southeast part of town. Ms. McDaniel said they will research that.

Councilmember Murray asked if new business licenses being requested through both the Sales Tax Department and the City Clerk's Office could be included in the financial report. Ms. McDaniel said they will look into that.

Councilmember Geislinger asked how many units per building permit were being pulled for multi-family dwellings and where they were being constructed. Ms. Daniel said they will follow up on that.

6.B. [16-697](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator

Attachments: [091117 Agenda Planner Review MEMO](#)

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated that on the September 25, 2017 Work Session meeting, Items for Introduction, the Resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and the Woodmen Valley Fire Protection District for the provision of fire services is a not a new agreement, it is a renewal. Ms. Gonzalez also stated that the annual free on-street parking Resolutions for the November 4, 2017 Veterans Day Parade and the holiday shopping season will be on the Consent Calendar for the September 26, 2017 City Council meeting. President Skorman said that he will request that the Items be pulled from the Consent Calendar so that he can recuse himself. Ms. Gonzalez said the Ordinance related to development plan review criteria is scheduled for the October 9, 2017 Work Session and the October 24, 2017 regular meeting.

6.C. [17-974](#) Bancroft Park Update

Presenter:

Kurt Schroeder, Parks Maintenance and Operations Manager

Attachments: [09-11-17 - Bancroft Update PowerPoint](#)

Kurt Schroeder, Parks Maintenance and Operations Manager, said all repairs directly related to the fire at the Bancroft Park band shell have been completed as well as the upgrades to the doors and lighting. Mr. Schroeder also stated that the rollup door has been installed. He indicated that the rear accessible ramp has not been completed, but they will still be opening it for use for the Coronado High School Homecoming event on September 16, 2017. He identified the initial preliminary design and stated that they will be requesting \$250,000 out of the Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) account for the 2018 budget.

7. Presentations for General Information

There were no Presentations for General Information.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A.** [17-1237](#) An Ordinance amending Section 109 (Unlawful Acts) of Part 1 (Medical Marijuana License Code) of Article 2 (Marijuana) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to medical marijuana center hours of operation

Presenter:

Sarah B Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Clerk-MMJHoursORD-2017-08-16.docx](#)
[Survey of MMJ Dispensary & Pharmacy Hours](#)

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated that Renze Waddington, owner of Epic Remedy, along with other medical marijuana dispensary owners requested that medical marijuana dispensaries closing time be changed from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Ms. Johnson stated that the request was approved by the Council President's Special Marijuana Working Group.

Councilmember Geislinger stated that the closing time change was requested in order to be similar with other jurisdictions and pharmacies in Colorado so that patients have more flexibility with getting their medication and because the Colorado Springs Police Department said that there is less difficulty policing dispensaries while they are open than when they are closed.

Ms. Johnson also introduced Adam Alexander as the additional new License Enforcement Officer for the City Clerk's Office.

9. Items Under Study

There were no items under study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Avila attended the Economic Forum and learned that the City has seventeen different school districts which create difficulty in becoming unified with assisting the workforce. Ms. Avila also attended the Colorado Springs Utilities Water Tour with Councilmember Bennett, Councilmember Strand, Councilmember Pico, and Councilmember Geislinger, as well as the 9/11 Memorial Service at William Mitchell High School.

Councilmember Geislinger commented that the Fallen Firefighter Memorial dedication will be held September 16, 2017 at 11:00am.

Councilmember Pico said that he was in the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) on September 11, 2001 and has been to most of the City's 9/11 memorial services.

11. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk