



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, November 13, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Present 9 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Merv Bennett, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember David Geislinger, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, President Richard Skorman, and Councilmember Tom Strand

2. Changes to Agenda

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated that item 5.B.A. Closed Executive Session will be moved to the end of the meeting and that Councilmember Bennett requested that item 8.Q. be moved to after item 7.A.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, requested item 4B.B. pertaining to appointments to boards and commissions be removed from the November 14, 2017 City Council meeting Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Knight stated that he has a question for Colorado Springs Utilities regarding declaring the third floor of Plaza of the Rockies as surplus and may remove 4.B.G. from the November 14, 2017 City Council meeting Consent Calendar if his question is not answered prior to the meeting. Dan Higgins, Colorado Springs Utilities, said that they will provide the information to Councilmember Knight.

Councilmember Strand said that he requested information regarding the breakdown of single family versus multi-family housing units, but had not received it. Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff, said that he will follow-up on that request.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [17-1347](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes October 23, 2017

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [10-23-2017 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the October 23, 2017 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

5A.A. [17-1357](#) Rodolfo Rivera Jr. v. Officer John Granillo, Civil Action No. 17-cv-01667-KMT

Recommendation of the Civil Action Investigation Committee: Authorize the City to represent the Officer as required by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act and the Peace Officer's Liability Act, reserving the right not to pay any award of punitive damages.

Presenter:

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Attachments: [11132017OpenMemo](#)

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, stated that with the recommendation of the Civil Action Investigation Committee, the City is requesting authorization to defend Officer John Granillo.

President Skorman polled Council regarding authorizing the City to represent the Officer. Consensus of Council agreed.

5B. Closed

5B.A. [17-1358](#) In accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a), (b) and (e), the City Council, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves legal advice and negotiation consultation with the City Attorney regarding litigation pertaining to a real property matter.

Presenter:

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, stated that in accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e), the City Council, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed

involves legal advice and consultation with the City Attorney regarding litigation pertaining to a real property matter.

Council President Skorman polled Council regarding the desire to proceed with a Closed Session. At least two-thirds of Council agreed to proceed in closed executive session.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. [16-701](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator

Attachments: [111317Agenda Planner Review MEMO](#)

Eileen Gonzalez said the two items related to Patriot Park for the November 28, 2017 City Council meeting are actually appeals and have been postponed to December 12, 2017 City Council meeting at the request of the appellant.

Ms. Gonzalez also stated that the first vote for the appropriation Ordinance for the 2018 budget will be at the November 28, 2017 City Council meeting. Councilmember Knight said the Town Hall meeting for public input regarding the 2018 budget will be held November 14, 2017. He said it will then be presented at the November 27, 2017 Work Session and then will be voted on at the November 28, 2017 City Council meeting.

7. Presentations for General Information

7.A. [17-1240](#) Introduction of the 2017/2018 Ticket to Success Class

Presenter:

Karen Palus, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Donna Nelson, Spirit of the Springs Program Coordinator

Donna Nelson, Spirit of the Springs Program Coordinator, said that forty-eight 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Ticket to Success class and presented their ideas to the Planning Department for the area where the Olympic Museum will be built. Conrad Olmedo, Planner II, stated that the students worked on project called "City Gate". Several of the students described their experience with the project.

8. Items for Introduction

8.A. [16-672](#) A resolution accepting and endorsing recommended expenditures from

the Lodgers and Automobile Rental Tax (LART) special fund for inclusion in the 2018 budget

Presenter:

Fred Veitch, Chair, LART Citizens' Advisory Committee

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [LART Resolution Exhibit A - 2018](#)

[LART Resolution accepting and endorsing LART CAC recommendation 11-13-17](#)

[091316 LART history chart 2014-2017](#)

[Signed Resolution 88-16.pdf](#)

Fred Veitch, Chair, Lodgers and Automobile Rental Tax (LART) Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), identified the resolution events, tourism/community events, and the capital improvements projected for inclusion in the LART special funding.

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, distributed to Council an amended schedule which outlined the inclusion of the Flying W Ranch at \$50K.

Councilmember Knight commented that the Flying W Ranch is a large contributor to tourism and would like to see their funding increased to \$75K. President Skorman, said that he supports that increase. Mr. Veitch said that he believed the LART Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) would be supportive of that.

Councilmember Murray asked if this is for the CAC recommendation or the CAC recommendation with administrative modifications. Mr. Veitch said it is for both and that the CAC supports the administrative modifications. Councilmember Murray asked why \$500K was cut from the Colorado Visitor's Bureau (CVB). Ms. McDaniel explained that the current CVB contract which is expiring directs that they receive two-thirds of the LART fund revenue amount in addition to two-thirds of any revenue over that amount. She said that they are now structuring four main two year contracts for visitor and tourism with set amounts. Councilmember Murray requested clarification on the Chamber of Commerce and EDC's relationship with the CVB. Ms. McDaniel said that each organization have very specific areas of expertise which will alleviate the CVB's efforts on those areas. President Pro Tem Gaebler said that each entity will contribute to tourism based on the sectors that they are experts in.

Councilmember Murray requested additional information regarding the separation. Ms. McDaniel agreed to provide that information.

Councilmember Strand, City Council liason on the committee, commented that the Flying W Ranch presentation did not persuade the LART CAC for funding. He also proposed that the Veterans Day Parade be funded at \$22K which would cover both 2017 and 2018 event costs.

Councilmember Knight said that the Flying W Ranch meets the requirements for LART funding and said that because it was their first time presenting, any feedback that the CAC can give them would be beneficial. Mr. Veitch said that he will contact them.

Doug Price, President and CEO, CVB, said that over the last four years LART revenue has grown sixty-two percent and this year's results are trending to a LART overage of \$675K. Councilmember Murray said that the CVB should be rewarded for their success and the City should allow them to keep the funds.

Councilmember Geislinger said the Flying W Ranch is an important institution in Colorado Springs and asked what about the presentation caused the lack of support. Mr. Veitch said that their presentation was disjointed and not very specific as to what their plans were for the money. He also said that even though there was a lot of empathy, they did not meet the criteria. Councilmember Geislinger asked how the funds will be used if the Flying W Ranch is granted \$75K. Mr. Veitch said that he would have to meet with them regarding the allocation of the funds.

Councilmember Pico commented that he is supportive, but would like to know what the funds will be used for. President Pro Tem Gaebler said that the Flying W Ranch indicated that the funds would be used post opening, but no details were provided.

Councilmember Murray expressed that he is concerned that the CAC recommendation was \$40K for the Chamber and EDC and the administration was \$260K. Mr. Veitch said \$40K was for a specific project.

Ms. McDaniel stated that she will modify the attachments to reflect the Flying W Ranch increase to \$75K and the Veterans Day parade increase

to \$22K.

- 8.B.** [17-1306](#) A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between SCETC and the City of Colorado Springs

Presenter:
Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff

Attachments: [Resolution 17.1306 SCETC_RES-2017-10-20](#)
[Exhibit A RES 17.1306 SCETC Restated and Amended IGA-MOU](#)

Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated that City administration recommends approval of the ten-year Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Southern Colorado Educational Television Consortium (SCETC).

Chelsea Hunt, Director of Media Service UCCS, gave a brief history of the SCETC as well what institutions and content were included in the consortium.

Allison Cortez, Academy School District 20, stated that the SCETC provides guidance and support to the community and attracts young professionals.

Councilmember Avila asked about additional programming being produced for the deaf and the blind. Sean Leyva, Distance Learning Media Technology Specialist, Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, said all the videos are accessible either through closed captioning or audio-described.

- 8.C.** [17-1105](#) A Resolution Levying General Property Taxes to Help Defray the Cost of Debt Service on the Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds Series 2014 of the Colorado Springs Briargate General Improvement District, Colorado Springs, Colorado for the 2018 Budget Year

Presenter:
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [01 Res to Set Mill Levy for Briargate GID 11 28 17](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, explained that after the November 28, 2017 City Council meeting, Council will adjourn and then re-convene as each of the General Improvement District (GID) Boards to adopt their budgets and appropriate the funding for the 2018 calendar year. Ms. McDaniel said the three GID mill levies will remain the same as

2017. Ms. McDaniel stated the Colorado Springs Briargate GID 2018 mill levy is set at 12.0 mills, the Colorado Springs Marketplace at Austin Bluffs GID is set at 50.0 mills, and the Colorado Springs Spring Creek GID is set at 20.0 mills.

Councilmember Knight asked why the mill levies were set so high when they had a remaining balance for 2017. Ms. McDaniel said she will look into that.

- 8.D.** [17-1106](#) A Resolution Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues, Adopting a Budget, and Appropriating Funds for the Colorado Springs Briargate General Improvement District, Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2018 and Ending on the Last Day of December 2018

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Res to Adopt Budget and Appropriate for Briargate GID_11 28 17](#)
[Proposed Briargate GID 2018 Budget](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.C.

- 8.E.** [17-1107](#) A Resolution Levying General Property Taxes to Help Defray the Cost of Debt Service on the General Obligation Bonds of the Colorado Springs Marketplace at Austin Bluffs General Improvement District, Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the 2018 Budget Year

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [01_Res to Set Mill Levy for MAB GID_11 28 17](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.C.

- 8.F.** [17-1108](#) A Resolution Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues, Adopting a Budget, and Appropriating Funds for the Colorado Springs Marketplace at Austin Bluffs General Improvement District, Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2018 and Ending on the Last Day of December 2018

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Res to Adopt Budget for MAB GID_11 28 17](#)
[Proposed MAB GID 2018 Budget](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.C.

- 8.G.** [17-1109](#) A Resolution Levying General Property Taxes to Help Defray the Cost of Debt Service on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 of the Colorado Springs Spring Creek General Improvement District, Colorado Springs, CO, for the 2018 Budget Year

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [01_Res to Set Mill Levy for Spring Creek GID_11 28 17](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.C.

- 8.H.** [17-1110](#) A Resolution Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues, Adopting a Budget, and Appropriating Funds for the Colorado Springs Spring Creek General Improvement District, Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2018 and Ending on the Last Day of December 2018

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Res to Adopt Budget for Spring Creek GID_11 28 17](#)
[Proposed Spring Creek GID 2018 Budget](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.C.

- 8.I.** [17-1295](#) Resolution approving an amendment to the Service Plan for the Flying Horse Metropolitan District Nos. 1-3.

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning & Community Development Department

Attachments: [11-13-17FlyingHorsePP](#)
[Resolution_Flying_Horse_Metro_Dist_Amendment](#)
[Submittal Letter w/petition-amendment-resolution-schedule](#)
[OWNERSHIP-DISTRICT-Layout1](#)
[FHMD O&M 2017 Budget](#)
[2004 Service Plan w-o all attachments](#)
[November2_InformationMeetingHandouts](#)

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning & Community Development Department, stated that Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director, lives in the Flying Horse Development and in order to avoid any conflict of interest, to please not discuss this topic

with Mr. Wysocki.

Mr. Schueler said this is a request to increase their operational mill levy by 5.0 mills and increase their total combined property tax mill levy from 35.0 to 40.0 mills for both districts which would bring them up to the City's standard mill levy cap. Mr. Schueler presented the vicinity map and stated that the request for increase was due to increased maintenance and landscaping responsibilities. Mr. Schueler said that the Public Hearing for this item will be held December 12, 2017.

Councilmember Pico said he is concerned about the increase in taxes for property owners. Mr. Schueler said there is not a Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR) requirement for this increase, but there is a notice requirement that the district is responsible for to make property owners aware.

Councilmember Geislinger asked if the district board was developer controlled when it was formed. Russ Dykstra from Spencer Fane, representing the district, confirmed it was. Councilmember Geislinger also asked why the mill levy was set at 5.0 mills instead of 10.0 mills when it was formed. George Lenz, Principal of Classic Homes, said that at the time of development, they did not have the model service plan and with discussion with City staff, it was determined to set it at 35.00 mills combined. He also said that they did not have the landscape design at that time or the fourth park.

Councilmember Geislinger asked what percent of the 1,300 homes does Classic Homes own. Mr. Lenz said they own all of the undeveloped land and plan to build 600-700 additional homes. Councilmember Geislinger asked what is Classic Homes current amount of indebtedness of the 30.0 mills. Mr. Lenz said approximately \$25 million plus \$17.6 million in subordinate bonds and said the reason for the increase in mills request is because the costs of operations and maintenance has increased.

Councilmember Knight said he is not in support of raising the tax for the district without consent of the current residents. Mr. Dykstra said that at the homeowners meeting, after it was explained that maintenance services on landscape and parks would have to be reduced without the increase, people expressed that they would like the neighborhood to be maintained at the same level.

- 8.J. [17-1362](#) An Ordinance amending Article 5 (Alcohol Beverages) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to Hearing Officers.

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Liquor-Change2HearingOfficerORD2017-11-8-17.docx](#)

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, explained the proposed transition of the Council appointed citizen Liquor and Beer Licensing Board to a hearing officer model which other jurisdictions across the state have already transitioned to. Ms. Johnson said that there are currently 834 liquor licenses within the City limits. She explained the difficulty in obtaining volunteers for the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board and that transitioning to a hearing officer model would maintain consistency with the understanding of the Liquor Code, end quorum issues, and would be business friendly. Ms. Johnson stated that Mayor Suthers has approved utilizing municipal judges as hearing officers and that three municipal judges have agreed and signed contracts. Ms. Johnson said that hearing officers are already used for general licensing and medical marijuana licensing. She stated the current Liquor and Beer Licensing Board has unanimously approved this proposal. Ms. Johnson stated that if approved, the change would be effective February 1, 2018.

Councilmember Strand said he is supportive of the transition to a hearing officer.

Councilmember Pico stated that he approves the transition because liquor would be treated just like medical marijuana.

Councilmember Knight said he is supportive, but is concerned about the loss of the ability for a combined audio and video recording of the hearings and requested to have them conducted in Council Chambers instead of the proposed move to the municipal court building. Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, said that municipal court is a more secure facility to hold the hearings and the appeal record is an audio recording that is used for transcription. Councilmember Murray commented that the audio will be clearer with one person speaking at a time instead of nine and has no problem with the proposal.

- 8.K. [17-1363](#) A Resolution accepting and adopting the updated Liquor and Beer Rules and Regulations for The City of Colorado Springs, pertaining to Hearing Officers.

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Liquor-RulesRES-2017-11-07.docx](#)

[Liquor-RulesRES-2017-11-07-EXHIBIT_A.docx](#)

[LIQUOR-RULES-Change2HearingOfficer2017-11-07-redline.docx](#)

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated that this item makes the necessary changes to the Liquor and Beer Rules and Regulations and will be on the December 12, 2017 City Council meeting agenda.

- 8.L. [17-1304](#) Ordinance repealing Section 715 (Nuisance Abatement Advisory Committee) of Part 7 (Civil Abatement of Public Nuisances) of Article 6 (Offenses Affecting Property) of Chapter 9 (Public Offenses) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended

Presenter:

Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff

Sean Mandel, Commander, Colorado Springs Police Department

Attachments: [NAACRepealORD-2017-11-02 \(2\)](#)

[CivilAbatementPublicNuisances-Pt7Redline-2017-11-02 \(2\)](#)

[Ordinance 00-104](#)

[NAACAmendment 2006](#)

Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated that they are requesting elimination of the Nuisance Abatement Advisory Committee due to inactivity and non-necessity. Marc Smith, Division Chief, Corporate Legislative Counsel, identified what a public nuisance action would consist of and said that there is no record of this committee meeting since 2008.

President Skorman stated that he supports this initiative.

Councilmember Geislinger identified several public nuisances that may need to be addressed. Commander Mandel, Colorado Springs Police Department said that this Ordinance could be utilized where criminal action is not necessary.

- 8.M. [17-1319](#) A Resolution Accepting a Donation of Real Property Consisting of Approximately 10,130.64 Square Feet from Belvedere Properties, LLC to the City of Colorado Springs

Presenter:

Kathleen Krager, Traffic Engineering Division Manager

Attachments: [Resolution for Donation Belvedere](#)
[Attachment A](#)

Kathleen Krager, Traffic Engineering Division Manager, identified where Stone Mesa Point was located. She said that it was originally utilized as a landscaping business, but as Wolf Ridge was developed, the increase in traffic on Stone Mesa Point required that it become a public street. Ms. Krager stated that the land owner gifted the street to the City several years ago, but is now requesting Council action to accept the donation of the property rather than acceptance as a gift for a tax purposes.

Councilmember Murray asked if Stone Mesa Point allowed direct access to Tutt Boulevard. Ms. Krager confirmed it did. Councilmember Murray also asked if any improvements to the road would need to be made by the City. Ms. Krager stated there was not.

- 8.N.** [17-1351](#) Resolution of Support for the City of Colorado Springs Sponsorship of the School Yard Initiative Grant to Great Outdoors Colorado on Behalf of School District 11 and Will Rogers Elementary

Presenter:

Karen Palus - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director
Tilah Larson - Senior Grants Analyst

Attachments: [11-13-17 - Will Rogers Sponsorship SupportRES-2017-11-02 \(final\)](#)
[Exhibit A 11-13-17 - IGA -Will Rogers \(final\)](#)
[11-13-17 - School Yard Initiative Powerpoint](#)

Tilah Larson, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Senior Grants Analyst, stated that eligible schools can request a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for funding for their school grounds. The two schools requesting sponsorship from the City for these grants are School District 11 Will Rogers Elementary and School District 49 Stetson Elementary.

Councilmember Avila asked how many schools are allowed to submit a request for grant funds. Ms. Larson said there is a maximum of three schools that can be sponsored for this grant application.

- 8.O.** [17-1352](#) Resolution of Support for the City of Colorado Springs Sponsorship of

the School Yard Initiative Grant to Great Outdoors Colorado on Behalf of School District 49 and Stetson Elementary

Presenter:

Karen Palus - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

Tilah Larson - Senior Grants Analyst

Attachments: [Exhibit A 11-13-17 - IGA - Stetson \(final\)](#)

[11-13-17 - School Yard Initiative Powerpoint](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.N.

- 8.P.** [17-1353](#) A Resolution Supporting Reauthorization of the Colorado Lottery Division by the General Assembly in 2018

Presenter:

Karen Palus - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

Attachments: [11-13-17 - GOCO resolution final](#)

Karen Palus, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, said the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) is planning on moving forward with the General Assembly in 2018 and several groups are requesting municipalities to show support for the reauthorization of the of this dedicated funding source. Ms. Palus stated that it is not set to expire until 2024, but they are proceeding with the initiative. She explained how GOCO funds are currently being utilized in the community and the other municipalities she has been in partnership with to support the effort.

President Pro Tem Gaebler said that the Colorado Municipal League (CML) is reaching out to all municipalities on this topic and that she supports it.

Councilmember Pico asked for clarification on the Lottery expiring. Ms. Palus said the proceeds from the Lottery is expiring, not the lottery itself.

- 8.Q.** [17-1217](#) A Resolution approving the Second Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Among El Paso County, Colorado, the City of Colorado Springs, the City of Manitou Springs, the Town of Green Mountain Falls, and the Town of Ramah Regarding the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority

Presenter:

Councilmember Merv Bennett

Attachments: [PPRTA IGA RES-2017-09-08](#)

[Exhibit A - Establishing IGA 2nd Amend and Restate \(08-09-2017 CLEAN Draft\)](#)

[Establishing IGA 2nd Amend and Restate \(08-09-2017 REDLINE Draft\)](#)

Councilmember Merv Bennett said that voters approved the ballot item relating to the widening of I-25 from County Line Road to Monument which requires amending the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between El Paso County, the City of Colorado Springs, the City of Manitou Springs, the Town of Green Mountain Falls, and the Town of Ramah.

El Paso County Commissioner Mark Waller stated that voters approved funds in excess of budget up to \$5 million a year for the next two years will be applied to the I-25 Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) project. Commissioner Waller said that the five member governments have to vote approval of the amended IGA in order for it to be executed.

Councilmember Bennett explained that the City Attorney's Office has reviewed the amended IGA to ensure allocation of the capital construction funds will be appropriately divided among the municipalities.

Councilmember Murray asked for the total cost of widening the thirteen miles. Mr. Waller stated the total cost for the project was \$350 million and he identified the amounts each entity would be responsible for.

Councilmember Murray asked if it will be built as a toll road.

Commissioner Waller said that it potentially could have one lane tolled, but it is still being negotiated.

Councilmember Avila commented that she did not initially support this, but does now.

Councilmember Knight asked for the total mileage of the project.

Commissioner Waller said there are approximately eighteen miles total and two of those miles are located in El Paso County. He explained that even though eighty percent of those miles are located in Douglas County, eighty-five percent of El Paso County residents will benefit from the expansion.

9. Items Under Study

There were no items under study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Strand said that he and President Pro Tem Gaebler attended the Veterans Day Parade and the Russell Middle School Veterans Day event and read the "Thank You" letter that was given to attendees.

Councilmember Pico stated that he also attended a Veterans Day event on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

Councilmember Knight said he and City staff are working on streamlining solutions regarding the overpopulation of deer in the community. Councilmember Bennett commented that there have been over 6,000 vehicle accidents related to deer since 2010.

Councilmember Knight stated that he and Councilmember Geislinger are working with staff regarding rewriting the Real Estate Manual for the City and explained some of the proposed changes they are considering.

Councilmember Avila said she attended a series on Civics at the Sand Creek Library where people were encouraged to apply for Boards and Commissions in the City. She also said that she and Councilmember Pico attended the Veterans Day Latino Community luncheon and enjoyed having the Ranch Creek students visit Council chambers.

Councilmember Geislinger stated that he, President Skorman, and Councilmember Strand attended the Continuum of Care Housing Summit and identified the initiatives being taken toward affordable housing solutions. President Skorman stated that he will provide Council a briefing of Emerald Towers which has seventy-five tenants that need to be relocated.

Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated that City staff is working diligently to assist the Flying W Ranch. He also stated that by request from Council, Craig Blewitt from Transit Services will be presenting information regarding improvements to public transit and that they are also addressing funding for watering parks, public safety in the Downtown area, and fire mitigation.

11. Adjourn

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

adjourned.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk