



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, February 13, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

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

2. Changes to Agenda

President Bennett requested that the Closed Executive Session be moved to 3:00 pm today.

Consensus of Council agreed to this change on the agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

President Bennett advised that Item 4.A.B. on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting on February 14, 2017 needs to be postponed to the March 14, 2017 meeting.

President Bennett requested the Mayor's Business Item at tomorrow's meeting should be moved up to before Citizen Discussion.

Consensus of Council agreed to this change.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A.** City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes January 23, 2017

Presenter:
Sarah Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes23-Jan-2017-03-32-37.pdf](#)

The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

There was not an Open Executive Session.

5B. Closed

5B.A.

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 pertaining to the acquisition of real property for a Public Works project.

Presenter:

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

President Bennett polled Council regarding the desire to proceed with the discussions in a closed session. Consensus of Council agreed to proceed with the discussions in a Closed Executive Session.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A.

Financial Report - City of Colorado Springs

Presenter:

Kara Skinner, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [020817 February 2017 Financial Update Presentation w Grant slides](#)

Ms. Skinner reported on General Fund Revenue, Expenditures, Sales Tax Trends, Grant Funds and Economic Indicators through December 2016.

President Bennett asked if these were the final General Fund Revenue numbers for 2016. Ms. Skinner explained that they will continue to receive numbers for 2016 through February, or even into March, at which point the numbers will be adjusted to reflect that.

Councilmember Strand asked for clarification on the Sales Tax Trends: on page 6 it states the activity is through December 2016. Ms. Skinner advised that the numbers are for November sales activity which was remitted to city in December.

Councilmember Strand wanted to know the difference between Federal pass through grants and federal grants. Jen Vance, City Grants Administrator explained that some grants come directly from the federal government, and some come to us through a State agency. An example of a direct grant would be CDBG HOME, or transit grants from FTA, while an example of a pass through grant is what we receive through CDOT.

6.B. Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator

Attachments: [021317Agenda Planner Review MEMO](#)

On the Agenda for February 27 under items for introduction, #3 is an item relating to a resolution reaffirming and clarifying status of city funded events; due to continuing discussions at the last LART Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting this item will be moved to the March 13 meeting Agenda.

The Mayor's staff proposal for creating a City Commission on Aging will be added to the March 13 meeting Agenda.

Councilmember Knight requested an Executive Session on the Comcast coverage area. Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff will further discuss this with Councilmember Knight.

6.C. Healthcare Amenities & Land Uses

Presenter:

Councilmember Don Knight

Scott Godde & Naomi Randell, City Council Interns

Councilmember Knight introduced Ms. Randell. The interns researched information on the three questions: what amenities are normally built around Children's Hospitals, does our site at North Union and Briargate Parkway have these, and if not, where can they be built? Ms. Randell reported that our site has most of the usual amenities within less than two miles, except for lodging, which is approximately 10 minutes away and not within walking distance. Also, it does not have public transportation. Most of the zones around our site are not developable. They are working closely with Craig Blewitt, Transit Systems Manager on the issue of public transportation, with an objective of having it in place by the time the facility opens in 2018.

President Pro Tem Gaebler asked to be updated on that transit work. Council President Bennett said that he will be attending a meeting about transit and invited her to be a part of the meeting. Councilmember Collins would like to be a part of the meeting, also.

Councilmember Murray asked if Ronald McDonald House has been contacted regarding searching for a property near our site. Ms. Randell said they haven't; Councilmember Murray suggested that they be engaged now rather than waiting. Ms. Randell said they would follow up.

7. Presentations for General Information

7.A. Quarterly Strategic Plan Implementation Update

Presenter:

Nina Vetter, Strategic Plan & Business Process Administrator

Attachments: [2016 Q4 Strategic Plan Progress](#)

Nina Vetter, Strategic Plan and Business Process Administrator gave a 2016 4th quarter progress report. Highlights included progress on all of their four goals: promoting job creation, focusing on rapid response, strengthening our airport and military partnerships, and addressing homelessness.

President Pro Tem Gaebler asked that Ms. Vetter elaborate about the first item, developing a dynamic collaboration with CONO to increase community outreach efforts. Ms. Vetter said the City's new manager is partnering with CONO on neighborhood clean ups so we are noted as a resource to our neighborhoods.

Councilmember Strand asked about the series of discussions, "A Community Conversation on Race"; as it is a project of the Police Department and Mayor Suthers, he asked to find out more about it from Police Chief Carey.

Councilmember Murray asked to move the information about Colorado Springs Police Department 911 answer time and abandoned call rates under the category of Excelling in City Services rather than Building Community and Collaborative Relationships. He also wanted to know if our abandoned call rates rate is acceptable for our population. He is still waiting to get a 911 update that he asked for, and he requested it in writing.

7.B. 2016 Year End Update for 2C Road Improvements

Presenter:

Travis Easton, Public Works Director

Corey Farkas, Public Works Operations & Maintenance Division
Manager

Attachments: [2C Year End Update 2.13.2017-revised](#)

Corey Farkas, Public Works Operations & Maintenance Division Manager presented the 2016 Year End Update for 2C Road Improvements. President Bennett publicly commended Mr. Farkas and his team for having a very successful year and coming in under budget so that money will be rolled in to 2017. Citizens can click on a Cone Zone map on our website for current information on road work, and this is also connected to the mobile app WAZE.

Councilmember Strand asked if traffic issues hindered operations. Mr. Farkas responded that work was coordinated and often done at night to minimize impact on citizens. Sidewalks are replaced where they will fail or where they do not meet ADA standards in order of priority based on available funding. Citizens are able to apply to share the cost 50/50 if they don't want to wait.

7.C. Draft of 2017 Action Plan for the use of Federal Block Grant Funds (CDBG, HOME, ESG) provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Presenter:

Aimee Cox, Manager, Community Development

Attachments: [Colorado Springs 2017 Action Plan Draft Feb1 w cover](#)

[2017 Action Plan Activity comparison Feb1 2017](#)

[Final Citizen Participation Plan final draft Jan 25](#)

Aimee Cox, Community Development Manager presented the Draft 2017 action plan and citizen participation plan for the HUD entitlement funds we receive. They will be asking Council to approve the plan with contingencies as final federal allocations will be delayed this year. They are anticipating a summer release of final notification of these federal funds.

Councilmember Knight requested that if changes are made before the final plan, that Council receives a report highlighting what has changed.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A.** A Resolution Authorizing The Acquisition Of Property Owned By Gary M. Moore And Judith E. Moore Pursuant To The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Presenter:

Brian Kelley, P.E., Engineering Program Manager, Water Resources Engineering Division

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Mt Washington](#)

[Exhibit B - 1832 Mt Washington](#)

[Resolution for FEMA HMGP Acquisition Moore-Final 1-24-17](#)

Brian Kelley, Engineering Program Manager, Water Resources Engineering Division, explained that the City will be receiving a ¼ acre parcel of land that is uninhabitable due to 2013 flooding. There will be no City funds expended and we will dedicate the property to open space.

Councilmember Knight asked if we will pay to demolish the building on the property. Mr. Kelley said all demolition costs will be covered by FEMA and State and Local funding.

- 8.B.** A Resolution finding a public purpose in a short-term lease of less than fair market value for property purchased as part of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority Centennial Boulevard Extension Project.

Presenter:

Aaron Egbert, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering Capital Projects

Attachments: [ShortTermLeaseCentennialRES-2017-01-27](#)

Aaron Egbert provided an explanation of the item.

There were no Council questions.

- 8.C.** A resolution establishing 2017 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees and Detention Pond Facility and Land Fees

Presenter:

Travis Easton, P.E., Public Works Director

Brian Kelley, P.E., Engineering Manager, Stormwater, Public Works

Attachments: [2017SettingDrainageFeesRES-](#)
[Exhibit A 2017 Drainage Fee schedule \(Proposed\)](#)
[Exhibit B 2016 Drainage Fee schedule](#)
[Exhibit C - Drainage Board Minutes and presentation](#)
[Exhibit D HBA Letter](#)
[CC Drainage Fee Adjustment 2-28-2017](#)

Brian Kelley provided an explanation of the item. Staff recommends that the 3.5% adjustment approved by the Drainage Board be approved.

- 8.D. An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 15-42 (approving the salary of the City Auditor) and prescribing the salary of the City Auditor

Presenter:

Council President Merv Bennett and Councilmember Andy Pico, Audit Committee.

Attachments: [2016-12-29NesterSalary](#)

President Bennett reported that he and Councilmember Pico are on the Audit Committee; they met and sent an evaluation of Mr. Nester's work to Human Resources which resulted in a recommended 2.5% increase for the City Auditor.

- 8.E. An ordinance amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 15-53 (approving the salary of the City Council Administrator)

Presenter:

Council President Merv Bennett

Attachments: [2016-12-29GonzalezSalary](#)

President Bennett reported that a request for input on the City Council Administrator's performance evaluation was sent to the 9 members of Council and was received back from 6. The input was sent to Human Resources, which recommended a 1.0% increase for the Council Administrator.

Councilmember Knight asked that Human Resources provide an explanation of the formula used to determine salary increases to Council.

9. Items Under Study

There were no items under study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Strand reported on attending a Tobacco Free meeting, the History of Transportation Mural Dedication, and the Colorado Springs Fire Department Awards Banquet.

Councilmember Bagley reminded Council of the upcoming Joint Land Use Study meeting on February 21, 2017, and several USAF events.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk