



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, September 11, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Helms called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

President Helms observed a moment of silence for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 (9/11).

Present 8 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, President Pro Tem Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, President Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Mike O'Malley, and Councilmember Michelle Talarico

Excused 1 - Councilmember Brian Risley

2. Changes to Agenda

President Helms stated item 10.B. Closed Executive Session will be moved to 2:00 PM. Consensus of City Council agreed to this change on the agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Avila requested the August 22, 2023 City Council meeting minutes be amended to reflect that Citizen Woody Longmire was in support of the ballot initiative. Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated she will make that correction.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [23-448](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes August 21, 2023

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [8-21-23 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the August 21, 2023 Work Session were approved by Consensus of City Council.

Councilmember Donelson requested the financial documents and the survey conducted by the Chamber and EDC which he previously requested at the August 21 Work Session meeting be provided to City Council. Emily Evans, City Council Administrator, stated she will follow up on that information.

5. Presentations for General Information

5.A [23-484](#) Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: Overview of Suicide Prevention Efforts

Presenter:

Cass Walton, Executive Director, Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention

Attachments: [CollabCCSWorkSession9-11-23](#)
[Suicide Prevention Handouts](#)

Cassandra Walton, Executive Director, Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention (PPSPP) and Co-Chair of The Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County, presented an overview of The Suicide Prevention Collaborative of El Paso County, suicide statistics, mission, PPSPP collaborative projects, partnerships, Colorado National Collaborative, vision, and how the City and Councilmembers can partner with PPSPP.

Councilmember Henjum asked if they collaborate with Voices of Grief. Ms. Walton confirmed they do.

Councilmember Leinweber stated fifty-five percent of accidental death suicides are due to drug overdose, isolation is a big factor, and requested information on how community centers are involved. Ms. Walton provided an overview of their events they sponsor and the resources they provide at community centers.

Councilmember Leinweber asked how the partnership with School District 11 is going. Ms. Walton stated there has been a succession of meetings to assess where they are at and how they can sustain what they are already doing and how they can help address wellness and mental health within the District.

Councilmember Leinweber requested additional information regarding the program they partnered with the Police Department on. Ms. Walton stated the Status Code Four Program is a partner which provides free services to first responders, and they made a video called "Intimate Partners", which is a documentary which identifies some of the issues which impact relationships.

Councilmember Henjum stated she will work with the Mayor regarding prioritizing mental health issues and promoting social infrastructure.

Councilmember Talarico asked if they are working with other school districts specifically District 12. Ms. Walton confirmed they are, and they continue to outreach to all the school districts and District 12 is on her list to contact.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the total number of deaths by suicide within the County is compared to the total number of accidental deaths. Ms. Walton stated she will provide that information.

Councilmember Donelson requested the funding amount received from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Nicole Johnston, Suicide Prevention Project Manager, Community Health Partnership, stated \$150,000.

Councilmember Donelson asked if there are other sources of funding. Ms. Johnston stated they just ended a grant from the Colorado Springs Health Foundation, and they will share their financials with Council.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. [23-143](#) City Financial Report - 2022 Wrap-up, 2023 Update, 2024 Outlook

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [September Financial Report thru 6.30.23](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2022 year-end review, June 2023 monthly financial update, and 2024 budget outlook. Ms. McDaniel gave an overview of the 2022 General Fund (GF) summary, GF fund balance, and GF fund balance history. She provided the June 2023 financial update which included sales tax trends, 2023 GF revenue/expenses, and economic indicators. Ms. McDaniel outlined the 2024 budget regarding sales tax revenue, 2024 budget priorities, and 2024 budget approval.

Councilmember Avila requested more information regarding what the

General Fund Reserves were used for in 2022. Ms. McDaniel stated there was not one particular expense, but it was used for City Services and high priorities.

Councilmember O'Malley asked when the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning supplement appropriation occurred for the Colorado Springs Pioneer's Museum. Ms. McDaniel stated she will provide that information.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the increase grocery is due to inflation or sales. Ms. McDaniel stated she believes it is both, but they do not track grocery inflation closely.

Councilmember O'Malley asked how much of sales was paid on credit. Ms. McDaniel stated personal savings is trending lower and credit is being impacted.

President Helms asked why the term "Condo" is still being used even though they are no longer being built. Ms. McDaniel stated that is the way Pikes Peak Regional Building (PPRBD) reports it.

Councilmember O'Malley asked why single family/patio homes have not increased as much in cost. Ms. McDaniel stated she thinks it is due to supply and demand.

Councilmember Donelson stated the median average cost of a home is \$460,000.

6.B. [23-447](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 9-11-23](#)

There were no comments on this item.

7. Items for Introduction

7.A. [23-007](#) A Resolution of the City of Colorado Springs approving a Service Plan for the Waterview North Metropolitan District Nos. 1 and 2 serving an area west of Powers Boulevard and north of Bradley Road

Presenter:
Mike Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning & Neighborhood Services Department

Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Department

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

[Waterview North MD Nos. 1 & 2 - Consolidated Service Plan
2023-08-22\(1249643.17\)](#)
[Redlines Waterview North MD Nos. 1 & 2 - Service Plan.
2023-06-28\(1327541.1\)](#)
[Revised Transmittal Letter for Waterview North MD Nos. 1 & 2
2023-08-22\(1280230.11\)](#)
[Staff PowerPoint Waterview North Nos 1 and 2](#)
[Signed Resolution No. 131-23.pdf](#)

Mike Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Neighborhood Services Department, presented the Resolution approving a Service Plan for the Waterview North Metropolitan District Nos.1 and 2 serving an area west of Powers Boulevard and north of Bradley Road. He provided an overview of the two metropolitan districts, district policy and Service Plan status, location, project area, district locations, proposed Master Plan, background, and next steps.

Councilmember Henjum asked if the Budget Committee had any concerns. Mr. Tassi stated there were none presented.

President Helms stated the Airport Advisory Commission did not have any concerns either.

- 7.B.** [23-390](#) A Resolution of the City of Colorado Springs approving a Service Plan for the Evergreen Ridge Metropolitan District serving an area east of South 26th Street and north of Wheeler Avenue.

Presenter:

Mike Tassi, Assistant Director- Planning & Neighborhood Services
Department

Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning & Neighborhood Services
Department

Attachments: [Resolution](#)

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[Staff PowerPoint Evergreen Ridge - work session](#)
[Transmittal Letter for Evergreen Ridge MD 2023-07](#)
[REDLINE - Service Plan for Evergreen Ridge Metropolitan District](#)
[Revised-Service Plan for Evergreen Ridge Metro District.pdf](#)
[Signed Resolution No. 135-23.pdf](#)

Mike Tassi, Assistant Director, Planning and Neighborhood Services Department, presented the Resolution approving a Service Plan for the Evergreen Ridge Metropolitan District serving an area east of South 26th Street and north of Wheeler Avenue. He provided an overview of the metropolitan district, location, project area, district location, background, Development Plan, and next steps.

Councilmember Talarico asked who the developer is on this project. Mr. Tassi stated he will provide that information.

Councilmember Leinweber stated this area was in the news regarding sliding cinder blocks. Mr. Tassi stated the geohazard study will be addressed through the development plan process. Travis Easton, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated the falling cinder blocks was due to person improperly building a retaining wall without plans or pulling a permit.

- 7.C. [23-446](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Use of a Possession and Use and Eminent Domain to Acquire Real Property Interests Owned by JE Martin LLC and Jennifer Rasmussen for the Tutt Boulevard Extension: Dublin Boulevard to Templeton Gap Road Project

Presenter:

Gayle Sturdivant, P.E., City Engineer/Interim Public Works Director
Darlene Kennedy, Real Estate Services Manager

Attachments: [1 Project Location Map](#)
[2 Parcel Exhibit](#)
[3 Resolution for Tutt Property Acquisition](#)
[4 Resolution Attachments](#)
[5 Tutt Property Acquisition Presentation](#)
[Signed Resolution No. 127-23.pdf](#)

Gayle Sturdivant, City Engineer/Interim Public Works Director, presented the Resolution authorizing the use of a possession and use and eminent domain to acquire real property interests owned by JE Martin LLC and Jennifer Rasmussen for the Tutt Boulevard Extension: Dublin Boulevard to Templeton Gap Road Project. She provided an overview of the project location, right of way and easement limits/areas, negotiation history, project timeline, and next steps.

Councilmember O'Malley asked if there will be a roundabout or signalized light at that intersection. Ms. Sturdivant stated they will provide additional information regarding the plans for that intersection.

Councilmember Leinweber asked if the adjacent property has been acquired. Ms. Sturdivant confirmed it had.

8. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

9. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Donelson stated today is he and his wife, Holly's, thirty-third wedding anniversary.

Councilmember O'Malley suggested reducing the City Council budget by three to four percent to show a spirit of cooperation to the City Administration.

Councilmember Avila stated she attended the Labor Day Lift Off which was very ADA accessible, she was a guest lecturer at Colorado College's Transit Justice, she attended the Listening Tour with Mayor Yemi, and she and Councilmember Henjum attended the 9/11 remembrance event at Mitchell High School.

Councilmember Henjum stated she attended the Stop the Bleed training, Springs in Bloom tour, a ride along with the 911 Dispatch Team, and there will be a Knob Hill Neighborhood Association meeting on September 24, 2023 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Zone 5.

Councilmember Leinweber stated he has attended all the Mayor's listening tours, he and Councilmember Henjum attended the International Overdose Awareness Day, and he attended the 1st Annual Pikes Peak Fishing Derby.

President Helms stated he and Councilmember Donelson attended the 9/11 Never Forget remembrance ceremony at Fort Carson and he and his wife will be celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary at the United States Air Force Academy football game on Friday, September 15, 2023.

10. Executive Session

10A. Open

10A.A. [23-445](#)

Rebecca Varney v. The City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Police Chief Adrian Vasquez, Colorado Springs Police Officer David

Kester, and Colorado Springs Police Officer Carlotta Rivera
23-CV-1768-CNS-MDB

Presenter:
Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Attachments: [23-445 Varney Council memo with facts Final \(002\)](#)

Ben Bolinger, Legislative Counsel, City Attorney's Office, stated with the recommendation of the Civil Action Investigation Committee, the City is requesting authorization to defend the Police Officers.

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

10A.B. [23-452](#) Shane Logan v. City of Colorado Springs, Eric Price and Scott Carnes Case No. 23-cv-01547-RMR-MDB, United States District Court, District of Colorado

Presenter:
Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Attachments: [23-452 Council Representation Memo - Logan](#)

Ben Bolinger, Legislative Counsel, City Attorney's Office, stated the plaintiff has withdrawn this case.

10A.C. [23-456](#) Lawrence T. Johnson v. Brian Kelly, Colorado Springs Police Department, Officer Walker and K-9 Dog, Case No. 23-cv-01031-DDD-MEH, United States District Court, District of Colorado

Presenter:
Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Attachments: [23-456 Council Representation Memo - Lawrence Johnson](#)

Ben Bolinger, Legislative Counsel, City Attorney's Office, stated with the recommendation of the Civil Action Investigation Committee, the City is requesting authorization to defend the Police Officers.

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

10B. Closed

10B.A. [23-478](#) 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), the City Council,

in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves consultation with the City Attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

The President of Council shall poll the City Councilmembers, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may conduct a Closed Executive Session. In the event any City Councilmember is participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session, each City Councilmember participating in the Closed Executive Session shall affirmatively state for the record that no other member of the public not authorized to participate in the Closed Executive Session is present or able to hear the matters discussed as part of the Closed Executive Session. If consent to the Closed Executive Session is not given, the item may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.

Presenter:

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Attachments: [23-478 Closed Session memo - 9-11-23](#)

Ben Bolinger, Legislative Counsel, City Attorney's Office, 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 an electronic Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves consultation with the City Attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

President Helms polled City Council regarding the desire to proceed with an electronic Closed Executive Session. At least two-thirds of City Council agreed to proceed in an electronic Closed Executive Session.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, President Helms adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk