



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Tuesday, May 26, 2015

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Present 9 - Councilmember Larry Bagley, President Merv Bennett, Councilmember Helen Collins, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Keith King, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, Councilmember Andy Pico, and Councilmember Tom Strand

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to the Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

There were no Regular Meeting Comments.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [15-00306](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes May 11, 2015

The Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

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. [15-00237](#) Agenda Planner Review

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, reminded Council to wear their western clothes in honor of Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Days to the City Council meetings June 8th and 9th.

6.B. [15-00155](#) Financial Report - Memorial Health System Enterprise

There were no questions or comments on the report.

7. Presentations for General Information

7.A. [15-00296](#) Update on Childrens Hospital & University of Colorado Health

George Hayes, President/CEO UCH-Memorial Hospital, provided an overview of the business agreement for providing pediatric services at Memorial Hospital and recent changes to the agreement based on Colorado Department of Health and Environmental Services (CDPHE) survey results. Mr. Hayes outlined planned changes to bring the facility into compliance with CDPHE and CMS requirements.

Jena Hausmann, President/CEO Children's Hospital of Colorado, explained Children's Hospital will continue to employ staff providing pediatric care at Memorial Hospital in an effort to continue the same level of care and bring the two facilities into regulatory compliance. Ms. Hausmann stated Children's is committed to finding a long-term solution to providing for the pediatric healthcare needs of this community.

Dr. Joan Bothner, CMO, Children's Hospital and Dr. Patrick Faricy, CMO, UCH-MHS provided additional information about pediatric trauma services.

Councilmember Murray expressed concern about this action decreasing the level of pediatric care and services provided to this community. Mr. Hayes stated UC-MHS plans to make the necessary investments and changes to continue to meet the needs of pediatric patients in this community.

7.B. [15-00284](#) Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Q1 2015 Performance Measures

Doug Price, President and CEO of the CVB provided an overview of the CVB performance achievements for the first quarter of 2015 and 2014 annual report.

7.C. [15-00295](#) Update on potential plans for Pikes Peak Observatory facility

Bob Sallee, Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Space Science & Technology Institute, reviewed their proposal to build an observatory on the Pikes Peak summit, explained the potential benefits of the observatory and associated programs to the community. Council discussed the potential advantages of having an observatory on the summit.

The summit of Pikes Peak is located on National Forest Land and the City must follow the requirements of the U.S. Forest Service in planning the new summit house. Karen Palus, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services stated the Parks and Recreation Department will work with all entities involved on the design of the summit house.

7.D. [15-00313](#) Update on Declaration of Emergency relating to May 3-12, 2015 flooding

Bret Waters, Emergency Management Director, presented a cost estimate to repair damage done by heavy rains and flooding throughout the City in the month of May.

Travis Easton, Public Works Director, presented an overview of the top five repair projects for his department, with a cost totaling about \$4 million.

Kurt Schroeder, Parks Operation Development Manager, provided an overview of the damage and proposed repairs to the top three priority projects on the Parks Departments' repair list, with an estimated cost of just under a million dollars.

Mr. Waters also outlined the federal disaster declaration process which may help provide funding for repairs and stated it will take a few weeks to determine if there will be a federal declaration and a week to ten days for the declaration to be made on the state level.

8. Items for Introduction

8.A. [15-00317](#) An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-101 (2015 Appropriation Ordinance) for a supplemental appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the response and repair required after the May 2015 heavy rain storms and flooding

Res/Ord Number: 15-36

Kara Skinner, CFO, provided a detailed explanation of the proposed transfer of funds to be used to complete the highest priority storm damage repair projects outlined in the previous agenda item. Ms. Skinner also presented an overview of the financial status of the City and the implications of this fund appropriation request. Ms. Skinner also explained how local grant match funds will affect expenditures if FEMA funds are approved.

Councilmember Knight stated he and Councilmember Collins met with City Staff last week and the plan is supported by the Budget Committee. Councilmember Knight added the projects presented today are not referenced in the ordinance to allow for some flexibility to allow the jobs to be done correctly and quickly. Councilmember Knight requested some changes be made to the ordinance to ensure the funds are used for the intended purpose only. Ms. Skinner will make the requested changes before the meeting this afternoon.

Councilmember Pico asked if FEMA funds will cover additional damage caused by storms forecast for later this week. Mr. Waters stated if the declaration is made, all eligible damages will be included in the funding determination formula.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Council President Pro Tem Gaebler stated five Councilmembers met with the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute and discussed collaboration efforts; one request that came from the meeting is that Council always hold the Council Staff Work Plan Review meeting prior to Council meetings to encourage communication. Ms. Gonzalez stated those meetings are open to the public and noticed.

The main public concern expressed in the public meeting held by Councilmember Murray was the condition of the roads and pot holes. Councilmember Strand will host the session in June.

Councilmember Strand also commented on the technical business awards presentation held last week.

11. Adjourn

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

Sarah Johnson
City Clerk