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Tuesday, December 8, 2020

10:00 AM

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was made by Councilmember Geislinger.

President Skorman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Changes to Agenda/Postponements

Councilmember Murray requested item 4B.L. be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, requested item 4B.C. be removed from the Consent Calendar due to it being a duplicate of item 10.A.

Consensus of Council agreed to these changes on the agenda.

4. Consent Calendar

These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless a specific item is called for discussion by a Councilmember or a citizen wishing to address the City Council. (Any items called up for separate consideration shall be acted upon following the Mayor's Business.)

4A. Second Presentation:

- 4A.A. [CPC ZC 20-00114](#) Ordinance No. 20-85 amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to a 16,117 square feet located at 3150 N 30th Street from R/HS (single-family residential with Hillside overlay) to PF/HS (Public Facility with Hillside overlay).

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related Files: CPC ZC 20-00114 and CPC ZC 20-00115

Presenter:

Kerri Schott, Planner I, Planning and Community Development

- Attachments:** [ZC_ORD_CedarHeightsTankNo1](#)
[EXHIBIT A-LEGAL DESCRIPTION-CPC ZC 20-00114](#)
[EXHIBIT B-ZONING DEPICTION-CPC ZC 20-00114](#)
[Vicinity Map-Cedar Heights Tanks 1 & 2](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar

- 4A.B. [CPC ZC 20-00115](#) Ordinance No. 20-86 amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 10,000 square feet located at 4055 North 30th Street from R/HS (single family residential with Hillside overlay) to PF/HS (Public Facility with Hillside overlay).

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related Files: CPC ZC 20-00114 and CPC ZC 20-00115

Presenter:

Kerri Schott, Planner I, Planning and Community Development

- Attachments:** [ZC_ORD_CedarHeightsTankNo2](#)
[EXHIBIT A-LEGAL DESCRIPTION-CPC ZC 20-00115](#)
[EXHIBIT B-ZONING DEPICTION-CPC ZC 20-00115](#)
[Context Map for Cedar Heights Tanks](#)

This Ordinance was afinally passed on the Consent Calendar

- 4A.C.** [20-603](#) Ordinance No. 20-87 Amending Ordinance No. 19-87 (2020 Appropriation Ordinance) for a Supplemental Appropriation to the Trails, Open Space and Parks Fund in the Amount of \$478,000 for Acquisition of Approximately Forty (40) Acres of Property for the Purpose of Public Open Space and Trails

Presenter:

Britt I. Haley, TOPS Program Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

Attachments: [Appropriation Ordinance.40AcreCorralBluffsExpansion](#)
[Signed Ordinance 20-87.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar

- 4A.D.** [20-360](#) Ordinance No. 20-88 Repealing Ordinance No. 19-85 and Adopting the City of Colorado Springs - 2021 Salary Structure for Civilian and Sworn Municipal Employees

Presenter:

Mike Sullivan, Human Resources Director
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Ordinance - 2021 Salary Schedule](#)
[2021 Salary Schedule](#)
[Signed Ordinance 20-88.pdf](#)

This Ordinance finally passed on the Consent Calendar

- 4A.E.** [20-358](#) Ordinance No. 20-89 Making and Certifying the 2020 Tax Levy for Taxes Payable in 2021 at 4.279 Mills Upon Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Property and a Tax Credit of 4.279 Mills Upon Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation of All Taxable Business Personal Property Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Colorado Springs

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [TaxLevy2021-BPPT_CreditORD](#)
[Signed Ordinance 20-89.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar

- 4A.F.** [CPC V](#)
[18-00183](#) Ordinance No. 20-90 vacating portions of public right-of-way known as Pagosa Street, Blanco Street, Osage Street, and an alley as platted in the Portland Heights Subdivision consisting of 0.979 of an acre.

(Legislative)

Related Files: CPC V 18-00183, CPC PUZ 18-00182, CPC NV 20-00020, CPC PUD 18-00184

Presenter:
Hannah Van Nimwegen-McGuire, Senior Planner, Planning & Community Development
Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning & Community Development

- Attachments:** [VROW ORD ColoradoSpringsStorage](#)
[Exhibit A - Vacation Legal Description](#)
[Exhibit B - Vacation Legal Description Depicted](#)
[Vicinity Map](#)
[Signed Ordinance 20-90.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar

- 4A.G.** [CPC PUZ 18-00182](#) Ordinance No. 20-91 amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs related to 3.88 acres located west of the Resort Point and Garner Street intersection from R (Estate Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development: Recreational vehicle, trailer, or watercraft storage yard with no permanent structures).

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related Files: CPC V 18-00183, CPC PUZ 18-00182, CPC NV 20-00020, CPC PUD 18-00184

Presenter:
Hannah Van Nimwegen-McGuire, Senior Planner, Planning & Community Development
Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning & Community Development

- Attachments:** [ZC ORD ColoradoSpringsStorage](#)
[Exhibit A - Rezone Legal Description](#)
[Exhibit B - Rezone Legal Description Depicted](#)
[Vicinity Map](#)
[Signed Ordinance 20-91.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar

- 4A.H.** [20-371](#) Ordinance No. 20-93 amending 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 Marijuana Code

Presenter:

Lee McRae, License Enforcement Officer, Office of the City Clerk

Attachments: [11-2-2020-Clerk-MMJ License Code](#)
[Signed Ordinance 20-93.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar

4B. First Presentation:

4B.A. [20-665](#) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes November 24, 2020

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [11-24-2020 City Council Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

4B.B. [20-613](#) Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Presenter:

Michael Montgomery, Deputy City Council Administrator

Attachments: [120820 Boards and Commissions](#)

This Item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

4B.D. [20-273](#) A resolution approving an economic development agreement between the City of Colorado Springs and Jaxon Engineering Maintenance LLC

Presenter:

Bob Cope, Economic Development Officer

Chelsea Gaylord, Senior Economic Development Specialist

Attachments: [Jaxon Engineering EDA Presentation 12.8.20](#)

[Jaxon Engineering Resolution](#)

[Jaxon Engineering Economic Development Agreement](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar

4B.E. [20-332](#) A resolution fixing and certifying the 2020 annual assessment mill levy for assessments payable in 2021 at 4.409 mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation within the Briargate Special Improvement Maintenance District

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

- Attachments:** [Briargate SIMD map](#)
[2021 bg signed budget letter](#)
[Resolution re Mill Levy for Briargate SIMD 11.24.20](#)
[Signed Resolution 122-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.F. [20-333](#)** A resolution fixing and certifying the 2020 annual assessment mill levy for assessments payable in 2021 at 1.009 mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation within the Colorado Avenue Gateway Special Improvement Maintenance District

Presenter:
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

- Attachments:** [Colo Ave Gateway SIMD map](#)
[2021 gw signed budget letter](#)
[Resolution re Set Mill Levy for Colo Ave Gateway SIMD 11.24.20](#)
[Signed Resolution 123-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.G. [20-334](#)** A resolution fixing and certifying the 2020 annual assessment mill levy for assessments payable in 2021 at 3.935 mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation within the Nor'wood Special Improvement Maintenance District

Presenter:
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

- Attachments:** [Norwood SIMD map](#)
[2021 nw signed budget letter](#)
[Resolution re Set Mill Levy for Norwood SIMD 11.24.20](#)
[Signed Resolution 124-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.H. [20-335](#)** A resolution fixing and certifying the 2020 annual assessment mill levy for assessments payable in 2021 at 13.416 mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation within the Old Colorado City Security & Maintenance District

Presenter:
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Old Colo City SIMD map](#)
[2021 occ signed budget letter](#)
[Resolution re Set Mill Levy for Old Colorado City SIMD 11.24.20](#)
[Signed Resolution 125-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.I.** [20-336](#) A resolution fixing and certifying the 2020 annual assessment mill levy for assessments payable in 2021 at \$1.10 per front footage of real property within the Platte Avenue Special Improvement Maintenance District

Presenter:
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Platte Ave SIMD map](#)
[2021 pa signed budget letter](#)
[Resolution re Set Mill Levy for Platte Ave SIMD 11.24.20](#)
[Signed Resolution 126-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.J.** [20-337](#) A resolution fixing and certifying the 2020 annual assessment mill levy for assessments payable in 2021 at 3.858 mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation within the Stetson Hills Special Improvement Maintenance District

Presenter:
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Stetson Hills SIMD map](#)
[2021 sh signed budget letter.10.8.20](#)
[Resolution re Set Mill Levy for Stetson Hills SIMD 11.24.20](#)
[Signed Resolution 127-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.K.** [20-338](#) A resolution fixing and certifying the 2020 annual assessment mill levy for assessments payable in 2021 at 3.615 mills upon each dollar of assessed valuation within the Woodstone Special Improvement Maintenance District

Presenter:
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Woodstone SIMD map](#)
[2021 ws signed budget letter](#)
[Resolution re Set Mill Levy for Woodstone SIMD 11.24.20](#)
[Signed Resolution 128-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.M. [20-621](#)** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City Of Colorado Springs, on Behalf of its Enterprise Colorado Springs Utilities and El Paso-Teller County 9-1-1 Authority to Provide Investment Recovery Services

Presenter:

Aram Benyamin, Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Springs Utilities
Melissa Noble, Chief Customer and Corporate Services Officer,
Colorado Springs Utilities

Attachments: [E911 IGA \(Utilities IRO services\)](#)
[IGA_RES-El_Paso-Teller_County_911_Authority_2020-11-5](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.N. [20-631](#)** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Colorado Springs, on Behalf of its Enterprise Colorado Springs Utilities and Ellicott Fire Protection District to Provide Investment Recovery Services

Presenter:

Aram Benyamin, Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Springs Utilities
Melissa Noble, Chief Customer and Corporate Services Officer,
Colorado Springs Utilities

Attachments: [Ellicott Fire Protection IGA \(Utilities IRO services\)](#)
[IGA_RES-Ellicott Fire Protection 2020-11-5](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.O. [20-625](#)** An Ordinance Amending Section 1209 (Testing) and Section 1210 (Installation, Repair and Replacement of Backflow Prevention Assemblies and Methods) of Part 12 (Cross Connection Control) of Article 4 (Water Code) of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to Cross Connection Control

Presenter:

Aram Benyamin, Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Springs Utilities
Michael J. Gustafson, Senior Attorney, City Attorney's Office - Utilities

Division

Attachments: [CSU-BackflowORD-2020-10-20](#)
[Backflow Ordinance CC Presentation 12-2020](#)

This Ordinance was approved on first reading on the Consent Calendar

4B.P. [20-640](#) A Resolution Establishing 2021 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, Detention Pond Facility and Land Fees

Presenter:

Richard Mulledy, P.E., Stormwater Enterprise Manager
Erin Powers, P.E., Senior Technical Engineer, Stormwater Enterprise

Attachments: [DrainageFees2021_RES-2020-11-06](#)
[Exhibit A - 2021 Proposed Fee Schedule](#)
[Exhibit B - Staff Report to Drainage Board](#)
[Exhibit C - HBA Memo](#)
[Drainage Fee Adjustment 2021](#)
[Signed Resolution 131-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

4B.Q. [20-653](#) A Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Inter-Connection of Bus Services and Service to El Paso County Citizens Services Center Between the City of Fountain, Colorado and the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Presenter:

Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Division Manager
Brian Vitulli, Transit Services Planning Supervisor

Attachments: [Powerpoint - Transit IGA with Fountain - City Council 120720](#)
[TransitFountainIGA_RES-2020Final](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Signed Resolution 132-20.pdf](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

4B.R. [20-623](#) The April 6, 2021 General Municipal Election Mail Ballot plan

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Mail Ballot Election Plan and Calendar](#)

This Item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by President Pro Tem Strand, that all matters on the Consent Calendar be passed, adopted, and approved by unanimous consent of the members present. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

5. Recognitions

- 5.A.** [20-562](#) A Resolution of appreciation of Kirk Deines, Skilled Maintenance Supervisor at the Colorado Springs Airport for his 26 years of service to the City of Colorado Springs

Presenter:

Greg Philips, Director of Aviation, Colorado Springs Airport

Attachments: [K Deines Resolution](#)

[Signed Resolution 133-20.pdf](#)

Councilmember Williams read the Resolution of appreciation for Kirk Deines, Skilled Maintenance Supervisor at the Colorado Springs Airport for his 26 years of service to the City.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Murray, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

- 5.B.** [20-684](#) A Proclamation recognizing December 7th as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Presenter:

Andy Pico, Councilmember District 6

Attachments: [Pearl Harbor 2020 Final](#)

Councilmember Pico read the Proclamation recognizing December 7th as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

President Skorman and Councilmember Geislinger spoke about the importance of remembering the events of Pearl Harbor Day.

6. Citizen Discussion For Items Not On Today's Agenda

There was no Citizen Discussion.

7. Mayor's Business

- 7.A. [20-670](#) Nomination to reappoint Mia Ramirez for a three year term on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees.

Presenter:

Mayor John Suthers

Attachments: [Mia Ramirez - Application - Redacted.pdf](#)

Mayor John Suthers presented the nomination to reappoint Mia Ramirez for a three-year term on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Geislinger, to appoint Mia Ramirez to serve on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees for a three-year term expiring March 12, 2024. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

- 7.B. [20-671](#) Nomination to appoint Erik Wallace for a three year term on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees.

Presenter:

Mayor John Suthers

Attachments: [Erik Wallace - Application - Redacted.pdf](#)

Mayor John Suthers presented the nomination to appoint Erik Wallace for a three-year term on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees.

Dr. Wallace expressed appreciation for the nomination.

Motion by Councilmember Geislinger, seconded by President Pro Tem Strand, to appoint Erik Wallace to serve on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees for a three-year term expiring March, 12, 2024 The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

- 7.C. [20-672](#) Nomination to appoint Jacob Pruitt for a three year term on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees.

Presenter:

Mayor John Suthers

Attachments: [Jacob Pruitt - Application - Redacted.pdf](#)

Mayor John Suthers presented the nomination to appoint Jacob Pruitt for a three-year term on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees.

Mr. Pruitt expressed appreciation for the nomination.

Motion by President Pro Tem Strand, seconded by Councilmember Murray, to appoint Jacob Pruitt to serve on the Colorado Springs Health Foundation Board of Trustees for a three-year term expiring March 12, 2024. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

- 7.D. [20-673](#) Nomination to appoint Sam Friesema to serve out the term created by the vacancy from Lori Bellingham's resignation. The term would be set to expire on April 1, 2025.

Presenter:

Mayor John Suthers

Attachments: [Sam Friesema - Application- Redacted.pdf](#)

Mayor John Suthers presented the nomination to appoint Sam Friesema to serve out the term created by the vacancy from Lori Bellingham's resignation on the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board. He stated the term would be set to expire on April 1, 2025

Mr. Friesema expressed appreciation for the nomination.

Motion by President Pro Tem Strand, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to appoint Sam Friesema to complete the remaining commitment of Lori Bellingham's five-year term on the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board, expiring April 1, 2025. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Aye: 9 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

8. Items Called Off Consent Calendar

- 4B.C. [20-359](#) Ordinance No. 20-92 approving the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget and Appropriating Funds for the Several Purposes Named in Said Budget for the Year Ending December 31, 2021

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [2021 Budget Ordinance with Attachments A, B and C](#)
[Signed Ordinance 20-92.pdf](#)

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, requested item 4B.C. be removed from the Consent Calendar due to it being a duplicate of item 10.A.

- 4B.L. [20-443](#) A resolution finding a petition for annexation of the area known as Banning Lewis Ranch North Annexation consisting of 887.08 acres to be in substantial compliance with Section 31-12-107(1), C.R.S. and setting a hearing date of January 12, 2021 for the Colorado Springs City

Council to consider the annexation of the area.

(Legislative)

Presenter:

Katie Carleo, Principal Planner, Planning and Community Development
Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director

Attachments: [RES BLRNorth SettingHearingDate](#)
[EXHIBIT A_BLR North Annexation_Petition](#)
[BLR North Vicinity Map](#)
[Memo to Clerk to Advertize_BLR North Annex](#)
[PUBLIC NOTICE_BLR North Annex](#)
[Signed Resolution 134-20.pdf](#)

Councilmember Murray requested the Resolution be modified due to the considerable impact on many of the City's policies and processes and the item come back before City Council at the January 11, 2021 Work Session. Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated the applicant has followed the City's Code and regulations and this project is important due to the City's limit of available residential housing units.

Councilmember Knight and Councilmember Williams requested City Council receive information regarding this project before December 25, 2020 in order to have more time for review, but they are comfortable with just having the public hearing on January 12, 2021. Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director, stated they will provide the Planning Commission staff report and will have the agenda packet information between December 28, 2020 and January 1, 2021.

Tim Siebert, Vice President, Nor'Wood Development Group, representing the applicant, stated gave an overview of the application process, stated they have met all the requirements as outlined in City Code, and requested the project stay on schedule.

Councilmember Murray stated there are too many issues which need to be worked out before it is voted on.

Councilmember Geislinger requested going forward, City Council needs to be involved sooner.

Mr. Siebert stated the master plan and zoning are quasi-judicial which

requires a public hearing and they will provide a thorough presentation on January 12, 2021.

Councilmember Williams stated the Planning Commission hearing information is already available to the public.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Geislinger, that the Resolution finding a petition for annexation of the area known as Banning Lewis Ranch North Annexation consisting of 887.08 acres to be in substantial compliance with Section 31-12-107(1), C.R.S. and setting a hearing date of January 12, 2021 for the Colorado Springs City Council to consider the annexation of the area. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0-0

Aye: 8 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Pico, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

No: 1 - Murray

9. Utilities Business

There was no Utilities Business.

10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A.** [20-359](#) Ordinance No. 20-92 approving the Annual Appropriation Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget and Appropriating Funds for the Several Purposes Named in Said Budget for the Year Ending December 31, 2021

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [2021 Budget Ordinance with Attachments A, B and C](#)
[Signed Ordinance 20-92.pdf](#)

Councilmember Avila stated she appreciates all the hard work that goes into the budget, but her perspective of the budget's priorities should go towards training for the Colorado Springs Police Department, transit and investment in the people and resources in the community and therefore she will not be supporting this budget.

Councilmember Geislinger stated there are many different jurisdictional authorities and responsibilities and some of the resources required are obligations of the county.

Councilmember Williams stated education is at the state level and that he supports the allocation of the proposed budget.

President Skorman stated he is proud of the amount the City is putting into the fund balance in the event it is needed for an emergency.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Pico, that the annual appropriation

Ordinance adopting the annual budget and appropriating funds for the several purposes named in said budget for the year ending December 31, 2021 be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0-0

Aye: 8 - Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

No: 1 - Avila

11. New Business

- 11.A. [20-346](#)** A Resolution Setting and Certifying the 2020 Tax Levy for Taxes Payable in 2021 at 5.000 Mills for the Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority in Colorado Springs, Colorado

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [01_Res to Set Mill Levy for DDA_11.24.20](#)

[Signed Resolution 135-20.pdf](#)

President Skorman recused himself due to owning a downtown business.

There were no comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Williams, that the Resolution to set and certify the 2020 tax levy for taxes payable in 2021 at 5.000 mills for the Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-1-1

Aye: 7 - Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Strand, and Williams

Absent: 1 - Avila

Recused: 1 - Skorman

- 11.B. [20-347](#)** A Resolution Approving the 2021 Budget for the Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority in Colorado Springs Colorado

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [DDA 2021 Budget](#)

[DDA 2021 Scope of Work](#)

[02_Res to Approve Budget for DDA_11.24.20](#)

[Signed Resolution 136-20.pdf](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 11.A.

Motion by Councilmember Murray, seconded by Councilmember Geislinger, that the Resolution approving the 2021 Budget for the Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority in Colorado Springs, Colorado be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0-1

Aye: 8 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Pico, Strand, and Williams

Recused: 1 - Skorman

- 11.C. [20-674](#)** A Resolution acknowledging Andres (Andy) Pico's service to the City of Colorado Springs

Presenter:

Richard Skorman, City Council President

Attachments: [Andy Pico Resolution](#)
[Signed Resolution 137-20.pdf](#)

Mayor Suthers gave an overview of the state of the City in 2013 when Councilmember Pico was elected to City Council as a District 6 representative, how the City has transformed, and the many accomplishments and contributions of Councilmember Pico.

President Skorman presented the Resolution formally acknowledging Councilmember Pico for his outstanding service to the City of Colorado Springs. He stated expressed appreciation for Councilmember Pico's integrity, representation of small business, commitment and dedication to the community.

Councilmember Gaebler stated Councilmember Pico is a statesman, is a bridge builder in regards to relationships, is consistent, and she has admired his leadership on the Utilities Board and Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG).

Councilmember Geislinger stated even when there have been policy disagreements, it has always been civil and he will bring a strong spirit of civility to the State legislature.

President Pro Tem Strand congratulated Councilmember Pico and expressed appreciation for the mentorship Councilmember Pico provided to him and others.

Councilmember Knight stated it had been an honor and a pleasure to serve

with Councilmember Pico as a public servant and he will be missed.

Councilmember Avila spoke about Councilmember Pico's kindness, decency, and discipline, and their friendship.

Councilmember Williams expressed appreciation for Councilmember Pico's guidance and strength to stand up for his opinion.

Councilmember Murray stated he appreciated Councilmember Pico's puns and congratulated Councilmember Pico.

Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, stated Councilmember Pico is a person of integrity, always did thorough research, and has always been an advocate for the community.

Marla Novak on behalf of Housing and Building Association (HBA), Greg Phillips, Director of Aviation, Colorado Springs Airport, Jackie Rowland, City Auditor's Office, Brian McAllister, Audit Committee, Welensky Nathan, Audit Committee, Dave Wood, Audit Committee, and Aram Benyamin, Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Springs Utilities, expressed appreciation for Councilmember Pico's service to the City, his many accomplishments, efforts, time, and hard work.

Councilmember Pico stated it has been a highlight to serve the City for almost eight years on City Council, Utilities Board, and as chair of two other boards and expressed appreciation for all the kind words of recognition.

City Council staff presented a video showcasing various moments of Councilmember Pico's time on City Council.

President Skorman read the Resolution acknowledging Councilmember Pico's service to the City of Colorado Springs.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by President Pro Tem Strand, that the Resolution acknowledging Andres (Andy) Pico's service to the City of Colorado Springs be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0-1

Aye: 8 - Avila, Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Murray, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

Recused: 1 - Pico

12. Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing.

13. Added Item Agenda

There were no items added to the Agenda.

14. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk