



# City of Colorado Springs

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## Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, September 25, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

**Present** 7 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember David Geislinger, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, President Richard Skorman, and Councilmember Tom Strand

**Excused** 2 - Councilmember Merv Bennett, and Councilmember Andy Pico

### 2. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

### 3. Regular Meeting Comments

### 4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [17-1256](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [9-11-2017 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the September 11, 2017 Work Session meeting were approved by Consensus of Council.

### 5. Executive Session

#### 5A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

#### 5B. Closed

There was no Closed Executive Session.

### 6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. [16-698](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator

**Attachments:** [092517 Agenda Planner Review MEMO](#)

There were no comments on this item.

**6.B.** [17-1263](#) Use of City Resources for Campaigning

Presenter:

City Attorney's Office

**Attachments:** [CityFCPA\\_Council for Nov2017.doc](#)  
[Ch5Art2Part3.pdf](#)

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney, presented the overview of the use of City resources for campaigning for or against the election issue on the November 2017 ballot. Ms. Massey explained what is considered acceptable use of City resources as well as the restrictions and violations that may be enforced according to the local Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA). She stated that members of City Council may use City resources to answer questions so long as the Councilmember did not solicit the questions in their official capacity with the City.

Councilmember Knight asked if the penalty for a violation would be criminal or ethical. Ms. Massey stated that it could be both.

Councilmember Murray asked if he needs to indicate that he is not in support of the stormwater ballot issue in regards to the special districts. Ms. Massey said as of August 22, 2017, the local FCPA use of City resources restrictions to support or in opposition to that ballot issue went into effect and she explained solicitation of information versus campaigning.

Councilmember Strand asked if an opinion regarding the stormwater issue was presented at a Town Hall meeting in the City Hall building, would be construed as an inappropriate use of City resources. Ms. Massey said that the use of the building would be a City resource and recommends not using it as a venue for campaigning.

## **7. Presentations for General Information**

**7.A.** [17-1231](#) Southwest Downtown Streetscape Update

**Presenter:**

Kathleen Krager, Traffic Engineering Division Manager, Public Works  
Ryan Tefertiller, Urban Planning Manager, Planning and Community  
Development Department  
Paul Stewart, Senior Associate, Dig Studio

**Attachments:** [Council Presentation](#)

Ryan Tefertiller, Urban Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department, presented the Vermijo Avenue and Sierra Madre Street Reconstruction Update. Celeste Raine, AECOM, gave a brief history of the progress to date, the design charrettes that were held, as well as the next steps. Paul Stewart, Regional Director, AECOM, explained the six guiding principles of flexible, destination, sustainability, timeless, catalyst, and unique and said that the intent of the new Vermijo Avenue is unity in motion. Mr. Stewart also identified the proposed streetscape improvements. Kathleen Krager, Traffic Engineering Division Manager, Public Works, explained the secured funding summary to date which totals \$5,150,000.

Councilmember Murray asked who will fund the relocation of the Colorado Springs Utilities water and sanitation lines. Ryan Phipps, Civil Engineer III, said that Colorado Springs Utilities and the property owner of the adjacent redevelopment identified the need and will be funding the design and construction. Councilmember Murray asked if that included the underground water quality vault. Mr. Phipps stated that the need for the water quality vault was determined by the stormwater program. Councilmember Murray asked who will be paying for the yearly maintenance cost of the streetscape landscape. Ms. Krager said that the Business Improvement District (BID) will be providing the maintenance.

Councilmember Knight asked for a briefing of the financial involvement for the relocation of the utility infrastructure. Councilmember Strand said the cost is approximately \$7 million and that he will follow up on the request for information.

Councilmember Knight asked what distance would be covered by the \$2.8 million being spent on streetscaping. Ms. Krager stated that it was for two and half blocks (1,500 feet) on Vermijo Avenue and five blocks (half mile) on Sierra Madre Street. Ms. Krager said that the cost estimate was for rebuilding curb and gutter, ramps, and repaving of the street on Sierra Madre Street.

## **8. Items for Introduction**

- 8.A. [17-1197](#) Adoption of the South Nevada Urban Renewal Area Streetscape Standards which define the streetscape improvement requirements within the Urban Renewal District

(Legislative)

Presenter:

Ryan Tefertiller, Urban Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department

Jariah Walker, Executive Director, Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority

**Attachments:** [ORD\\_S Nevada Streetscape](#)

[Exhibit A -- Figure 1](#)

[Figure 2](#)

[Draft Language for South Nevada Streetscape Relief](#)

[CPC Staff Report S Nevada Streetscape Standards 081717](#)

[CPC Aug 17- South Nevada URA Steetscape Design Standards](#)

Ryan Tefertiller, Urban Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development Department, reviewed the South Nevada urban renewal district streetscape design standards as well as the objectives of the proposed streetscape design plan as compared to the existing streetscape. Mr. Tefertiller explained the proposed plan for traffic signal changes, trail connections, and implementation. He also went over the evaluation process and next steps.

President Pro Tem Gaebler commented that to improve walkability, the buildings need to be closer to the streets. Mr. Tefertiller said negotiations continue on a case-by-case basis to move buildings closer to the street.

Councilmember Knight stated that he is concerned that these designs are not compliant with the Pedestrian Access Act and asked if this was taken into consideration by the developers. Mr. Tefertiller said that it was and that the benches, bollards, and seat walls are there to minimize that issue.

Councilmember Strand expressed that the purpose of urban renewal is to clean up blighted areas and asked how low-income people would be included in this area. Councilmember Strand also asked for more details on the trail connections. Mr. Tefertiller stated that the Parks, Recreation

and Cultural Services Department staff has been analyzing how the trail crossings would be best utilized. Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Development, stated that the tax increment financing (TIF) that will be generated from these projects will be primarily used to offset the cost of the frontages of these properties and clarified that this is a design plan, not a funding plan. Mr. Wysocki said that this was approved as an urban renewal plan and that the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) is not displacing low-income residents.

Councilmember Murray asked how the City will ensure the trail connections on private property. Mr. Wysocki said developers typically build public open spaces and as for the other private properties, the construction would have to be deferred until the rest of the developments are completed. Mr. Tefertiller identified that all of the corridor properties were owned by three developer teams.

- 8.B.**     [17-1238](#)     A resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Fire Services between the City of Colorado Springs and the Woodmen Valley Fire Protection District

Presenter:

Ted Collas, Fire Chief, Colorado Springs Fire Department

**Attachments:**   [IGA - Woodmen Valley - August 2017](#)  
[RES\\_IGA-CityWoodmenValleyFPD-FINAL \(2\) \(6\).doc](#)

Ted Collas, Fire Chief, Colorado Springs Fire Department, presented the resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Fire Services between the City of Colorado Springs and the Woodmen Valley Fire Protection District. Chief Collas gave a brief history of the need for fire protection services for that community.

Councilmember Strand asked if the Fire Department had similar agreements with other fire districts. Chief Collas said this was the only one. Councilmember Strand asked if the agreement would cost the City anything financially. Chief Collas said the City breaks even for cost and investment.

## **9. Items Under Study**

- 9.A.**     [17-1049](#)     Overview of City Council actions concerning the 2018 Downtown Development Authority budget, Business Improvement District (BID)

operating plans and budgets, General Improvement District (GID) budgets, Special Improvement Maintenance District (SIMD) budgets, and related matters

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager  
Charae McDaniel, Acting Budget Director

**Attachments:** [9-25-17 District Annual Action Update presentation](#)  
[2017 Special District List for 09.25.17 Council](#)

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, gave an overview of the 2018 Annual Special District actions which requires City Council to review the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget, the Business Improvement District (BID) operating plans and budgets, the General Improvement District (GID) budgets and Special Improvement Maintenance District (SIMD) budgets. Mr. Schueler also identified the timelines for presentation for each of the budgets.

There were no comments on this item.

## **10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion**

Councilmember Strand, stated that he, Councilmember Knight, and President Pro Tem Gaebler attended the Chamber of Commerce and EDC's annual Washington, D.C. Fly-In and recognized Shawn Seaford, Director, Events and Investor Relations, Chamber of Commerce and EDC for her work in putting it together. He also stated that despite the challenging weather, the Pikes Peak Air Show was a great experience. Councilmember Strand said that he also attended Colorado Technical University's 25 year anniversary celebration.

President Skorman stated that he and Councilmember Murray attended the Citizens Project 25th Anniversary and that he and Councilmember Avila attended the Powwow celebration at the Garden of the Gods Rock Ledge Ranch.

Councilmember Avila stated that she attended the Sand Creek Library block party.

## **11. Adjourn**

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk