



# City of Colorado Springs

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Council Work Session

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Monday, September 12, 2016

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

- Present** 7 - Councilmember Larry Bagley, President Merv Bennett, Councilmember Helen Collins, President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, Councilmember Keith King, Councilmember Don Knight, and Councilmember Bill Murray
- Excused** 2 - Councilmember Andy Pico, and Councilmember Tom Strand

### 2. Changes to Agenda

Council President Bennett requested agenda item 7.A. be moved to immediately follow agenda item 4.A. and stated there has been a request to postpone agenda items 8.B. and 8.C. to the September 26, 2016 meeting. Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, stated agenda item 8.C. still needs to be addressed in the September 27, 2016 meeting due to the positing of notice. Councilmember Knight stated he has questions about this agenda item and expressed concern about the schedule not allowing Councilmembers time to prepare. Council President Bennett stated he has a meeting scheduled with this group and he will address this concern with them.

Consensus of Council agreed to these changes to the agenda.

### 3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Knight stated he intends to pull agenda item 4.B.B. and 4.B.F. from the Consent Calendar for tomorrow.

### 4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A. [16-544](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes August 22, 2016

Presenter:  
Sarah Johnson, City Clerk

The Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

## **5. Executive Session**

### **5A. Open**

There was not an Open Executive Session.

### **5B. Closed**

#### **5B.A. [16-482](#) Closed Executive Session**

Presenter:

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

David Andrews, Legislative Counsel stated the purpose of the Closed Executive Session is to receive legal advice on a specific legal matter, develop a strategy for negotiators and instruct negotiators.

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

Upon conclusion of the Closed Executive Session, Council President Bennett stated the discussion involved the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement negotiations.

## **6. Staff and Appointee Reports**

#### **6.A. [15-00765](#) Financial Report - City of Colorado Springs**

Presenter:

Kara Skinner, Chief Financial Officer

Kara Skinner, CFO, presented the report.

Councilmember Bagley stated he spoke to an auto dealer who anticipates auto sales will be up due cars being replaced after the hail storm. Ms. Skinner stated her sources also indicate this to be true.

#### **6.B. [15-00797](#) Agenda Planner Review**

Presenter:

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, made Council aware of the plan to place the Annual Downtown Free Parking for the Holidays item directly on the Consent Calendar. Council President Bennett suggested

this be made a standing item that does not have to be voted on annually.

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

**7.A. [16-529](#) Buffalo Soldiers Memorabilia Donation**

Presenter:

1LT Rob McKenna, United States Army

Willie Breazell, thanked Council for their support and leadership.

1LT Robert McKenna, United States Army, presented a brief history of the Buffalo Soldiers and presented the memorabilia and artwork to be displayed by the City.

## **8. Items for Introduction**

**8.A. [16-535](#) A Resolution Supporting the City of Colorado Springs Sponsorship of a Ring the Peak Planning Grant Application to Great Outdoors Colorado**

Presenter:

Tilah Larson, Senior Grants Analyst - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Bill Koerner, Advocacy Director - Trails and Open Space Coalition

Tilah Larson, Senior Grants Analyst, provided a summary of the sponsorship process and the details of the plan. There were no questions or comments on this agenda item.

**8.B. [16-502](#) A resolution authorizing City Staff to execute an amended and modified deed of conservation easement for the Santa Fe Depot building removing approximately 1.5 acres of parking lot, drive aisle, and landscape area from the easement.**

Presenter:

Ryan Tefertiller, Urban Planning Manager

Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director

This item was postponed to the September 26, 2016 meeting.

**8.C. [16-530](#) Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Service Plan for the Colorado Crossing Metropolitan District Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Allowing the Operation and Maintenance of a Parking Garage and an Increase in the Maximum Operating Mill Levy from 10.0 to 20.0 Mills**

(Legislative)

Presenter:

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Planning and Community Development

This item was postponed to the September 26, 2016 work session and the September 27, 2016 regular meeting.

8.D. [CPC CA  
16-00086](#)

An ordinance amending Section 1503 (Home Occupation Permit Standards and Criteria) of Part 15 (Home Occupations) of Article 5 (Administration and Procedures) of Chapter 7 (Planning, Development and Building) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, relating to the production and sales of plants, fruits, vegetables and cottage foods.

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning & Community Development

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented a summary of the proposed ordinance which is supported by the Planning Commission.

Councilmember King asked if neighbors could collaborate to sell goods in one location. Mr. Wysocki stated each individual is allowed to sell their own product to consumers on their own property, collaboration is prohibited. David Andrews, Legislative Counsel, explained individuals are currently allowed to sell produce and conduct garage sales on their property. The intent of this proposal is to allow citizens to prepare and sale cottage foods, encouraging home occupation business ventures on their property.

Councilmember Knight expressed concern about traffic issues resulting from this proposal. Council President Pro Tem Gaebler stated Denver passed a similar ordinance in 2014 and what they are seeing is mostly neighbor to neighbor sales. Data does not indicate traffic has been a problem.

Council President Pro Tem Gaebler stated Food Policy Advisory Board members staff requested her assistance shepherding this ordinance through the governmental process. Lynn Harwell, Food Policy Advisory Board Member, spoke about the need to provide fresh foods to the community, the importance of this proposal and the success of a similar program in Denver. Robin Roberts, Board Chair of the Advisory Board for the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center, spoke about the importance of providing this service to consumers and entrepreneurs

seeking the type of small business opportunities presented by this proposal. Tom Gonzalez, Deputy Director, El Paso County Public Health Department, outlined some of the health and safety requirements included in the proposal.

Councilmember Knight asked if permits will be required for those participating in this opportunity. Mr. Wysocki stated this will require a home occupation permit. Councilmember Knight stated he still has concerns about this proposal causing potential traffic issues and suggested limiting the number of days per week or operating hours to address this concern.

- 8.E. [16-515](#) A resolution adopting City Council's annual Report to the Citizens for 2015-2016, pursuant to City Charter Section 3-10(d).

Presenter:

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated the reports are included in the Council packets. Council President Pro Tem Gaebler praised the work of Travis Duncan in preparing this report.

Councilmember Murray requested the language, "Councilmembers are responsible stewards of the resources they have been entrusted with" be changed. Ms. Gonzalez will work with Councilmember Murray to address his concerns.

## **9. Items Under Study**

There were no items under study.

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

Council President Bennett stated the Annual Firefighters Memorial Service will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 in Memorial Park. Memorial Health System will have a ground breaking ceremony for their new building Friday September 16th at 10:30 am and Children's Hospital will have a ground breaking ceremony for their new building November 15, 2016. Ms. Gonzalez is in the process of scheduling a joint meeting with the Denver City Council in Colorado Springs.

Council President Pro Tem Gaebler stated she is trying a concept she is calling "Office Hours", providing consistent times at various locations within her Council district for citizens to meet with her to discuss their

ideas and concerns.

Councilmember Bagley stated September 18th is the Air Force's 69th Birthday.

## **11. Adjourn**

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

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk