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Tuesday, July 28, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 9 - Councilmember Ken Casey, President Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, Councilmember Kimberly Gold, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Roland Rainey Jr., President Pro Tem Brian Risley, and Councilmember Brandy Williams

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Changes to Agenda/Postponements

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. [26-066](#) Ordinance No. 26-29 Amending Article 1 (Administration) And

Repealing Article 4 (Urban Forest) Of Chapter 4 (Parks, Recreation And Cultural Services) Of The Code Of The City Of Colorado Springs 2001, As Amended, Pertaining To Urban Forest

Presenter:

Matthew Puckett, City Forester

Attachments: [Forestry-Parks-Repeal-ORD-2026-01-21.docx](#)

[Current Article 4 Urban Forest.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.

4A.B. [26-067](#)

Ordinance No. 26-30 Creating A New Article 9 (Urban Forest) Of Chapter 3 (Public Property And Public Works) Of The Code Of The City Of Colorado Springs 2001, As Amended, Pertaining To Urban Forest, And Providing Penalties For Violation Thereof

Presenter:

Matthew Puckett, City Forester

Attachments: [Forestry-Ch3Art9UrbanForest-ORD-2026-07-01-Clean](#)

[City Code- Forestry Presentation 7.14.26](#)

[HAS- Letter of Support for Forestry.pdf](#)

[Rise Southeast- Letter of Support 2.pdf](#)

[NEW letter for Forestry3.26.2026.pdf](#)

[Letter of Support- Roots for Justice](#)

[ONEN Forestry Letter-3.28.2026.Signed .pdf](#)

[CSFS Letter of Support](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.

4A.C. [ANEX-25-0002](#)

Ordinance No. 26-34 annexing to the City of Colorado Springs that area known as Kettle Creek Addition No. 1 Annexation consisting of 19.88 acres located northeast of Kettle Creek Road and Old Ranch Road intersection.
(Legislative)

Related Files: ANEX-25-0002, ZONE-25-0028, LUPL-25-0014
Located in Council District 2 (Upon Annexation)

Presenter:

Chris Sullivan, Senior Planner, City Planning Department
Kevin Walker, Director, City Planning Department

Attachments: [ANNEX ORDINANCE](#)
[Staff Report Kettle Creek CS](#)
[Annexation Plat Kettle Creek](#)
[Exhibit A Combined Legal - Plat](#)
[Legal Description Kettle Creek](#)
[Project Statement Kettle Creek](#)
[Vicinity Map](#)
[Attachment 1 Petition MGLG](#)
[Attachment 2 Petition RP](#)
[Attachment 2b Petition Waldo](#)
[Attachment 3 Project Statement](#)
[Attachment 9 USFWS Effects Determination Request Challenger at Kettle Creek 8-5-25](#)
[Attachment 10 Geo-hazard Report APPROVED](#)
[Attachment 11 TIA](#)
[FIA Cover Letter Kettle Creek Annex LUP](#)
[Combined Funds Summary - Kettle Creek](#)
[Combined Public Comments - Kettle Creek](#)
[CPC Minutes 4.8.26 Final](#)
[CC Presentation Kettle Creek CS](#)
[7.5.701 ANNEXATION OF LAND](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.

- 4A.D.** [ZONE-25-0028](#) Ordinance No. 26-35 amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 19.88 acres establishing a R-Flex Medium/SS-O/AF-O (Residential Flex Zone Medium with Streamside and United States Air Force Academy Overlays) zone district located northeast of Kettle Creek Road and Old Ranch Road intersection. (Legislative)

Related Files: ANEX-25-0002, ZONE-25-0028, LUPL-25-0014
Located in Council District 2 (Upon Annexation)

Presenter:

Chris Sullivan, Senior Planner, City Planning Department
Kevin Walker, Director, City Planning Department

Attachments: [Zone Ordinance ZONE-25-0028](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[7.5.704 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT \(REZONING\)](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.

4B. First Presentation:

- 4B.B. [26-246](#)** A Resolution of the City of Colorado Springs approving a Service Plan for the Terra Mesa Metropolitan District relating to 42 acres located east of the intersection of Powers Boulevard and Research Parkway.

Located in Council District 2

Presenter:

Drew Foxx, Planner II, City Planning Department

Kevin Walker, Planning Director, City Planning Department

Attachments: [Terra Mesa MD 1 Resolution](#)
[Terra Mesa Cover Letter](#)
[Terra Mesa Service Plan_Clean](#)
[Terra Mesa Redline Service Plan](#)
[Attachment 2 Ordinance No. 25-98 Zoning Map Amendment](#)
[Attachment 3 Resolution No. 181-25 Annexation](#)
[Exhibit A Legal Description](#)
[Exhibit B Vicinty Map](#)
[Exhibit C Initial District Boundary Map](#)
[Attachment 1 Peach Ranch Addition No. 1 Development Plan](#)
[Exhibit D Summary of Public Improvements to be Financed by the District and Financing Plan](#)
[Exhibit E Description of Permitted Services to be Provided by the District](#)
[Certificate Concerning Notices of Public Hearing Terra Mesa Service Plan](#)
[Staff Terra Mesa MD Creation Regular Meeting Presentation](#)
[Signed Resolution No. 67-26](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gold, seconded by Councilmember Donelson, 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 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Gold, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., Risley, and Williams

5. Recognitions

5.A. [26-278](#) City Council Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Presenter:

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President and Councilmember At-Large

Attachments: [07282026 Boards Commissions and Committees Appointment](#)
[07282026 911 Authority Board](#)

President Crow-Iverson presented the City Council Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Motion by Councilmember Gold, seconded by Councilmember Donelson, that the City Council Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees be approved. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0

Aye: 9 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Gold, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., Risley, and Williams

6. Mayor's Business

Travis Easton, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated there will be two events held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 to celebrate Colorado's 150th anniversary; one will be held on Pikes Peak America's Mountain and the other is the United we Rock Beer and Whiskey Festival at Rock Ledge Ranch.

6.A. [26-273](#) Confirmation of Judge Kristen Hoffecker as a Presiding Municipal Court Judge

Presenter:

Wayne Williams, Chief of Staff

Attachments: [4 - Background.pdf](#)
[2026 Hoffecker Chief Judge Resolution.docx](#)

Travis Easton, Deputy Chief of Staff, presented the Confirmation of Judge Kristen Hoffecker as a Presiding Municipal Court Judge and provided a brief provided an overview of Ms. Hoffecker's credentials for this position. Councilmember Henjum and Councilmember Donelson expressed appreciation for Judge HayDen Kane, Chief Municipal Judge, for his service to the City.

Motion by Councilmember Gold, seconded by Councilmember Henjum, that this Appointment be approved 6.A. 26-273 Confirmation of Judge Kristen Hoffecker as a Presiding Municipal Court Judge
Presenter: Wayne Williams, Chief of Staff| The motion passed by a vote of

Aye: 9 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Gold, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., Risley, and Williams

7. Items Called Off Consent Calendar

4B.A. [26-276](#) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes July 14, 2026

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [7-14-2026 City Council Meeting Minutes Final](#)

Councilmember Williams requested the minutes be revised to reflect that Laura Gardner is not the legal consultant for the Old Colorado City Downtown Development Authority (OCC DDA).

Motion by President Pro Tem Risley, seconded by Councilmember Williams, that the July 14, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0

Aye: 9 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Gold, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., Risley, and Williams

8. Utilities Business

There was no Utilities Business.

9. Unfinished Business**9.A. [26-211](#)** Ordinance No. 26-28 Amending Multiple Sections Of Article 3 (Code Of Ethics) Of Chapter 1 (Administration, Personnel And Finance) Of The Code Of The City Of Colorado Springs 2001, As Amended, Pertaining To The Code Of Ethics

Presenter:

Brian Risley, President Pro Tem, Councilmember At Large
Carly Hoff, Senior Legislative Analyst, Legislative Services

Attachments: [EthicsCodeRevision-ORD-2026-07-20 \(formatted\) FINAL](#)

President Pro Tem Risley introduced the Ordinance amending multiple Sections of Article 3 (Code of Ethics) of Chapter 1 (Administration, Personnel And Finance) of the City Code pertaining to the Code of Ethics.

Councilmember Henjum recommended adding de minimus language to the Code of Ethics and she will not be supporting this Ordinance because the mayor's position is twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and she does not support prohibiting him from running errands on his way to City events.

Motion by Councilmember Donelson, seconded by President Pro Tem Risley, that the Ordinance No. 26-28 amending multiple Sections of Article 3 (Code of Ethics) of Chapter 1 (Administration, Personnel and

Finance) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to the Code of Ethics be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 7-2-0-0

Aye: 7 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., Risley, and Williams

No: 2 - Gold, and Henjum

- 9.B.** [26-262](#) Ordinance NO. 26-31 of the City of Colorado Springs Correcting the Central Business District Boundaries of the Old Colorado City Downtown Development Authority

Presenter:

Brandy Williams, Councilmember District 3

Attachments: [Old Colorado City DDA - Property Removal Ord](#)
[OCC DDA Resolution 2026-01 June26, 2026.docx](#)
[June 24 DDA Minutes](#)
[OCC DDA Map](#)

Councilmember Williams presented the Ordinance correcting the Central Business District boundaries of the Old Colorado City Downtown Development Authority (OCC DDA).

Councilmember Rainey stated due to the way this OCC DDA was structured erroneously and voters being presented incorrect information, he will not be voting in favor of this Ordinance.

Councilmember Donelson stated it is likely that the voters who were not confused by the ballot questions voted for the creation of the OCC DDA, but not the mill levy.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Donelson, that the Ordinance No. 26-31 of the City of Colorado Springs correcting the Central Business District boundaries of the Old Colorado City Downtown Development Authority be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0-0

Aye: 8 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Gold, Henjum, Leinweber, Risley, and Williams

No: 1 - Rainey Jr.

- 9.C.** [ANEX-23-00](#) Ordinance No. 26-32 annexing into the City of Colorado Springs the area known as PTAA Addition No. 1 Annexation consisting of 14.12 acres located southeast of the Stetson Hills Boulevard and North Marksheffel Road intersection.
[27](#) (Legislative)

Presenter:

Chris Sullivan, Senior Planner, Planning Department

Kevin Walker, Planning Director, Planning Department

Attachments: [Annex Ord](#)

[Annexation Plat](#)

[Exhibit A Legal-Plat Combined](#)

[Overall Legal Description](#)

[Project Statement](#)

[Vicinity Map](#)

President Pro Tem Risley recused himself due to his firm being retained as the architect of record for this project.

Chris Sullivan, Senior Planner, City Planning Department, presented the Resolution adopting findings of fact and conclusions of law based thereon and determining the eligibility for the annexation of property known as PTAA Addition No. 1 Annexation consisting of 14.12 acres located southeast of the Stetson Hills Boulevard/North Marksheffel Road intersection, the Ordinance annexing the area into the City, and the Ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of and establishing an MX-M/AP-O (Mixed-Use Medium Scale with Airport Overlay) District, and the related Land Use Plan for PTAA Charter School.

Councilmember Rainey asked if there was only a right turn out of the property onto Marksheffel Road. Mr. Sullivan confirmed there is.

Motion by Councilmember Rainey Jr., seconded by Councilmember Casey, that the Ordinance No. 26-32 annexing to the City of Colorado Springs that area known as PTAA Addition No. 1 Annexation consisting of 14.12 acres located at southeast of Stetson Hills Boulevard and North Marksheffel Road intersection based upon the findings that the annexation complies with the conditions for annexation as set forth in City Code Section 7.5.701 be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0-1

Aye: 8 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Gold, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., and Williams

Recused: 1 - Risley

- 9.D.** [26-265](#) Ordinance No. 26-33 ratifying and applying ordinance No. 25-71, amending the Zoning Map of the City of Colorado Springs related to approximately 14.12 acres located southeast of Stetson Hills Boulevard and North Marksheffel Road and establishing an MX-M/AP-O

(Mixed-Use Medium Scale with Airport Overlay) District, and the related Land Use Plan for PTAA Charter School.

Located in Council District 6

Presenter:

Chris Sullivan, Senior Planner, Planning Department

Kevin Walker, Planning Director, Planning Department

Attachments: [Ratification Ord PTAA v2](#)

[Signed Ordinance No. 25-70](#)

[Signed Ordinance No. 25-71](#)

[Exhibit A - Zone Legal Description](#)

[Exhibit B - Zone Map Depiction](#)

[Exhibit C Approved LUP](#)

[CC Minutes July 22 2025](#)

[CC Minutes August 12, 2025](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 9.C.

Motion by Councilmember Gold, seconded by Councilmember Rainey Jr., that the Ordinance No. 26-33 ratifying and applying ordinance No. 25-71, amending the Zoning Map of the City of Colorado Springs related to approximately 14.12 acres located southeast of Stetson Hills Boulevard and North Marksheffel Road and establishing an MX-M/AP-O (Mixed-Use Medium Scale with Airport Overlay) District, and the related Land Use Plan for PTAA Charter School be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0-1

Aye: 8 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Gold, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., and Williams

Recused: 1 - Risley

10. New Business

10.A. [26-261](#)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 25-95 (2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance) for a supplemental appropriation to the Retail Marijuana Tax Fund in the amount of \$458,000 to fund a contract with the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority to provide security services in the South Nevada corridor

Presenter:

Jariah Walker, Executive Director, Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, City of Colorado Springs

Attachments: [Ordinance - RMJ funding South Nevada Security](#)
[Memo-SNevadaAvSurveyArea_Final051426](#)
[S Nevada Security Slides-RMJ Supplemental](#)

Jariah Walker, Executive Director, Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority (CSURA), presented the Ordinance for a supplemental appropriation to the Retail Marijuana Tax Fund in the amount of \$458,000 to fund a contract with the CSURA to provide security services in the South Nevada corridor. He provided an overview of S. Nevada security area, calls for service, and security fees.

Councilmember Henjum commented that the City's Clean and Safe Program is critical to the success of the City and would like to see more support for individuals with mental illness who are experiencing homelessness.

Councilmember Williams stated this project is a different approach to the Clean and Safe Program which will need to be monitored for cost effectiveness.

Councilmember Donelson stated he believes the City needs to hire more police officers, but since the Chief of Police stated even with this funding, it would not be enough to cover the deficit, he will be supporting this item.

Councilmember Casey stated he is opposed to using a contracted security company to perform inherently governmental tasks of patrolling and securing City streets and he would like to see this funding go to the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD). Mr. Walker stated CSPD views this as a positive impact for the City because this will free officers to address other issues/calls withing the City.

Councilmember Leinweber stated financially, this is a good solution due to how expensive it is to hire sworn police officers.

Motion by Councilmember Leinweber, seconded by Councilmember Williams, that the Ordinance approving of the supplemental appropriation to the Retail Marijuana Tax Fund in the amount of \$458,000 to fund a contract with the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority to provide security services in the South Nevada corridor be approved on first reading. The motion passed by a vote of 7-2-0-0

Aye: 7 - Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., Risley, and Williams

No: 2 - Casey, and Gold

- 10.B. [NPLN-25-0001](#) A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs approving the Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan and Community Strategy, together known as the Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan. (Legislative)

Council District 4

Presenter:

Page Saulsbury, Comprehensive Planner II, City Planning Department
Kevin Walker, Planning Director, City Planning Department

Attachments: [Resolution Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan](#)
[Staff Report Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan](#)
[Attachment 1 - Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan accessible](#)
[Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan presentation Council PP](#)
[WS 20260713](#)
[Signed Resolution No. 68-26](#)

Kevin Walker, Planning Director, City Planning Department, presented the Resolution approving the Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan and Community Strategy, together known as the Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan. He provided an overview of the PlanCOS history, Neighborhood Planning Program, PlanCOS/Southeast Strong neighborhoods, project management team, process, timeline, and history. Mr. Walker identified the community engagement, Neighborhood Plan, community strategy, big ideas, priority topics, development map, Neighborhood Plan priority goals, community strategy priority goals, development activity, present, and future plans. She went over the economic revitalization strategy, City known public/private investment in Council District 4, timeline, next steps, and implementation.

Councilmember Leinweber asked if there are measurable outcomes in place to ensure the \$3 million investment was utilized to the benefit of the City. Mr. Walker stated there is not anything specific in the Plan, but they will be following up with an annual report which will create measurable outcomes.

Councilmember Gold requested a review of the Plan a year from now. Mr. Walker agreed to Councilmember Gold's request.

Travis Easton, Deputy Chief of Staff, stated they are working on Councilmember Rainey's previous request to provide details of the allocations for the City's investment.

Citizen Renee Gonzalez, Resilient, Inspired, Strong, Engaged (RISE) Southeast, Joyce Salazar, Executive Director, RISE Southeast, and Ace Cordera spoke in support of the proposed Plan.

President Pro Tem Risley and President Crow-Iverson expressed appreciation for the efforts of RISE Southeast.

Motion by Councilmember Henjum, seconded by President Pro Tem Risley, that the Resolution to adopt the Southeast Strong Neighborhood Plan and Community Strategy be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0-0

Aye: 9 - Casey, Crow-Iverson, Donelson, Gold, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., Risley, and Williams

11. Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing.

12. Added Item Agenda

There were no items added to the Agenda.

13. One Hour of Citizen Discussion for Items not on Today's Agenda per City Council Rules

Citizen Steve Dantz spoke against the noise pollution above eighty decibels from loud motor vehicles.

Citizen Steve Lightfoot stated Stephen King killed John Lennon.

Citizen Michelle Weisblatt-Dane, Ted Brassfield, Jacqueline Ostrom, spoke in opposition of Project Taurus, a large data center, being authorized within the City.

Citizen Allie Smith spoke in opposition to Project Taurus, a large data center being authorized within the City, and requested City Councilmembers receive a living wage.

Representative Amy Pascal, State House District 18, stated there needs to be more regulations in place for large data centers.

Citizen Caleb Miller spoke against spoke against the pay raise for the Colorado Springs Utilities, Chief Executive Officer.

14. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk