



# City of Colorado Springs

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Monday, January 11, 2021

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### Special Meeting to Appoint 6th District City Councilmember

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#### 1. Call to Order

**Present:** 8 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, Councilmember Jill Gaebler, Councilmember David Geislinger, Councilmember Don Knight, Councilmember Bill Murray, President Richard Skorman, President Pro Tem Tom Strand, and Councilmember Wayne Williams

#### 2. New Business

**2.A.** [20-636](#) Appointment of Mike O'Malley to fill the unexpired term for the 6th District City Councilmember

Presenter:  
Richard Skorman, City Council President

President Skorman presented the appointment of Mike O'Malley to fill the unexpired term for the 6th District City Councilmember.

Councilmember Murray stated Mr. O'Malley has the least amount of experience out of the four applicants for this position.

Citizen Walter Lawson stated this is the best City Council he has seen in forty-five years, but there should be more racial and gender equality and requested Mr. O'Malley withdraw from the nomination.

Councilmember Skorman and Councilmember Williams stated they support Mr. O'Malley as representative for the 6th District.

Councilmember Avila stated she concurs with Councilmember Murray and Mr. Lawson and will not support the appointment of Mr. O'Malley. She stated Dr. Stephanie Spaulding is a better candidate for the position.

Councilmember Gaebler stated this decision is not based on race or gender, but because of Mr. O'Malley's similarities to Andy Pico.

Councilmember Knight stated his vote is based solely on qualifications.

**Motion by Councilmember Geislinger, seconded by President Pro Tem Strand, , to appoint Mike O'Malley to fill the unexpired term for the 6th District City Councilmember. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2-0-0**

**Aye:** 6 - Gaebler, Geislinger, Knight, Skorman, Strand, and Williams

**No:** 2 - Avila, and Murray

### **3. Adjourn**

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk