



# City of Colorado Springs

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, July 11, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### **1. Call to Order**

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

### **2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Invocation was made by Andy Barton from Catholic Charities of Central Colorado

President Skorman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Changes to Agenda/Postponements**

Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, stated Councilmember Knight requested Items 4.B.J. and 4.B.K. be removed from the Consent Calendar. Ms. Gonzalez said that she received notification from Colorado Springs Utilities staff that items relating to Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA) and Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) effective August 1, 2017 will be added to the July 25, 2017 City Council meeting. Consensus of Council agreed to this change 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 PUZ  
16-00096](#)**

Ordinance No. 17-50 amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 5.012 acres located at the southeast corner of Fillmore Street and Grand Vista Circle from R/HS (Residential Estate with Hillside Overlay) to PUD (Planned Unit Development: Multi-Family Residential, 18.16 Dwelling Units Per Acre

and a 55 foot maximum building height).

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC PUP 16-00097

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director Planning and Community Development  
Michael Schultz, Principal Planner, Planning and Community  
Development

**Attachments:** [ZC ORD-Fillmore Street Apts](#)

[Exhibit A - Legal Description](#)

[New Vicinity Map](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

**4A.B.** [CPC ZC  
16-00098](#)

Ordinance No. 17-51 amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to .8-acre located at the northeast corner of Stetson Hills Boulevard and Templeton Drive from PBC/cr/AO (Planned Business Center with conditions of record and Airport Overlay) and OC/cr/AO (Office Complex with conditions of record and Airport Overlay) to PUD/AO (Planned Unit Development: Multi-Family Residential, 15 Dwelling Units per Acre, maximum building height of 30 feet with an Airport Overlay)

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC DP 16-00099

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director Planning and Community Development  
Michael Schultz, Principal Planner, Planning and Community  
Development

**Attachments:** [ORD\\_ZC Stetson Ridge Townhomes](#)

[Exhibit A - Legal Description](#)

[Exhibit B - Graphic Depiction](#)

[Vicinity map](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

**4A.C.** [17-957](#)

Ordinance No. 17-53 amending Ordinance No. 16-116 (2017 Appropriation Ordinance) for a supplemental appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$6,000,000, which is the amount of the 2016 fiscal year revenue above the 2016 fiscal year revenue and spending limitations (TABOR cap), approved by voters in the April 2017 municipal election to be retained and spent for stormwater

projects

Presenter:  
Charae McDaniel, Acting Budget Director

**Attachments:** [Ordinance for Supplemental for TABOR \\$6M](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4A.D.** [17-1057](#) Ordinance No. 17-55 amending Ordinance No. 16-116 (2017 Appropriation Ordinance) for a supplemental appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for increased revenue and expenditures related to the updated Medical Marijuana Business Application and License Fees Schedule and associated enforcement expenditures

Presenter:  
Chris Wheeler, Senior Analyst, Fiscal and Strategic Planning Office, Finance  
Nina Vetter, Strategic Plan and Business Process Administrator, Finance

**Attachments:** [Ordinance for MMJ Fee Revenue & Exp Increase](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4A.E.** [CPC A  
16-00133-1](#) Ordinance No. 17-56 annexing to the City of Colorado Springs an area known as the Kum & Go Store 689 Annexation Number 1 consisting of .773-acre.

(Legislative)

Related Files: CPC A 16-00133R (public hearing dates), CPC A 16-00133-1, CPC A 16-00133-1R, CPC A 16-00133-2, CPC A 16-00133-2R, CPC V 16-00147, CPC ZC 16-00146, CPC DP 16-00148, CPC NV 16-00149

Presenter:  
Peter Wysocki, Director Planning and Community Development  
Michael Schultz, Principal Planner, Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:** [ORD\\_AX-KumGoStore689No01ORD-2017-06-12](#)  
[Exhibit A - Legal Description - Kum and Go Store 689 Annexation Number 1](#)  
[Exhibit B - Kum and Go Store 689 Annexation Agreement signed by property owners](#)  
[Figure 5 - Zoning Map](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4A.F.** [CPC A 16-00133-2](#) Ordinance No. 17-57 annexing to the City of Colorado Springs an area known as the Kum & Go Store 689 Annexation Number 2 consisting of 1.403 acres.

(Legislative)

Related Files: CPC A 16-00133R (public hearing dates), CPC A 16-00133-1, CPC A 16-00133-1R, CPC A 16-00133-2, CPC A 16-00133-2R, CPC V 16-00147, CPC ZC 16-00146, CPC DP 16-00148, CPC NV 16-00149

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director Planning and Community Development  
Michael Schultz, Principal Planner, Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:** [ORD\\_AX-KumGoStore689No02-2017-06-12](#)

[Exhibit A - Legal Description - Kum and Go Store 689 Annexation Number 2](#)

[Exhibit B - Annexation Agreement Kum and Go 689](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4A.G.** [CPC V 16-00147](#) Ordinance No. 17-58 vacating portions of a public right-of-way known as Pearl Drive consisting of 9,096 square feet (.209-acre).

(Legislative)

Related Files: CPC A 16-00133R (public hearing dates), CPC A 16-00133-1, CPC A 16-00133-1R, CPC A 16-00133-2, CPC A 16-00133-2R, CPC V 16-00147, CPC ZC 16-00146, CPC DP 16-00148, CPC NV 16-00149

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director Planning and Community Development  
Michael Schultz, Principal Planner, Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:** [ORD\\_VacationROW\\_Pearl Dr](#)

[Exhibit A - Legal Description - Vacation of ROW](#)

[Exhibit B - Pearl Drive Vacation Plat](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4A.H.** [CPC ZC 16-00146](#) Ordinance No. 17-59 establishing a PBC/AO (Planned Business Zone with Airport Overlay) zone district pertaining to 1.539 acres located at the northeast corner of Austin Bluffs Parkway and Park Vista Boulevard.

(Legislative)

Related Files: CPC A 16-00133R (public hearing dates), CPC A 16-00133-1, CPC A 16-00133-1R, CPC A 16-00133-2, CPC A 16-00133-2R, CPC V 16-00147, CPC ZC 16-00146, CPC DP 16-00148, CPC NV 16-00149

Presenter:

Peter Wysocki, Director Planning and Community Development  
Michael Schultz, Principal Planner, Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:** [ZC\\_ORD\\_AX-KumGoStore689ZoningEst-2017-06-13](#)

[Exhibit A - Zoning Legal Description](#)

[Figure 5 - Zoning Map](#)

**This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.**

#### **4B. First Presentation:**

- 4B.A.** [17-1147](#) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes June 27, 2017

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [6-27-2017 City Council Meeting Minutes Final](#)

**The Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4B.B.** [17-1152](#) Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Presenter:

Jacquelyn Puett, Assistant to Council

**Attachments:** [071117 Boards and Commissions](#)

**This Item was approved on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4B.C.** [17-1069](#) A Resolution authorizing the acquisition of property located at 535 Popes Valley Drive as part of the Pebblewood at Pinecliff Drainage Improvement Project

Presenter:

Richard Mullydy, P.E. Water Resources Engineering Division

Manager  
Travis Easton, P.E. Public Works Director

**Attachments:** [Popes Valley Reso](#)  
[Exhibit A to Resolution](#)  
[Exhibit B to Resolution](#)

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4B.D. [17-1019](#)** An Ordinance repealing Part 10 (Taxicabs) of Article 3 (Sales of Goods and Services) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to taxicabs

Presenter:  
Sarah B Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [17update memo on regulation of carrier service and tncc.pdf](#)  
[6-15-17-TaxicabsPart10ORD-Final.docx](#)

**This Ordinance was approved on first reading on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4B.E. [17-1143](#)** An Ordinance amending Section 507 (License Fees Enumerated) of Part 5 (License Fees) of Article 1 (General Business License Provisions) of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to taxicabs

Presenter:  
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [6-15-17-TaxicabsLicenseFeesORD-Final.docx](#)

**This Ordinance was approved on first reading on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4B.F. [CPC ZC](#)  
[17-00052](#)** An ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 40.82 acres from PIP2/CR/AO/APZ1/RPZ/SS (Planned Industrial Park with conditions of record, airport overlay, accident potential zone 1, runway protection zone and streamside overlay) to APD/AO/APZ1/RPZ (Airport Planned Development with airport overlay, accident potential zone 1, runway protection zone) and APD/AO/APZ1/RPZ/SS (Airport Planned Development with airport overlay, accident potential zone 1, runway protection zone and streamside overlay), located northeast of Stewart Avenue and Airport Road

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC CP 17-00053

Presenter:

Lonna Thelen, Principal Planner, Planning & Community Development  
Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director

**Attachments:** [ZC ORD Project Vector](#)

[Exhibit A - Parcel A](#)

[Exhibit B - Parcels B & C](#)

[Exhibit C - depiction](#)

[Vicinity Map](#)

**This Ordinance was approved on first reading on the Consent Calendar.**

**4B.G.** [CPC CP  
17-00053](#)

A concept plan for a warehouse and distribution facility on a 40.82-acre parcel located northeast of Stewart Avenue and Airport Road

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC ZC 17-00052

Presenter:

Lonna Thelen, Principal Planner, Planning & Community Development  
Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director

**Attachments:** [FIGURE 1 - Concept Plan](#)

[7.5.501.E Concept Plans](#)

**This Item was approved on the Consent Calendar.**

**4B.H.** [CPC ZC  
17-00008](#)

An Ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 1.61 acres located southwest of 1170 Kelly Johnson Boulevard from PIP-1 (Planned Industrial Park) to PBC (Planned Business Park)

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC CP 17-00009

Presenter:

Rachel Teixeira, Planner II, Planning and Community Development  
Peter Wysocki, Director Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:** [ZC ORD 1170 Kelly Johnson Boulevard](#)

[Exhibit A - LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR 1170 KELLY JOHNSON BOULEVARD](#)

[Exhibit B - Vicinity Map - Kelly Johnson](#)

**This Ordinance was approved on first reading on the Consent Calendar.**

- 4B.I.**    [CPC CP  
17-00009](#)    A Concept Plan for an 87-room hotel on 1.61 acres located at 1170 Kelly Johnson Boulevard

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC ZC 17-00008

Presenter:

Rachel Teixeira, Planner II, Planning and Community Development  
Peter Wysocki, Director Planning and Community Development

**Attachments:**    [Figure 1 - Concept Plan](#)  
[7.5.501.E Concept Plans](#)

This Item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Geislinger, 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**

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

### 5. Recognitions

Councilmember Geislinger read a Proclamation for Catholic Charities of Central Colorado and expressed gratitude for the Life Skills Development Group. Andy Barton, President and CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, recognized employers Goodwill and People Ready for their employment efforts.

- 5.A.**    [17-1061](#)    Recognition regarding Colorado Springs' Elite Healthy Eating Active Living ("HEAL") status

Presenter:

Julie George, Policy Director, LiveWell Colorado

Council President Pro Tem Gaebler announced that Colorado Springs had achieved the city designation of Elite status with Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL). Councilmember Gaebler recognized Aubrey Day and Mina Liebert, former LiveWell Colorado Springs representatives for their efforts.

Julie George, Policy Director, LiveWell Colorado, presented Council with a plaque recognizing Colorado Springs' achievement of Elite status with

the LiveWell Colorado HEAL program.

Brian Kates, Program Coordinator, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, expressed appreciation of the collaborative efforts to get the community involved and engaged in healthy lifestyles. Mr. Kates announced current projects towards achieving additional healthful advancements.

## **6. Citizen Discussion**

Citizen Sam Mamet, Executive Director, Colorado Municipal League (CML), presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation to Council President Pro Tem Gaebler for serving on the Colorado Municipal League Board of Directors and achieving Fundamental Level in certification in their MUNiversity program.

Citizen Leeanne Dickinson asked for consideration in regards to her homelessness and for getting her restraining order issue resolved.

Citizen Shanon Greever spoke for the advantages of hemp and the 3H Hempcrete Coalition.

Citizen Gerald Miller spoke against robocall phone scammers and for the Truecaller and ShouldIAnswer phone apps.

Citizen Bill Carson spoke against the Gazette leaving newspapers on his property that he has not subscribed to which causes litter and security issues.

Citizen Joseph Malinausky spoke about homelessness and community assistance.

Citizen Candace Datz, Director of Youth and Adult Ministry at First Congressional Church, spoke for the support of immigrants, their families and the Colorado Springs Sanctuary Coalition.

Citizen Jaymen Johnson, founder of the Speakeasy Vape Lounge, spoke.

## **7. Mayor's Business**

There was no Mayor's Business.

## **8. Items Called Off Consent Calendar**

- 4B.J.** [CPC ZC 17-00033](#) An ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 5.41 acres from PIP-2/CR/SS (Planned Industrial Park with Conditions of Record and Streamside Overlay) to OC/SS (Office Complex with Streamside Overlay), located south of the I-25/Mark Dabling Boulevard underpass

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC CP 17-00070

Presenter:

Hannah Van Nimwegen, Planner II, Planning & Community Development

Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director

**Attachments:** [ZC ORD - Monument Creek Apts](#)

[Exhibit A - Legal Description](#)

[Exhibit B - Legal Description Depicted](#)

[CPC Staff Report Monument Creek](#)

[Figure 1. Concept Plan](#)

[Figure 2. Applicant Narrative](#)

[Figure 3. Surrounding Land Uses and Zoning](#)

[Figure 4. Neighbor Comment](#)

[Figure 5. Neighbor Comment](#)

[Figure 6. Building Elevations](#)

[Figure 7. SS Land Use Hierarchy](#)

[Figure 8. Trail Realignment](#)

[7.5.603.B Establishment or change of zone district boundaries](#)

[CPC June Minutes - Monument Apartments](#)

Hannah Van Nimwegen, Planner II, Planning & Community Development, presented the site details of the proposed Monument Creek Apartments and the requested zone change from Planned Industrial Park (PIP-2) to Office Complex (OC). Ms. Van Nimwegen described the public notification and involvement process, the parking, traffic, and access analysis as well as the stream and trail dedication.

Councilmember Knight stated he is concerned with how long the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail that connects the north to the south will be closed during construction and who will be paying the cost of detouring the trail. Ms. Van Nimwegen said the applicant is working with the Parks,

Recreation and Cultural Services Department to ensure the detour of the trail will be limited and working with the Special Events Office to reduce the impact of the detour on events.

Brian Fleer, CO President, AmericaWest Housing Solution, applicant, stated that they are working to minimize the impact of moving the trail to the east. He predicts that the project will take approximately 30-60 days to complete, during which time the trail will be closed.

Cathy Archuleta, an adjacent property owner, spoke in opposition of the zoning change. She stated that the zoning modification affidavits were improperly filed and did not have 75% of the homeowner votes as requested by the deed covenants.

Councilmember Murray asked if comments from Ms. Archuleta should be considered an appeal. Britt Haley, City Attorney Office, said it is a citizen comment in opposition.

Councilmember Strand asked if Ms. Archuleta had presented her concerns to the Planning Commission. Ms. Archuleta confirmed she had.

George Christian, Colorado Constructors, property owner, spoke in favor of the zoning change and support of the trail. Mr. Christian said ten of the thirteen property owners signed the documents in support of the zoning change.

Councilmember Avila said that she is in favor of additional affordable housing, but is concerned with the distance to public transportation and grocery stores.

Councilmember Murray asked if the new apartments are Section 8 Housing and inquired about the tenant restrictions. Mr. Fleer said AmericaWest is focused on the workforce and targeted to thirty-sixty percent Area Mean Income (AMI). He stated it is possible they will take Section 8 vouchers.

Councilmember Pico asked if there will be Class A security issues for a nearby tenant with an active trail system nearby. Ms. Archuleta said the security issue was brought to her attention from her tenant.

Councilmember Pico does not believe it will be since there is another

apartment building across the street.

Councilmember Knight commented that to walk to the nearest grocery store by trail would take 25-30 minutes. He also asked if the apartments will have access to the private drive. Ms. Van Nimwegen stated that it is a shared maintenance road that tenants will have access to.

Councilmember Knight asked if the underground drainage system will be an issue. Ms. Van Nimwegen said that the stormwater drainage plan is currently under review.

Councilmember Geislinger asked for explanation regarding the rent range. Mr. Fler said that the calculation is based on a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determination.

Councilmember Murray asked if covenant issues for this property have been addressed. Mr. Fler said that they have met covenant requirements. Marc Smith, City Attorney, clarified that the baseline review is for the re-zoning and concept plan criteria. He said that there is a provision in the City zoning code that addresses private covenant rules, but that the City does not have the authority to administer private covenant restrictions.

**Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Pico, that the the Ordinance rezoning 5.41 acres from PIP-2/CR/SS (Planned Industrial Park with Conditions of Record and a Streamside Overlay) to OC/SS (Office Complex with Streamside Overlay), based upon the findings that the zoning request complies with the review criteria set forth in City Code Section 7.5.603.B be approved on first reading. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0**

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

**No:** 1 - Avila

**4B.K.** [CPC CP  
17-00070](#)

A Concept Plan for the Monument Creek Apartments illustrating the development of a 5.41-acre property into a single, 4-story, 48-unit apartment complex located south of the I-25/Mark Dabling Boulevard underpass

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC ZC 17-00033

Presenter:

Hannah Van Nimwegen, Planner II, Planning & Community  
Development

Peter Wysocki, Planning and Community Development Director

**Attachments:** [Figure 1. Concept Plan](#)  
[7.5.501.E Concept Plans](#)

Please see comments in agenda item 4.B.J.

**Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Pico, that the Monument Creek Apartments Concept Plan, based upon the findings that the concept plan meets the review criteria for granting approval of a concept plan as set forth in City Code Section 7.5.501.E be approved. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0**

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

**No:** 1 - Avila

## **9. Utilities Business**

There was no Utilities Business.

## **10. Unfinished Business**

- 10.A.** [17-992](#) Ordinance No. 17-52 establishing the terms, fees, compensation, conditions and other matters relating to the granting of a cable franchise to Comcast of Colorado/ Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC and approving a cable franchise agreement between Comcast of Colorado/Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC and the City of Colorado Springs

Presenter:

Bret Waters, Deputy Chief of Staff

Ken Fellman, Outside Counsel

Renee Congdon, Senior Attorney,

Kelsey Hunt, Southern Colorado Educational Television Consortium

**Attachments:** [ApprovingComcastFranchiseORD-2017-05-22 final](#)  
[Proposed Comcast-Colorado Springs Renewal Franchise Agreement](#)  
[Comcast cable franchise comparison of key terms 5-22-17](#)  
[SCETC POWERPOINT CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION 5-22-17](#)  
[Comcast--Summary of Public Comments](#)

There were no comments on this item.

**Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Strand, that the Ordinance establishing the terms, fees, compensation, conditions and other matters relating to the granting of a cable franchise to Comcast of Colorado/ Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC and approving a cable franchise agreement between Comcast of Colorado/Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC and the City of Colorado Springs be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 8-2-0**

**Aye:** 7 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Geislinger, Murray, Skorman, and Strand

No: 2 - Knight, and Pico

- 10.B. [17-963](#) Ordinance No. 17-54 amending Ordinance No. 16-116 (2017 Appropriation Ordinance) for a Supplemental Appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$75,000 for tree cleanup from the April 2017 snowstorm

Presenter:

Karen Palus, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director  
Jay Hein, City Forester

**Attachments:** [050817 - Ordinance for Parks Forestry Div Tree Cleanup \(17-963\).docx](#)  
[5-8-17 - Forestry Emergency Supplemental Request - Powerpoint April 4 snowstorm June Council.pptx](#)

Councilmember Strand requested an update regarding the progress of the tree cleanup. Karen Palus, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, said the work including the 1,200 requests for service has been completed with the exception of a few remaining broken hanging branches. Councilmember Strand asked if there is anticipation of an additional request for funding for cleanup. Ms. Palus said she is not aware of any.

**Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Murray, that the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 16-116 (2017 Appropriation Ordinance) for a Supplemental Appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$75,000 for tree cleanup from the April 2017 snowstorm be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 6-3-0**

Aye: 6 - Avila, Bennett, Gaebler, Murray, Skorman, and Strand

No: 3 - Geislinger, Knight, and Pico

## **11. New Business**

- 11.A. [17-1068](#) A resolution declaring the intention of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to hold a special municipal election and to participate in a coordinated election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, and providing the effective date of this resolution.

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Coordinated Election2017Notice Resolution FINAL61517](#)

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated that September 8, 2017 is the deadline to submit ballot language and ballot certification to the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder. She said if the City withdraws by

September 8, 2017, there would be no cost to the City.

Councilmember Murray inquired if there is a limit to the number of questions that can be placed on the ballot and if there would be any additional cost. Ms. Johnson said the resolution today does not indicate the number of questions and an additional cost would transpire if it is a Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR) question.

Councilmember Murray asked who would be responsible for civic engagement with the public regarding the ballot language. Jeff Greene, Chief of Staff, said that it would be the responsibility of the Mayor and Councilmembers to engage with the public. Mr. Greene stated that the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to manage a campaign for this election and facilitate the election process on behalf of the business community. Councilmember Murray requested a minimum of two public meetings to address any ballot questions that Council recommends.

Councilmember Knight stated that he supports the resolution because there is opportunity to withdraw at a later time, but does have some reservations. He also agreed that there needs to be public hearings on the stormwater related issue.

Councilmember Pico stated that he does not support the resolution because he does not feel the need to go to voters with another stormwater related question and that he is not convinced that it should be appropriated from the general fund.

Councilmember Strand stated that he supports the resolution as a place holder, but feels they need to make a case to citizens for the request of additional funding for public safety. Councilmember Geislinger invited citizens to participate by presenting Council and staff with suggestions and ideas regarding the issues. Mr. Greene commented that the Mayor considers it imperative to address the stormwater needs.

**Motion by Councilmember Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Geislinger, that the Resolution declaring the intention of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to hold a special municipal election and to participate in a coordinated election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1-0**

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

**No:** 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