



City of Colorado Springs

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Tuesday, July 29, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 8 - President Pro Tem Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, Councilmember Kimberly Gold, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Roland Rainey Jr., Councilmember Brian Risley, and Councilmember Brandy Williams

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Tom Bailey

Councilmember Henjum attended the meeting virtually.

2. Executive Session

2.A. [25-389](#)

In accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) and City Code § 1.5.506(B), the City Council, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves consultation with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice and determining positions relative to negotiation regarding a litigation settlement in excess of \$200,000 in United States

District Court Case No. 20-cv-991, Estate of Melvin v. City of Colorado Springs (D. Colo.).

The President of Council shall poll the City Councilmembers, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may conduct a Closed Executive Session. In the event any City Councilmember is participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session, each City Councilmember participating in the Closed Executive Session shall affirmatively state for the record that no other member of the public not authorized to participate in the Closed Executive Session is present or able to hear the matters discussed as part of the Closed Executive Session. If consent to the Closed Executive Session is not given, the item may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.

Presenter:

Marc Smith, Acting City Attorney

Ben Bolinger, Legislative Counsel, City Attorney's Office, stated that in accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e), the City Council, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issue to be discussed involves consultation with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice and determining positions relative to negotiation regarding a litigation settlement in excess of \$200,000 in United States District Court Case No. 20-cv-991, Estate of Melvin v. City of Colorado Springs (D. Colo.).

President Crow-Iverson polled City Council regarding the desire to proceed with an electronic Closed Executive Session. At least two-thirds of City Council agreed to proceed in a Closed Executive Session.

3. New Business

- 3.A.** [25-390](#) Request for approval of settlement amount in a claim arising from police use of force on April 26, 2018.

Presenter:

Marc Smith, Acting City Attorney

Attachments: [Quarterly Report Excerpt](#)

There were no comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Risley, seconded by Councilmember Rainey Jr., that the \$3,200,000 settlement amount for the claim arising from an April 26, 2018 police contact be approved. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2-1-0

Aye: 6 - Crow-Iverson, Henjum, Leinweber, Rainey Jr., Risley, and Williams

No: 2 - Donelson, and Gold

Excused: 1 - Bailey

4. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned at 3:43 PM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk