



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Dave Donelson

Councilmember Leinweber attended the meeting virtually.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was made by Colorado Springs Police Department Chaplain Daniel McCormick.

President Crow-Iverson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Changes to Agenda/Postponements

Councilmember Henjum requested items 4B.E. to be removed from the Consent Calendar.

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. [26-048](#) Ordinance No. 26-18 repealing and reordaining Appendix K (Wildland Urban Interface Requirements) OF Part 1 (Fire Prevention Code) of Article 4 (Fire Prevention) of Chapter 8 (Public Safety).

Presenter:
Kris Cooper, Fire Marshal

Attachments: [Fire-IFC-AppendixK_ORD-2026-02-17-RL_corrected ADA.pdf](#)
[Appendix K CWRC 2026 04 28](#)
[Formal Approval of Local Map - City of Colorado Springs ADA](#)
[02.26.2026 DP Letter of Support ADA](#)
[FBA-Wilfire Resiliency Code-Letter of Support_20260212 ADA](#)
[2026 Colorado Springs Fire Department \(2021 IFC + CWRC\) ADA](#)
[Signed Ordinance 26-18](#)

This Ordinance was finally passed on the Consent Calendar.

4B. First Presentation:

- 4B.A. [26-198](#) City Council Regular Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [4-28-2026 City Council Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.B. [26-144](#) A Resolution authorizing the use of Possession and Use Agreements and Eminent Domain to acquire real property, permanent easements, and temporary easements using Brookside Realignment Project using PPRTA funds

Presenter:
Gayle Sturdivant, PE, PMP, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director

Kellie Billingsley, Real Estate Services Manager

Attachments: [02.0 Resolution for PU and ED Brookside.docx](#)
[02.A Brookside ROW SUMMARY TABLE](#)
[02.B Exhibit B to Resolution](#)
[03 Brookside Presentation](#)
[Signed Resolution 38-26](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.C. [26-167](#)** A Resolution authorizing the Stormwater Enterprise Manager to execute Memorandums of Agreement with the Department of the Army related to the COS Creek Plan Feasibility Study

Presenter:

Erin Powers, P.E., Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Attachments: [COS Creek Plan MOA Resolution](#)
[Section 203 MOA for Federal Activities Final](#)
[Section 203 MOA for Technical Assistance to USACE Final](#)
[Signed Resolution 39-26](#)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 4B.D. ZONE-26-00** Ordinance No. [XXX] amending the zoning map of the City of Colorado Springs pertaining to 9.04 acres located off Marksheffel Road southeast of the intersection of Space Village Avenue and Marksheffel Road from MX-M/AP-O/APZ-1 (Mixed-use Medium Scale with Airport and Accident Potential Zone Subzone-1 Overlays) to PK/AP-O/APZ-1 (Public Park with Airport and Accident Potential Subzone-1 Overlays).
03 (Quasi-Judicial) (Second Reading and Public Hearing)

Located in Council District 4

Presenter:

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

Attachments: Zone Ordinance
Staff Report_RR Community Park
Attachment 1_Project Statement ZMA
Attachment 2_Land Use Statement ZMA
Attachment 3_Exhibit A and B ZMA
Attachment 4_Peterson SFB Comments_Reagan Ranch Community Park_03.05.26
Attachment 5_USDA Communication
7.5.704 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING)
CPC Presentation_Reagan Ranch_Staff

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Gold, 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 8-0-1-0

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

Excused: 1 - Donelson

5. Recognitions

5.A. [26-200](#) A Proclamation Recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month

Presenter:
David Leinweber, Councilmember At Large

Attachments: [Proclamation Mental Health Awareness Month](#)

Councilmember Leinweber read the Proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the City's natural mental health resources available in the region.

Liz Denson, President and Chief Executive Office, Early Connections Learning Centers, spoke about the importance of recognizing mental health in children and providing them safe and stable environments.

Sarah Potter, Faith Table, spoke about the mental health crisis facing the hospitality workforce.

Andre Podpolucha, Chief Operating Officer, Step Springs, provided brief

history of the trauma he had experienced and identified the need for mental health resources within the community.

Councilmember Williams highlighted the documentary “Raising America”.

- 5.B. [26-207](#) A Resolution Recognizing May 17 to May 23, 2026 as National Public Works Week

Presenter:

Nancy Henjum, Councilmember District 5

Attachments: [National Public Works Week](#)
[Signed Resolution 40-26](#)

Councilmember Henum identified how important public infrastructure is to the community, expressed appreciation for all Public Works employees, and read a Resolution recognizing May 17 To May 23, 2026 as National Public Works Week.

Rich Mulledy, Public Works Director, acknowledged the hard work of Public Works employees and identified the accomplishments of the various Public Works teams.

Several Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the responsiveness and hard work of the Public Works employees.

Motion by Councilmember Gold, seconded by Councilmember Williams, that the Resolution recognizing May 17 to May 23, 2026 as National Public Works Week be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

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

Excused: 1 - Donelson

- 5.C. [26-209](#) A Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as National Wildfire Awareness Month

Presenter:

Brandy Williams, Councilmember District 3

Attachments: [National Wildfire Awareness Month](#)
[Signed Resolution 41-26](#)

Councilmember Williams read the Resolution recognizing May 2026 as National Wildfire Awareness Month.

Fire Marshal Kris Cooper, Colorado Springs Fire Department, identified the risks of wildfire in Colorado Springs and how important mitigation

efforts are.

Councilmember Leinweber commended the work of CSFD, and their collaboration with the United States Forest Service for fire mitigation.

Motion by Councilmember Henjum, seconded by Councilmember Williams, that the Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as National Wildfire Awareness Month be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

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

Excused: 1 - Donelson

5.D. [26-210](#) A Resolution Honoring May 25th, 2026 as Memorial Day

Presenter:

Ken Casey, Councilmember District 2

Attachments: [Memorial Day](#)
[Signed Resolution 42-26](#)

Councilmember Casey honored the bravery of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in an attack in Mosul, Iraq, on April 10, 2009; Sergeant First Class Brian Hall, Staff Sergeant Gary Woods, Jr., Sergeant Edward Forrest, Corporal Jason Pouch and Private First Class Bryce Kateer and read the Resolution honoring May 25, 2026 as Memorial Day.

Andrea Finnegan-Fosse, Commander, American Legion Post 5, spoke about Memorial Day being a solemn day of remembrance and encouraged everyone to attend a Memorial Day Remembrance Service such as the one scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2026 11:00 AM at Veterans Memorial.

Russ Miller, President and Chairman, Pikes Peak Veterans Council, spoke about the importance of honoring Memorial Day.

Leroy Trusty, Vietnam Veterans of America, spoke about the need for mental healthcare for veterans and read the poem "In Flander Fields".

Ryan Hemhauser, Member, American Legion Post 5, spoke about the loss of his friends due to combat and war.

Councilmember Rainey stated the cost of Freedom does not care about your political affiliation and is not free. He asked everyone to honor the sacrifice, remember the history, support military families, and promote unity/patriotism.

Motion by Councilmember Rainey Jr., seconded by Councilmember Gold, that the Resolution Honoring May 25th, 2026 as Memorial Day be

adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

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

Excused: 1 - Donelson

6. Mayor's Business

- 6.A.** [26-175](#) Ordinance No. 26-17 appointing Stefanie Boster as City Attorney and prescribing her duties, compensation, and tenure In Office, and superseding and repealing all prior ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance

Presenter:

Yemi Mobolade, Mayor

Attachments: [CityAtty-Salary-2026-04-15.docx](#)

[Signed Ordinance 26-17](#)

Mayor Yemi presented the Ordinance appointing Stefanie Boster as City Attorney and prescribing her duties, compensation and tenure in office.

Mayor Yemi performed the swearing in ceremony.

Ms. Boster expressed appreciation for her family and the opportunity to serve the City.

Councilmember Henjum expressed support of the appointment.

Motion by Councilmember Gold, seconded by Councilmember Rainey Jr., that the Ordinance No. 26-17 appointing Stefanie Boster as City Attorney and prescribing her duties, compensation, and tenure In Office, and superseding and repealing all prior ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be finally passed. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

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

Excused: 1 - Donelson

- 6.B.** [26-190](#) A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Skyler Rorabaugh as the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

Presenter:

Yemi Mobolade, Mayor

Attachments: [Rorabaugh Resolution.docx](#)

[Signed Resolution 43-26](#)

Mayor Yemi presented the Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Skyler Rorabaugh as the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Several Councilmembers expressed support of the appointment.

Mayor Yemi performed the swearing in ceremony.

Mr. Rorabaugh expressed appreciation for his family and the opportunity to serve the City.

Motion by Councilmember Henjum, seconded by Councilmember Rainey Jr., that the Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Skyler Rorabaugh as the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director be adopted. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

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

Excused: 1 - Donelson

7. Items Called Off Consent Calendar

- 4B.E. [26-201](#)** Ratification of Councilmember liaisons to City Council appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees
Presenter:
Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President and Councilmember At-Large

Attachments: [Summary of Boards, Commissions, and Committees Councilmember Assignments - May 12, 2026](#)

Councilmember Henjum stated she pulled this item from the Consent Calendar to highlight the change in the appointment process for a Councilmember to be on the El Paso County Public Health Board.

Blongshia Lindsay, Program Administrator, City Council Legislative Services, stated there is still a seat for City Council on that board, just the appointment process has changed.

Motion by Councilmember Gold, seconded by Councilmember Williams, that the ratification of Councilmember liaisons to City Council appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees be approved. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

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

Excused: 1 - Donelson

8. Utilities Business

There was no Utilities Business.

9. Unfinished Business

- 9.A. [CODE-26-00](#) An Ordinance amending multiple sections of Article 5 (Administration and Enforcement) of Chapter 7 (Unified Development Code) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, as related to procedural process (Legislative)

Located in Council Districts Citywide

Presenter:

Daniel Sexton, LUR/DRE Planning Manager, City Planning Department
Kevin Walker, Planning Director, City Planning Department

Attachments: [Ordinance Article 5 – Administration and Enforcement Ordinance Update](#)
[CPC Staff Report Administration and Enforcement Ordinance Update](#)
[Administration and Enforcement Ordinance Presentation](#)
[CC Presentation Administration and Enforcement Ordinance Staff](#)
[7.5.702 AMENDMENT TO UDC TEXT](#)
[Excerpt Minutes - Amendment to UDC Administrative Decisions - CPC 03_11_2026](#)

Daniel Sexton presented the Ordinance amending Article 5 (Administration and Enforcement) of Chapter 7 (Unified Development Code) of City Code pertaining to procedural process. He provided an overview of the history of the Ordinance, Sections changed by Ordinance, appeal changes, Development Plan changes, adjustment/variance Sections, and Section 7.5.704-Zoning Map Amendments.

Councilmember Rainey asked if the intent is to save the applicant money by indicating whether or not the project is going to move forward. Mr. Sexton confirmed that the proposed changes allow more predictability prior to the developer spending large amounts on the design part of the project.

Councilmember Casey spoke in support of the proposed changes.

Motion by Councilmember Henjum, seconded by Councilmember Rainey Jr., that the Ordinance amending multiple sections of Article 5 (Administration and Enforcement) of Chapter 7 (Unified Development Code) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, as related to process and procedural changes be approved on first reading. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-1-0

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

Excused: 1 - Donelson

10. New Business

There was no New Business.

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 Charles Barber requested everyone prevent hair from going down the drain and into Colorado Springs Utilities wastewater system.

Citizen Peter Hernandez spoke in opposition of the large data center, Project Torres.

Citizen Gwendolyn Henderson requested the letter of reprimand for Councilmember Gold regarding speaking against Councilmember Donelson's statements and actions at the January 13, 2026 City Council meeting be revoked.

Councilmember Henjum spoke about the book "Soul of Civility" by Lexi Hudson which was gifted to City Councilmembers by Lisa Brandt and Lori Leander, Reclaiming Civility, and expressed appreciation for the letter Ms. Henderson sent to City Council

Councilmember Leinweber stated he believes history is being re-written on the reprimand letter sent to Councilmember Gold because it was privately given to her, was never intended to be public, and she decided to put it on social media to harm the reputation of City Council. He stated President Crow-Iverson asked to meet with Councilmember Gold, but she declined and he cannot trust Councilmember Gold because she will go to social media before she comes to him directly which is a big problem with civility, mutual respect, and collaboration.

Councilmember Gold stated Councilmember Leinweber did speak to her on January 21, 2026 for approximately six minutes prior to the Colorado

Springs Utilities Board meeting which did not allow time for a conversation, City Council's job is not to agree on everything, it is to have diverse opinions because the City is very diverse, and she will always stand up and speak for historically marginalized communities. She stated she worries that sometimes systems of power use civility and decorum to uphold power instead of encouraging conversations of radical transparency and courageous conversation and there is always opportunity to do better.

Councilmember Henjum requested that City Council work with the Reclaiming Civility group in order to be civil with one another and learn to disagree in a way that is respectful of one another. She stated she was never asked to sign a letter for Councilmember Donelson's behavior, and she believes one member was singled-out over another.

Citizen Nick Raven spoke about the need for higher City Council pay.

Citizen Taylor Gray spoke against the letter of reprimand for Councilmember Gold and the large data center being built.

Citizen Steven Lightfoot stated the Hantavirus is chemical warfare and Stephen King killed John Lennon.

14. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk