



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes City Council Work Session

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Monday, June 8, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Crow-Iverson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

Councilmember Williams requested item 4B.E. be removed from the June 9, 2026 City Council meeting Consent Calendar. Consensus of City Council agreed to this change.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [26-234](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes May 26, 2026

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Work Session Meeting Minutes 26-May-2026](#)

The minutes of the May 26, 2026 Work Session were approved by Consensus of City Council.

5. Presentations for General Information

There were no Presentations for General Information.

6. Staff and Appointee Reports

6.A. [26-192](#) 2026-2030 Office of the City Auditor Strategic Plan Review

Presenter:

Natalie Lovell, City Auditor, Office of the City Auditor

Attachments: [2026-2030 Office of the City Auditor Strategy Plan](#)
[2026-2030 City Auditor Strategic Plan Presentation](#)

Natalie Lovell, City Auditor, Office of the City Auditor (OCA), presented the 2026 through 2030 Strategic Plan Overview. She presented an overview of the mission, vision, values, strategic position within the municipal ecosystem, strategic focus areas, processes, technology, Strategic Advisor, and talent. Ms. Lovell identified the internal alignment cascade, 2026 balanced scorecard, and reporting fraud, waste, and abuse.

Councilmember Henjum requested additional information regarding the “Audit Insight” sessions. Ms. Lovell stated those will be two-to-three-minute micro sessions presented electronically regarding what the OCA does and was a result of a previous Colorado Springs Utilities audit.

6.B. [26-217](#) Quarterly Financial Report

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [Quarterly Financial Update - 06-08-26](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the quarterly financial report, which included an overview of the General Fund Sales and Use Tax, Non-Sales and Use Tax revenue, Lodging/Auto Rental Tax (LART), and recreational marijuana special five percent tax fund, salary/benefit expenses, economic indicators, and 2027 budget key dates.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the revenue for the first four months of 2026 is approximately four percent higher than 2025 year-to-date. Ms. McDaniel confirmed it is.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the big revenue categories are outside of Sales and Use Tax revenue. Ms. McDaniel stated charges for

services, intergovernmental revenue, such as Highway User Tax, interest earnings from investments, and surplus payments from Colorado Springs Utilities.

President Pro Tem Risley requested additional information regarding the projection of construction and home sales. Ms. McDaniel stated the home prices have decreased due to decreased demand, but it is difficult to project construction due to conflicting signals in the economy.

Councilmember Donelson asked how long construction permits are valid for. President Pro Tem Risley stated they are active for 180 days.

Councilmember Leinweber asked if 2025's single-family building permits numbers were exceptionally low which would indicate the decreased numbers in 2026 year-to-date were concerning. Ms. McDaniel confirmed they were, but it is not a good comparison when evaluating recent permit numbers to 2021 and 2022 because those years were exceptionally high.

Councilmember Rainey asked if there has been a new modeling structure implemented regarding the 2026 Budget. Ms. McDaniel confirmed the new modeling structure has been in place for approximately a year.

President Crow-Iverson asked how confident Ms. McDaniel is that they will not have to make additional cuts mid-year to meet the 2026 Budget. Ms. McDaniel stated she is confident that they will not have to make mid-year adjustments if things continue as they are now.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the two percent of the City's Sales and Use Tax that is tracking over budget equates to in dollars. Ms. McDaniel stated she does not have that information, and she would not want to make any projections for the rest of the year.

6.C. [26-233](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 6-8-26](#)

There were no comments on this item.

7. Items for Introduction

7.A. [26-182](#) A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 86-25 and Establishing Fees and Charges for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Cemetery Enterprise for 2027

Presenter:

Cheryl Godbout, Cemetery Operations Manager

Kim King, Assistant Director - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Attachments: [June 2026 - Cemetery Fee Increase Resolution](#)

[Copy of 2027 Cemetery Fees And Charges Exhibit A -4_30](#)

[2027 Cemetery Fees & Charges - June 8 Work Session - PowerPoint](#)

Kim King, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, presented the Resolution repealing Resolution No. 71-24 and establishing fees and charges for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Cemetery Enterprise for 2027. She provided an overview of the fees and charges process.

Councilmember Henjum asked what the City market position is. Ms. King stated they are trying to breakeven by covering their costs with a small amount extra for capital expenses and they are average in comparison to the market.

Cheryl Godbout, Cemetery Operations Manager, identified the service levels, 2027 fees/charges, revenues versus expenditures, new fees, and important dates.

Councilmember Henjum asked how the enterprise is planning for the future. Ms. Godbout stated they have approximately six sections of property available for development.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the demand will be lowered due to the national cemetery. Ms. Godbout stated the national cemetery did not make a difference to their volume.

Councilmember Donelson asked if they have enough grave sites to meet the demand. Ms. Godbout stated the inventory of multiple spaces together is dwindling, which is why development of the new sections in Fairfield and Evergreen cemeteries are so important.

Councilmember Donelson asked when they anticipate purchasing additional land. Ms. Godbout stated approximately ten to twenty years.

Councilmember Donelson asked how much the corpus is. Ms. Godbout stated the corpus is approximately \$12 million.

Councilmember Rainey asked if the cemetery has a list of targeted land. Ms. Godbout stated they do not have the finances to explore new land at this time.

President Crow-Iverson asked how many blocks the cemetery has. Ms. Godbout stated they have 640 blocks.

Councilmember Donelson requested additional information regarding vaults. Ms. Godbout stated a vault is a more protective container which the casket goes into and keeps the ground from sinking over time.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the Monument Disposal Fee is to remove and destroy a headstone. Ms. Godbout confirmed it is.

7.B. [26-216](#)

Ordinance No. 26-25 Amending Multiple Parts of Chapter 7 (Unified Development Code) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as Amended, Pertaining to Stormwater Permanent Control Measures

Presenter:

Erin Powers, P.E., Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Richard Mulledy, P.E., Public Works Director

Attachments: [Stormwater-PCM-ORD-2026-04-23](#)

Erin Powers, Stormwater Enterprise Manager, presented the Ordinance amending multiple parts of Chapter 7 (Unified Development Code) of the City Code pertaining to stormwater.

There were no comments on this item.

8. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

9. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Henjum stated she and Councilmember Rainey attended Public Safety Committee meeting, she attended the Civility Retreat hosted by Lexi Hudson on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and stated the Sports Corp and other organizations will be coordinating Fourth of July firework events throughout the City, and she wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Councilmember Leinweber stated he attended the 10th Annual Get Outdoors Day at Prospect Lake on Saturday, June 6, 2026, he, President Crow-Iverson, and President Pro Tem Risley hosted a town hall meeting in partnership with the organization, Braver Angels, they will be hosting the next town hall on July 27, 2026, at Library 21c, and he participated in Grandparenting 101 at St. Francis Medical Center.

Councilmember Gold highlighted Caribbean-American Month, Men's

Mental Health Month, National PTSD Awareness Month, Bike Month, Father's Day, and Pride Month which Pikes Peak Pride will host festivities from June 13 to 14, 2026. She encouraged everyone to vote in the June 2026 Primary Election and stated she will be moderating the Pikes Peak Bulletin Colorado Governor's Forum on Sunday, June 14, 2026, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Councilmember Rainey expressed appreciation for Colorado Springs Utilities taking several Councilmembers on a tour of their Jackson Fuller substation, he stated several Councilmembers participated in the Leadership Pikes Peak Local Government Day last week, and recognized Travis Easton, Deputy Chief of Staff, and the Public Works team regarding their work on the media campaign regarding the impact of a significant traffic reconfiguration, and he will be putting together a Small Business Economic Forum in the next few weeks in order to let small businesses know what resources are available to them.

Councilmember Donelson expressed appreciation for Commander Mike Velasquez, Colorado Springs Police Department, who retired on May 27, 2026, after 29 years of service to the City. He stated he attended the Colorado Springs Fire Department's 3rd Annual Open House on Printers Parkway, the El Paso County's Sheriff's graduation ceremony, and the Arts on the Street opening reception on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Councilmember Donelson stated he held a town hall on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Fire Station 14, with support by Corey Farkus, Public Works Division Manager, and thanked City Council support staff and he also thanked his daughter for giving him his first grandson on May 20, 2026.

Councilmember Casey stated he will be hosting a town hall for District 2 on June 30, 2026, at 5:30 PM at Fire Station 19 on Research Parkway where the Public Works Department, Traffic Department, Colorado Springs Police Department, and Colorado Springs Utilities will be in attendance.

10. Executive Session

10A. Open

There were no Open Executive Sessions.

10B. Closed

10B.A. [26-239](#)

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), 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 regarding the Old Colorado City Downtown Development Authority.

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:

Stefanie Boster, City Attorney

Attachments: [26-239 Closed Session Notice \(OCC DDA\) 6.1.26](#)

Stefanie Boster, City Attorney, 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 regarding the Old Colorado City Downtown Development Authority.

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.

11. Adjourn

Upon completion of the Closed Executive Session, there being no further business to come before City Council, Council adjourned at 12:19 PM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk