



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, June 26, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Present** 8 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, President Pro Tem Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, President Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, Councilmember Brian Risley, and Councilmember Michelle Talarico
- Excused** 1 - Councilmember Mike O'Malley

1.A. [23-328](#) Remembrance of Councilmember Stephannie Fortune

Presenter:

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President Pro Tem and Councilmember At-Large

President Pro Tem Crow-Iverson honored former District 3 Councilmember Stephannie Fortune and acknowledged many of her achievements.

Linda Weise, President and CEO, Community Cultural Collective, introduced David Musante, Emily Peter, Katie Mendez, Emma Lee, Kelly Kubel, and Christina Wells, some of the students and alumni from the Colorado Springs Conservatory who sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "You've Got a Friend" in tribute of Councilmember Fortune.

Scott Marble, Chief Operating Officer, Christina Wells, Colorado Springs Conservatory, Elizabeth Quevedo, Director of Community Impact, Pikes Peak United Way, former Councilmember Wayne Williams, Donna Nelson,

Chief Development Officer, Pikes Peak State College, Cindy Aubrey, President and CEO, Pikes Peak United Way, Dan Nordberg, Board Chair Pikes Peak United Way, President Helms, Councilmember Henjum, Councilmember Talarico, Councilmember Donelson, President Pro Tem Crow-Iverson, (nicknamed The Fortunates), shared their experiences and expressed appreciation for Councilmember Fortune's accomplishments, contributions, integrity, commitment, and dedication to the community.

Kent Fortune, Councilmember Fortune's husband, expressed gratitude for the acknowledgements and support of his wife, asked people to recognize others, find joy in their lives, and everyone present joined him in doing "friction hands" to celebrate her life.

2. Changes to Agenda

There were no Changes to Agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

There were no Regular Meeting Comments.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.A. [23-325](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes June 12, 2023

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [6-12-23 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

Councilmember Donelson stated that President Helms was listed as President Strand on page two of the June 12, 2023 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes. Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated she will make that correction.

The minutes of the June 12, 2023 Work Session were approved as amended by Consensus of City Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

5A.A. [23-320](#) Estate of Cristo Jesus Canett, by and through its personal representative Elizabeth Naranjo v. WellPath, LLC, Board of County Comm'rs, Sheriff Joseph Roybal, Anthony Lupo, Michelle Silva, Makayla Patterson, and Jenene Scott United States District Court Case No. 1:23-cv-01211

Presenter:
Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Attachments: [2023-06-01 - CAIC Memo](#)

Tim Scheiderer, Attorney, City Attorney's Office, stated with the recommendation of the Civil Action Investigation Committee, the City is requesting authorization to defend.

President Helms polled City Council regarding authorizing the City to represent the employee. Consensus of City Council agreed.

5B. Closed

There was no Closed Executive Session.

6. Presentations for General Information

There were no Presentations for General Information.

7. Staff and Appointee Reports

7.A. [23-142](#) City Financial Report - Q1 2023

Presenter:
Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [June Financial Report thru Q1.23](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Quarter 1 2023 financial update and went over revenue activity through March 31, 2023, sales tax trends, general fund revenue, general fund expenditures, and economic indicators.

Councilmember Avila asked what the benefit of a three-month hiring delay would be. Ms. McDaniel stated it would create a reduction in expenditures since there is a decrease in sales tax revenue.

President Helms asked how the sales tax revenue will affect the 2024 budget. Ms. McDaniel stated they track it very closely and they anticipate it will be flat revenue (same as 2023) going into 2024.

Councilmember Donelson stated Mayor Yemi mentioned that City Council request a TABOR retention from the voters in order to fund the Colorado Springs Police Department training center and asked if the City will even have an overage. Ms. McDaniel stated the TABOR overage referenced is 2022 TABOR revenue.

Councilmember Henjum requested information regarding rebudgeted revenue from previous years. Ms. McDaniel stated rebudgeted revenue is defined as revenue collected which was over the budgeted amount in the prior year or expenditures which were below the budgeted amount in the prior year.

Councilmember Henjum asked how much of the City's budget is generated through sales tax and if it is comparable to other jurisdictions the same size. Ms. McDaniel stated approximately sixty percent and provided an overview of review sources in the west and the east.

Councilmember Henjum asked why there has been such a drop in building material sales tax revenue when there is such a need in the community for housing. Ms. McDaniel stated it is a combination of the increase of interest rates and there were record breaking permits being pulled for single-family and multi-family homes over the past two years which comparably would create a dramatic decrease.

Councilmember Risley commented that homebuilders did respond quickly which they perceived as potential slowdown and most of them have started building again and he believes these numbers will normalize by the end of the year.

Councilmember Leinweber commented the weather had an effect on tourism at the beginning of this year.

Councilmember Donelson requested additional information regarding the Pikes Peak Region Building Report Dwelling Units Gained. Ms. McDaniel stated that it reflects the number of dwelling units added versus the number of building permits issued.

7.B. [23-324](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 6-26-23](#)

Councilmember Henjum stated the Public Art Commission requested to present an update at a later Work Session in July 2023. President Helms agreed to that request.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated the City Clerk's Office received two separate appeal notices for the Kettle Creek development project which will be held one of the July 2023 City Council meetings.

Councilmember Henjum asked when the Amara Annexation will be coming before City Council. Councilmember Risley stated it will go to the Planning Commission in August 2023 and then City Council in September 2023.

8. Items for Introduction

There were no Items for Introduction.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

There were no Councilmember Reports and there was no Open Discussion.

11. Adjourn

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

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk