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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, April 8, 2024

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Present** 7 - Councilmember Yolanda Avila, President Pro Tem Lynette Crow-Iverson, Councilmember Dave Donelson, President Randy Helms, Councilmember Nancy Henjum, Councilmember David Leinweber, and Councilmember Brian Risley
- Excused** 2 - Councilmember Mike O'Malley, and Councilmember Michelle Talarico

2. Changes to Agenda

President Helms stated the second item in the Closed Executive Session will be taken after item 10.A.

Consensus of City Council agreed to this change on the agenda.

3. Regular Meeting Comments

President Helms requested item 4B.J. be removed from the April 9, 2024 City Council meeting Consent Calendar because it is currently scheduled as a back-to-back item, and he would prefer for it to be postponed for two weeks.

Consensus of City Council agreed to this change.

4. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.A. [24-175](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [3-25-24 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

Councilmember Henjum requested the minutes of item 10. of the March 25, 2024 Work Session be revised to include that when she met with the Bishop of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, the key statement was actually not just meeting him, but a joint conversation with him and the Men of Influence regarding having conversations around profound differences in conflict and reconciliation with violence. Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk, stated she will make that amendment.

The minutes of the March 25, 2024 Work Session were approved as amended by Consensus of City Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

5B. Closed

5B.A. [24-184](#)

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 issues to be discussed involve (i) consultation with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice related to short term rental regulations and (ii) 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 \$100,000 in El Paso County District Court Case No. 20CV31791, Myers & Sons Construction, L.P. v. City of Colorado Springs and Colorado Springs Utilities.

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:

Wynetta Massey, City Attorney

Attachments: [Closed Session memo - 4-1-24](#)

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 an electronic Closed Executive Session. The issues to be discussed involve (i) consultation with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice related to short term rental regulations and (ii) 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 \$100,000 in El Paso County District Court Case No. 20CV31791, Myers & Sons Construction, L.P. v. City of Colorado Springs and Colorado Springs Utilities.

President Helms 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 an electronic Closed Executive Session.

6. Presentations for General Information

- 6.A. [24-065](#) Cultural Affairs Office of the Pikes Peak Region (COPPeR) - 2023 year-end Lodgers and Auto Rental Tax (LART) contract update to City Council

Presenter:

Angela Seals, President and CEO, Cultural Affairs Office of the Pikes Peak Region

Attachments: [Cultural Office LART End of Year 2023 Report Slidedeck](#)

Angela Seals, President and CEO, Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region (COPPeR), presented the six-month Lodgers and Auto Rental Tax (LART) contract update. She provided an overview of their mission, service area, COPPeR office staff, focus arenas of impact, and 2023 highlights. Ms. Seals went over building an arts destination, the impact of cultural tourists, cultural promotion/tourism key performance indicators (KPIs), creative economy KPIs, special community initiatives KPIs, fiscal management/accountability KPIs, and ongoing advocacy KPIs.

Councilmember Donelson asked how much COPPeR receives from LART.

Ms. Seals stated \$450,000, which is one of the smallest amounts provided to an organization by LART.

Councilmember Henjum asked how they calculate the number of tourists versus the number of locals visiting PeakRadar. Ms. Seals stated they use Google Analytics which identifies where the IP address is located.

Councilmember Henjum asked how they connect tourists with PeakRadar. Ms. Seals explained how they embed PeakRadar in hotels and other attractions in the community.

Councilmember Leinweber stated PeakRadar helps connect people with like-minded people and asked what challenges COPPeR faces with tracking all the different types of groups. Ms. Seals stated they always welcome additional help and the PeakRadar Pages did help identify those groups, but because the City has grown so much, it was really difficult to make sure the information was updated each year.

President Pro Tem Crow Iverson asked how much of their budget is funded by LART. Ms. Seals stated approximately sixty-five percent.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the biggest art events are. Ms. Seals stated the largest venues are the World Arena, Fine Arts Center, Ent Center for the Arts, and the Pikes Peak Center.

Councilmember Donelson asked what year these numbers represent. Ms. Seals stated the data was collected in 2021 which still had impact from the pandemic.

6.B. [24-066](#)

Colorado Springs Sports Corp - 2023 year-end Lodgers and Auto Rental Tax (LART) contract update to City Council

Presenter:

Megan Leatham, President and CEO, Colorado Springs Sports Corp

Attachments: [CSSC - LART 2023 year-end City Council Presentation 4-8-24](#)

Megan Latham, President and CEO, Brianna Goodwin, Chief Development Officer, and Aubrey McCoy, Chief Operating Officer, Colorado Springs Sports Corp (CSSC), stated they received \$900,000 from Lodgers and Auto Rental Tax (LART) where \$300,000 of that amount is money in and money out which they use to bid for events and the remaining \$600,000 is twenty-two percent of their operating budget. She provided a brief overview of mission, their objectives, 2023 company year-end statistics, Sports Commission, 2023 endorsed events, future objectives, and key performance indicators (KPI).

Councilmember Donelson asked if the events go through the LART process. Ms. Latham stated due to the timing of the LART application cycle, sometimes the events need to be funded outside of those dates.

Councilmember Henjum asked how the Sports Authority is connected to C2C. Ms. Latham stated it is through the State's Regional Tourism Authority (RTA) requirements for the Colorado Sports Authority, which started ten to fifteen years ago, specifically focused on Weidner Field and Ed Robson Arena, which make sure that they are bringing out of town visitors to those specific venues. She stated it requires there is an authority such as an audit committee to oversee it which includes a Mayor appointed chair and a City Council representative, Aaron McGuire. Councilmember Henjum stated she was not aware of there being a City Council representative. Emily Evans, City Council Administrator, stated she will look into that.

Councilmember Leinweber asked why there is a decrease in economic impact from the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Ms. Latham stated their numbers do not reflect USOC economic impact because they are a separate entity they are only reporting the tourism impact they bring into the community.

Councilmember Leinweber asked how City Council can assist with gaining access to the trails being used for the Pikes Peak APEX event which are currently being blocked by Colorado Springs Utilities and the United States Forest Service. Ms. Latham stated they have met with the United States Forest Service and Trails, Open Space, and Parks (TOPS) to see how they can gain access and illustrate to them how they will be good stewards of the trails. Councilmember Donelson commented that the CSU water system cannot be jeopardized.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the Switchbacks games count toward the State's requirements. Ms. Latham stated they do not.

7. Staff and Appointee Reports

7.A. [24-174](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 4-8-24](#)

There were no comments on this item.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A. [24-168](#) A Resolution adopting and entering into The Trust Agreement for The Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer, And Behavioral Health Benefits Trust and taking other actions in connection therewith

Presenter:

Randy Royal, CSFD Fire Chief

Jayme McConnellogue, Deputy Fire Chief

Attachments: [Heart Cancer-Trust-Agreement-IGA-3-11-24](#)
[Heart and Cancer PPT - City Council Final](#)
[Resolution-ColoradoFirefighterTrust-FINAL-3-28-24.docx](#)

Randy Royal, Fire Chief, Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD), introduced the Resolution adopting and entering into the trust agreement for the Colorado Firefighter Heart, Cancer, (CFHC) and Behavioral Health Benefits Trust.

Jayme McConnellogue, Deputy Fire Chief, CSFD, provided an overview of the trust, CFHC Trust's Heart Program, CFHC Trust's Cancer Program, CSFD Firefighter cancer statistics, Cancer Program eligibility, advantages, benefits, awards, and cost breakdown. She went over the Behavioral Health Program benefits and cost breakdown.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the \$500,000 funding from Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), is specifically allocated for Colorado Springs. Ms. McConnellogue confirmed they are.

Councilmember Donelson asked what this fund was previously used for. Ms. McConnellogue stated it was for cardiac care. Ryan Talmage, Risk Manager, Human Resources, explained they are reimbursed by DOLA each year based on costs.

Councilmember Risley asked who pays for the behavioral trust. Ms. McConnellogue stated it is fully funded by the State.

Councilmember Henjum asked when the program started. Ms. McConnellogue stated the program started in 2014.

Councilmember Henjum asked how many municipalities are already participating in the program. Ms. McConnellogue stated there are 98 departments participating in the Heart Trust Program and 103 are participating in the Cancer Trust Program.

President Helms requested an annual briefing on these programs if they are approved. Ms. McConnellogue and Chief Royal confirmed they would.

Councilmember Donelson asked if the cost of the premiums is anticipated to increase. Ms. McConnellogue stated she has not researched that, but DOLA will reimburse the costs.

Councilmember Donelson asked how many cases of skin cancer and melanoma have been diagnosed. Mr. Talmage stated there have been ten cases of skin cancer and five cases of melanomas.

Councilmember Donelson asked what the total costs to the City would be for the first three years. Ms. McConnellogue stated it would be zero dollars for the first three years, in the fourth year it would cost \$51,228, and the fifth year would cost \$167,901.

Councilmember Donelson asked when Denver, CO started participating in the trusts. Ms. McConnellogue stated approximately a year ago.

Councilmember Donelson asked what group the firefighters are being compared to in the statistics findings. Ms. McConnellogue stated they were compared to the general population and was conducted by the International Agency on Research Cancer, and she will provide additional information.

8.B. [24-144](#) An Ordinance Platting Two Columbaria in Evergreen Cemetery in Block 210

Presenter:

Britt I. Haley, Director - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

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

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Map of Evergreen Cemetery](#)

[Exhibit B - Schematic of New Columbarium](#)

[4-8-24 - Evergreen Cemetery New Columbaria Platting in Block 210](#)

[4-8-24 - Evergreen Cemetery New Columbaria Ordinance](#)

Kim King, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, presented the Ordinance platting two columbaria in Evergreen Cemetery in Block 210. She provided a brief history of Evergreen Cemetery, columbaria location, columbaria examples, and columbarium schematic.

Councilmember Henjum asked how many slots are remaining in the columbaria. Ms. King stated there are a total of 96 compartments and only 18 have been sold.

Councilmember Donelson and Councilmember Leinweber asked if the columbaria will match the existing columbaria on site. Ms. King stated they are a different color granite but confirmed they will be complementary of each other.

- 8.C. [24-053](#) An Ordinance Amending Section 201 (General Penalty) of Part 2 (General Penalty) of Article 1 (Administration) of Chapter 1 (Administration, Personnel and Finance) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, Pertaining to Automated Vehicle Identification Systems

Presenter:

Chief Adrian Vasquez, Colorado Springs Police Department
Commander Pamela Castro, Colorado Springs Police Department
Shantel Withrow, Division Chief - Prosecution, City Attorney's Office

Attachments: [AVIS Ch 1-ORD-2024-02-14.docx](#)
[2024 AVIS-Council Presentation_VFinal.pptx](#)

Shantel Withrow, Division Chief - Prosecution, City Attorney's Office, presented the Ordinances amending City Code pertaining to Automated Vehicle Identification Systems (AVIS). She provided an overview of AVIS, current Ordinances, background regarding why the change is needed, and proposed City Code changes for 10.1.115 and five other City Code sections which reference AVIS, the penalties, or definitions.

Councilmember Donelson asked what would be the outcome if another person other than the owner of the vehicle is cited for speeding. Ms. Withrow stated under state law, the registered owner is responsible, but anyone receiving a ticket can challenge it in municipal court where each case is reviewed on a fact specific basis.

Councilmember Donelson asked how the Final Order of Liability is presented. Ms. Withrow stated it is initially sent in the mail, but the final order or original notice will have to be personally served before collections can be assessed against them.

Councilmember Leinweber asked if the vendor mailing the tickets will be located out of state. Adrian Vasquez, Chief, Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD), stated the vendor is represented in multiple states and is the same vendor they currently use for photo red light tickets.

Councilmember Donelson asked if a first-time speeding of ten miles per hour or less violation will be issued a warning or a ticket. Ms. Withrow stated they do not intend to capture those types of violations, but the law would require a warning in that situation.

Councilmember Donelson asked why the City will not be issuing points against driver's licenses with these violations. Ms. Withrow stated the state law does not allow points to be issued because the offense is a civil infraction.

President Helms asked if a civilian will be monitoring these areas. Ms. Withrow confirmed there will be.

Chief Vasquez identified the current use - photo red light program, proposed new program of speed safety cameras, implementation, and benefits.

Councilmember Donelson asked if an Officer could issue points against a license. Chief Vasquez stated not if CSPD used AVIS technology to detect the violation.

President Pro Tem Crow-Iverson asked if points could be issued if it was an egregious amount of speed over the limit. Chief Vasquez stated not if AVIS technology was used to assess it.

Councilmember Henjum asked why there would be a person assigned to capture the speeding violations when speeding is a 24-hour issue. Chief Vasquez stated it is because it is a statutory requirement that it is a staffed system.

Councilmember Henjum asked how long the warnings will be in place in an area before tickets will be issued. Chief Vasquez stated there will be a thirty-day requirement to notify the public and then another thirty-day requirement of issuing warnings.

Councilmember Leinweber asked if a vehicle is used in a crime, would the owner be held responsible for the crime. Chief Vasquez stated they would have to determine the responsibility of the owner. Ms. Withrow stated they would not hold the owner liable in the case of a stolen vehicle.

Councilmember Henjum requested this information be presented to the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Board. Chief Vasquez agreed to that request.

Councilmember Donelson asked where the revenue goes. Chief Vasquez stated the City's General Fund.

Councilmember Donelson requested the amount collected from the red-light cameras. Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, stated that revenue is not tracked separately from other nonmoving violations so that specific amount would be difficult to determine.

Councilmember Donelson asked how they will know if the system will pay for itself if the revenue is not tracked separately. Ms. McDaniel stated if

they receive money from the vendor after the vendor has removed their fees, it will illustrate that it is a net neutral program.

President Helms and Councilmember Henjum stated they support this program in order to address speeding and traffic safety.

Councilmember Leinweber stated he supports this system but has concerns about video monitoring citizens.

8.D. [24-102](#)

An Ordinance Amending Section 101 (Penalties) and Repealing and Reordaining Section 115 (Automated Vehicle Identification System (AVIS)) Both of Part 1 (General Provisions), Amending Section 202 (Definitions) of Part 2 (Definitions) of Article 1 (Administration and Enforcement), Amending Section 104 (Exceeding Posted Speed Limit) of Article 5 (Speed Regulations), and Amending Section 105 (Traffic Control Signal Legend) of Article 17 (Official Control Signal Legend) of Chapter 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, As Amended, Pertaining to Automated Vehicle Identification Systems.

Presenter:

Chief Adrian Vasquez, Colorado Springs Police Department
Commander Pamela Castro, Colorado Springs Police Department
Shantel Withrow, Division Chief - Prosecution, City Attorney's Office

Attachments: [AVIS Ch 10-ORD-2024-02-14.docx](#)

[2024 AVIS-Council Presentation_VFinal](#)

Please see comments in Agenda item 8.C.

8.E. [24-171](#)

An Ordinance amending multiple Sections of Article 7 (Sales and Use Tax) and Section 105 (Applicability of City Sales and Use Tax Ordinance) of Article 10 (Motion Picture Theater Admissions Tax) both of Chapter 2 (Business Licensing, Liquor Regulation and Taxation) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as Amended, pertaining to Sales Related to a School

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [SalesTaxExemptionSalesSchoolORD-2024-03-04_Clean](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Ordinance amending City Code pertaining to sales related to a school. She provided an overview of current City Code which currently requires both public and non-public schools to obtain a city sales tax license and collect city sales tax on retail sales, including all fundraising activities. She identified the proposed sales tax exemption for retail sales made by schools, parent or

teacher organizations, booster clubs, and student classes or clubs, provided that all proceeds from these sales are intended for the benefit of a school or school-approved student organization and this exemption would apply to both public and non-public schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Councilmember Henjum read a prepared statement regarding a concern she received from a constituent, Jim Kline, regarding the school's Robotics Team, and the challenges they face with fund raising.

Councilmember Leinweber asked what percentage of sales tax this represents. Ms. McDaniel stated the fiscal impact to the City would be approximately \$30,000 per year.

Councilmember Donelson asked if this is limited to public schools, if colleges are included, and is based on the number of students enrolled. Ms. McDaniel stated she will provide that information.

Councilmember Risley stated if an entity is already tax-exempt, it makes sense as a logical extension, that these proceeds are also tax-exempt, and he is in support of it.

- 8.F. [24-172](#) An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-65 (2024 Budget Appropriation Ordinance) for a supplemental appropriation to the Lodgers & Auto Rental Tax (LART) Fund in the amount of \$658,100 for additional projects and events recommended by the LART Citizen Advisory Committee

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [LART SuppAppropORD 4.1.24 without Exh A](#)
[2024 LART Supplemental Exhibit A PDF](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Ordinance for a supplemental appropriation of \$658,100 to the Lodgers and Automobile Rental Tax (LART) fund for additional projects and events as recommended by the LART Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and provided a brief overview of the LART fund.

Councilmember Leinweber asked where the additional revenue came from. Ms. McDaniel stated it came from canceled events, events which did not fulfill the requirements under their LART contract, and the actual revenue which came in excess of the budgeted revenue from the prior year.

Councilmember Donelson requested a breakdown of the events which will receive funding. Ms. McDaniel stated the Exhibit which lists those events

and the funding is included as part of the Ordinance.

Councilmember Donelson asked how much will be given to the Switchbacks. Ms. McDaniel stated \$27,000.00.

9. Items Under Study

- 9.A.** [24-180](#) An informational presentation for the Annexation Policy Checkpoint on the proposed Extol Park Vista Addition No. 2 Annexation, annexing 0.659 acres located at 4401 Siferd Boulevard.

Presenter:

Gabe Sevigny, Planning Supervisor, Planning + Neighborhood Services
Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning + Neighborhood Services
Extol Homes, LLC, Brad Griebenow
Land Development Consultants, Inc, Dave Hostetler

Attachments: [Extol Addition No 2 Annexation - Staff Presentation](#)
[Attachment 1 - Extol Park Vista Addition No 2 - Annexation Plat](#)
[Attachment 2 - Extol Park Vista Addition No 2 - Project Statement](#)
[Attachment 3 - Vicinity Map](#)
[Attachment 4 - Annexation Agreement Draft](#)
[Attachment 5 - FIA Memo](#)

Gabe Sevigny, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Community Development Department, provided an informational presentation for the Annexation Policy Checkpoint on the proposed Extol Park Vista Addition No. 2 Annexation, annexing 0.659 acres located at 4401 Siferd Boulevard. He provided a brief overview of the vicinity map and guidelines.

Brad Griebenow, President, Extol Homes, representing the applicant, provided an overview of the eight attached duplexes/lots at the intersection of Austin Bluffs Parkway and Barnes Road and stated they have already received approvals from the Stormwater Enterprise (SWENT) and Colorado Springs Utilities.

There were no comments on this item.

- 9.B.** [24-181](#) An informational presentation for the Annexation Policy Checkpoint on the proposed Park Vista Addition No. 10 Annexation, annexing 2.178 acres located at 4372 Siferd Boulevard

Presenter:

Gabe Sevigny, Planning Supervisor, Planning + Neighborhood Services

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning + Neighborhood Services
Orchid Lots LLC, Jeff Carter
Land Development Consultants, Inc, Dave Hostetler

Attachments: [Park Vista Addition No 10 Annexation - Staff Presentation](#)
[Park Vista Addn No 10 - FIA Below Threshold Memo PDF](#)
[Attachment 1 - Park Vista Addition No 10 - Annexation Plat](#)
[Attachment 2 - Park Vista Addition No 10 - Project Statement](#)
[Attachment 3 - Vicinity Map](#)
[Attachment 4 - Annexation Agreement Draft](#)

Gabe Sevigny, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Community Development Department, provided an informational presentation for the Annexation Policy Checkpoint on the proposed Park Vista Addition No. 10 Annexation, annexing 2.178 acres located at 4372 Siferd Boulevard. He provided a brief overview of the vicinity map and guidelines.

Mitch Held, Engineering Consultant, representing the applicant, stated they are proposing eight units, three duplexes, two school family homes (residential), public improvements on Siferd Boulevard providing curb, gutter, sidewalk, and a sanitary sewer extension on Rosalee Street as well as a detention pond on site to improve the stormwater runoff in the area.

There were no comments on this item.

9.C. [24-182](#)

An informational presentation for the Annexation Policy Checkpoint on the proposed Colorado Centre Addition No. 3 Annexation, pertaining to 32.932 acres located northwest of the Foreign Trade Zone Boulevard and Bradley Road intersection

Presenter:

Gabe Sevigny, Planning Supervisor, Planning + Neighborhood Services
Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning + Neighborhood Services
COPO 8560 Real Estate LLC, Ermand Ruybal
Kimley Horn

Attachments: [Colorado Centre Addition No 3 Annexation - Staff Presentation](#)
[Attachment 1 - Colorado Centre Addition No 3 - Annexation Plat](#)
[Attachment 2 - Colorado Centre Addition No 3 - Project Statement](#)
[Attachment 3 - Colorado Centre Addition No 3 - Vicinity Map](#)
[Attachment 4 - Annexation Agreement Draft](#)
[Attachment 5 - FIA Cover Letter Colo Centre Addn No 3](#)

Gabe Sevigny, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Community

Development Department, provided an informational presentation for the Annexation Policy Checkpoint on the proposed Colorado Centre Addition No. 3 Annexation, pertaining to 32.932 acres located northwest of the Foreign Trade Zone Boulevard and Bradley Road intersection. He provided a brief overview of the vicinity map and guidelines.

Larry Salazar, Kimley-Horn Associates, representing the applicant, COPO 8560 Real Estate LLC, stated they are proposing to annex an enclave of approximately 32.9 acres in order to meet and also match the zoning code which was already established with El Paso County which is about 4.9 acres mixed land use commercial and the remainder to be general industrial and light industrial.

There were no comments on this item.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Risley stated he attended the Building Commission meeting last week and reported that the permit numbers and construction numbers for residential construction are trending up, he stated he and Councilmember Henjum attended a kickoff meeting for AnnexCOS last week, he and Councilmember Leinweber hosted the second in their series of State of the Community town hall meetings, and there will be another one on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Councilmember Henjum stated the Fountain Creek Watershed District is providing rain barrel distributions, she attended the celebration of Jay Cimino at the Mount Carmel Veterans Service Center, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments regional meeting, and is looking forward to Councilmember Leinweber's initiative, the Thousand Neighborhood Gatherings kick off.

Councilmember Leinweber stated he is also excited for the Thousand Neighborhood Gatherings kickoff which will be held on May 17, 18, and 19, 2024 and the completion of the Blodgett Peak process which will be coming before the Parks Advisory Board on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Councilmember Donaldson shared an article he read on Sunday, April 7, 2024 called "America's Minsky Moment Approaches" regarding the debt of the United States and its effect on inflation which is going to affect Colorado Springs

Councilmember Avila stated she and Councilmember Henjum attended the Regional Summit For Elected Officials, she spoke at Colorado College for a music class, and spoke at the Women's Leadership Group led by Alana Lipscomb, Program Director, Leadership Pikes Peak.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, President Helms adjourned the meeting at 3:46 PM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk