



City of Colorado Springs

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Meeting Minutes Council Work Session

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Monday, September 25, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Helms called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

- 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

Councilmember Henjum attended the meeting virtually.

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.** [23-492](#) City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023

Presenter:
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [9-11-23 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes Final](#)

The minutes of the September 11, 2023 Work Session were approved by Consensus of City Council.

5. Executive Session

5A. Open

There was no Open Executive Session.

5B. Closed

5B.A. [23-495](#)

In accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a), (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 consultation with the City Attorney and staff for the purpose of receiving legal advice and determining positions relative to strategy and negotiation regarding (i) a litigation settlement in excess of \$100,000, (ii) a purchase of land by the airport from CDOT, and (iii) a purchase of land by the airport from a private party.

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: [23-495 September 25 2023 Closed Session Litigation](#)

Ben Bolinger, Legislative Counsel, City Attorney's Office, stated there were three Closed Sessions noticed for today's meeting, but the purchase of land by the airport from a private party has been withdrawn.

He 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 consultation with the City Attorney and staff for the purpose of receiving legal advice and determining positions relative to strategy and negotiation regarding a litigation settlement in excess of \$100,000, and a

purchase of land by the airport from CDOT.

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. [23-496](#) Exponential Impact update on the impact of the Survive and Thrive and Accelerator programs

Presenter:

Vance Brown, Executive Director, Exponential Impact

Vance Brown, Executive Director Exponential Impact (XI), provided an overview of EI, their Survive and Thrive program, accelerator program, mission, southern Colorado start-up week, acceleration program topics, participant testimonial, metrics, and impact. He identified the access to funding, timeline, Weidner Field Expansion, partners/contributors, and the XI team.

President Helms asked if any businesses have requested assistance due to the power outage on Kiowa Street. Mr. Brown stated they will be eligible to apply for that in November/December.

Councilmember Leinweber asked if they partner with the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center. Mr. Brown confirmed they do as well as many others.

Several Councilmembers expressed appreciation for what XI provides to the community and small businesses.

7. Staff and Appointee Reports

- 7.A. [23-491](#) Agenda Planner Review

Presenter:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Attachments: [Agenda Planner Review 9-25-23](#)

There were no comments on this item.

8. Items for Introduction

- 8.A. [23-420](#) An Ordinance Certifying Delinquent Stormwater Fees and Charges to

the El Paso County Treasurer for Collection

Presenter:

Richard Mulledy, P.E., Stormwater Enterprise Manager

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

[Ordinance StormwaterFees-Certification](#)

Richard Mulledy, Stormwater Enterprise Manager, presented the Ordinance certifying delinquent stormwater fees and charges to the El Paso County Treasurer for collection. He gave a brief summary of the delinquent stormwater fee collection process and stated there are 192 parcels which are ninety days or more past due for a total of \$81,697.01.

There were no comments on this item.

8.B. [23-361](#)

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 23-46 and Approving a Supplemental Appropriation to the Memorial Health System Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$1,465,848 for monies due to UCH-MHS for the periodic reconciliation with UC Health

Presenter:

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: [ORD Repeal and Approve new Supplemental Approp Ord for MHS to UCH recon payment](#)

Charae McDaniel, Chief Financial Officer, explained this Ordinance corrects the Ordinance 23-46 which had an error in it and approves a supplemental appropriation to the Memorial Health System Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$1,465,848 in order to pay monies to the UCH-MHS as a result of a recent periodic reconciliation with the source of funds from the unrestricted fund balance.

President Helms asked if the money had already been paid out. Ms. McDaniel stated it had not.

9. Items Under Study

There were no Items Under Study.

10. Councilmember Reports and Open Discussion

Councilmember Henjum stated she attended the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC Washington D.C. Fly-In.

Councilmember Risley stated he attended the annual breakfast held by the Downtown Partnership.

Councilmember Avila stated she attended the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC Washington D.C. Fly-In, Silver Key appreciation event, Food to Power event which is really important due to the Southeast King Soopers remaining closed.

Councilmember Talarico stated she attended the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC Washington D.C. Fly-In, Westside Community Center West Fest, Taste of Old Colorado City (OCC).

Councilmember Leinweber stated he attended the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC Washington D.C. Fly-In, Silver Key appreciation dinner, Home Front Military Network breakfast, and a suicide prevention event at America the Beautiful park.

President Helms stated he attended the Home Front Military Network breakfast in which the guest speaker spoke about suicide and the community needs to address those issues and the mental health aspects associated with it, State of the City Address, Downtown Partnership breakfast, and encouraged everyone to attend the United States Air Force Academy football games.

Councilmember Henjum encouraged people to visit the businesses which were impacted by the power outage on Kiowa Street.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before City Council, President Helms adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM.

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk