

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
JUNE 10, 2013

Present: President King, President Pro Tem Bennett, Councilmembers Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Miller, Pico, and Snider.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Johnson called the roll. All were present.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- A. President King requested to add the Council Budget Committee Resolution to Items for Introduction.
- B. President Pro Tem Bennett requested to add the I-25 Economic Development Resolution to Items for Introduction.
- C. Councilmember Knight requested to provide an update on the vacation of alley right-of-way matter during Councilmember Comments.

3. REGULAR MEETING COMMENTS (6-11-2013)

- A. Council Administrator Cox suggested this was a good time to let staff know if they plan to pull any items from the Consent Calendar, or if they have specific questions about any items on the Regular Meeting agenda.
- B. Councilmember Knight stated he wanted to pull the Minutes of the 5-28-2013 Regular Meeting off the Consent Calendar due to a couple of corrections he had.

4. REVIEW OF MAY 28, 2013 WORK SESSION MINUTES

There were no changes.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION (estimated time will be a minimum of one hour)

Legislative Counsel Massey read the request to go into Executive Session. President King announced there was consensus to conduct the Executive Session.

6. STAFF AND APPOINTEE REPORTS

- A. Agenda Planner

Council Administrator Cox described changes to the Agenda Planner:

- (1) The vacation of the alley right-of-way matter is scheduled for action on June 25th; and,
- (2) The proposed ordinance abolishing Sales and Use Tax within the Airport Commercial Aeronautical Zone (CAZ) on Aircraft and Aircraft Parts is scheduled for introduction on June 24th.

B. Academy Boulevard Corridor Annual Progress Report.

Planning and Development Director, Peter Wysocki, summarized the annual progress report. It was noted there has been some activity for redevelopment and interest in the Academy corridor. Mr. Wysocki stated the areas of most concern are the 1st and 2nd generation shopping centers that are vacant now, the question being how we can repurpose those shopping centers. Some considerations include: revitalizing the streetscape and overall aesthetics; look at incubator projects to help stimulate the area; and, also, it has been suggested there are some good opportunities for housing alternatives.

C. *John Sturgis v. Sgt. Brian Cummings, Richard Hallman, Detective Donald Chagnon, Sgt. Craig Simpson and the City of Colorado Springs; Case No. 13-cv-01109-MSK-BNB*

Ms. Massey described the Civil Action Committee's recommendation to defend pursuant to the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act. She stated if there is no objection, the City Attorney's office would like to proceed with defense. Council voiced no objection.

7. PRESENTATIONS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Mr. Corliss Palmer described this summer's rodeo activities and the economic benefit the rodeo brings to the region. Ted Severn, President of Pikes Peak Range Riders, described their history, mission, and key events scheduled for the Pikes Peak Range Riders this year. Girl of the West, Amanda Summers, and Aide to Girl of the West, Kate Watson, described the highlights scheduled for this year's rodeo.

Councilmember Bennett requested that Council be allowed to wear western attire to the July 9th Council meeting. President King approved the request.

- B. Doug Price, President and CEO, Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented an update on the status of local tourism and highlights of their "Welcome Back" campaign.

8. ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

- A. Overview of a proposed Ordinance for a Supplemental Appropriation for Multiple Projects and Services Associated with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

Karen Palus, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, described their Supplemental Appropriation request. She explained the funding sources outside of the general fund. She stated sustainability is a key consideration: they evaluate ways to reduce the water footprint, reduce maintenance costs, improve customer service, consider geographic distribution, and irrigation renovations. She confirmed their requests have been reviewed by the TOPS Working Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She indicated that, pending approval from Council, they will begin to launch the RFPs and hope to piggy-back on current contracts.

Councilmember Knight asked about expanding the Sky View sports complex pickleball. Ms. Palus confirmed pickleball would be expanded at Sky View.

President Pro Tem Bennett acknowledged the extensive amount of work having been done by Ms. Palus and her team, and stated he believed the projects were a good investment of the money.

Councilmember Miller asked about the Parks Master Plan and the status of plans for the Venezia Community Park in the north area of town. Ms. Palus responded that the monies are still there and encumbered for Venezia, an approximately \$8 million project. She stated they are looking into how to fund the on-going operations and maintenance for the park.

Councilmembers Miller and Knight asked for confirmation that the TOPS Oversight Committee, and the Trails and Open Space Coalition, were on board with all the projects. Ms. Palus confirmed.

Chief of Staff Neumann apprised Council that there would be another appropriation coming forward in July that will be a repayment for the Sky View complex and Red Rock Canyon. More information will follow; however, these will be out of funds that have been annually appropriated.

- B. Carl Schueler, Senior Planner in Land Use Review, described the background and recommendation for the West Gate Metropolitan District.

Councilmember Gaebler asked about streets, drainage, on-going maintenance, and what the City's responsibilities are compared to the District's responsibilities. Attorney Peter Susemihl, representing West Gate, explained the District's responsibilities.

Councilmember Miller inquired as to the design, planned unit, or multi-family, whether current zoning allows this, and also asked about safety and the proximity to the airport. Mr. Wysocki offered to provide more detailed history on the planning for this project, as well as a summary of approvals.

Councilmember Knight asked for clarification relative to the "initial" area and the "inclusion" area. He had additional questions relative to the Model Service Plan (MSP), the assessed values, and requested that Council receive a copy of the MSP

with ample time for review prior to the date they would be expected to vote on the matter.

Council determined that, since this is a Resolution, they would prefer to receive their briefing on July 8th, with a vote to follow on July 9th.

- C. Carl Schueler, Sr. Planner for Land Use Review, described that, for the Flying Horse, there are two bond issues being recommended at this time, and clarified that this is consistent with Policy and with the Service Plan.

Councilmember Miller expressed concern about the impact to people's taxes and whether they would be aware of this. Mr. Schueler responded that there is disclosure of this obligation as they buy into the districts.

Councilmember Gaebler asked for clarification for the Gallagher adjustment. Mr. Schueler provided an explanation. He stated he would also provide Council with a copy of the language.

Councilmember Snider expressed concern about liability and who is responsible for the debt. Mr. Schueler answered that risk shifts to the bondholders and there is no obligation to the City of Colorado Springs.

President King asked if we know how the funds are used going forward. Mr. Schueler answered that we don't, it is really at the discretion of the district, as long they are paying down some of their existing obligations and debt.

- D. President King stated that Council would be bringing forward two Resolutions for a vote at the Regular Council meeting tomorrow: 1) A proposed Resolution to create a Budget Committee for Council; and, 2) a Resolution establishing the Front Range communities as an Economic Development opportunity.

9. ITEMS UNDER STUDY

Councilmember Gaebler spoke about the need for an updated Comprehensive Plan to be included in the 2014 budget process. Council requested staff research the cost of updating the plan and report back.

Councilmember Pico asked to include the Banning Lewis property in the planning review.

Councilmember Snider requested a status report on the Banning Lewis lawsuit.

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Councilmember Snider described his attendance at the Colorado Capital Conference in Washington, D.C. He expressed it was a very beneficial opportunity to engage with other community leaders on a national level.

Councilmember Knight reported on his additional review of the vacation of the alley right-of-way. He stated he was comfortable with moving forward on the matter.

President King announced Council has received a tremendous amount of response to the Council Administrator position, as well as on the other positions they are seeking to fill. Interview committees will be coordinated and they will move forward with securing someone to fill the open positions as soon as possible.

11. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 5:06 p.m.