CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
NOVEMBER 20, 2013 (Postponed from November 12, 2013)

Present: President King, President Pro Tem Bennett, Councilmembers Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Miller, Pico, and Snider. Also present, Chief of Staff Neumann, and Legislative Counsel Massey.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

City Clerk Johnson called the roll. All Councilmembers were present.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. **REGULAR MEETING COMMENTS**

There were no Regular Meeting comments.

4. **REVIEW OF OCTOBER 21, 2013 WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Minutes were approved without change.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session requested.

6. **STAFF AND APPOINTEE REPORTS**

A. Agenda Planner Review – Council Administrator Gonzalez

7. **PRESENTATIONS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION**

Councilmember Knight described a resolution will be presented to Victor Fernandez at the November 26 Regular City Council meeting and that Mr. Fernandez will also provide a briefing on the Veteran's Cemetery.

8. **ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION**

A. Authorization of Copper Ridge Metropolitan District to issue bonded indebtedness in the form of a $1,850,000 Bank Loan

Carl Schueler, Planning and Land Use Review Senior Planner, summarized the key aspects of the Loan Agreement and the requested Resolution.

B. An Ordinance making the Annual Tax Levy for the City of Colorado Springs for the year ending December 31, 2014

Kara Skinner, CFO, introduced and briefly described the Ordinance making the 2014 Annual Tax Levy for the City establishing the mill levy to be 4.279 mills.

C. Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for 2014

(See discussion under D. below)

D. Annual Appropriation Ordinance for 2014

Councilmember Knight reviewed the details underlying the draft versions of the 2014 Annual Budget (8.C.) and 2014 Annual Appropriation (8.D) Ordinances which he had produced for Council's consideration creating a variation from prior years' practices.

On behalf of the Executive Branch, Chief of Staff Neumann expressed concern that the documents had not been drafted by Legislative Counsel nor reviewed by the Finance or City Attorney's office and that, as they are written, Mayor Bach could not support either ordinance. Ms. Neumann suggested, as a next step that a Council appointee working with the Budget team, meet with Legislative Counsel, Finance, and the City Attorney's office to prepare a single ordinance in the format of past practice from the prior two years for Mayor Bach's consideration. She stated that it is anticipated Mayor Bach would be able to respond by Monday morning prior to the reading of the Ordinance on Tuesday.

Consensus of Council agreed to work with the Executive Branch and bring the item back for continued discussion before first reading on November 26th.

E. An Ordinance Adopting the 2014 Salary Schedules

Ms. Massey described the proposed 2014 Salary Schedule Ordinance drafted to repeal the previously approved Ordinance No. 13-59 stating that it is substantively similar.

Councilmember Knight provided additional underlying details included in the draft Ordinance and commented that he would also like to see a change in City Code relative to the Executive Branch's ability to change the salary's anytime during the year without coming to Council for approval. A draft of the revised language was passed out to Council. Chief of Staff Neumann described there were six additional positions erroneously left off of the vacant positions that were budgeted for in 2014. She stated Council would have the revised Salary Schedules by the end of the day.

At 11:31 a.m., Council recessed the Work Session Meeting to convene the Council Special Session scheduled to commence at 11:30 at City Hall.

Council reconvened the Work Session at 11:34 a.m.

F. Proposed Ordinances & Resolution Relating to Council's Confirmation Process for Mayoral Appointees

Councilmembers Knight and Pico described the reasoning for why Council considers the need to add clarification and definition to the confirmation process.

9. ITEMS UNDER STUDY

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Councilmember Bennett described that as the representative on the ESA Board with Councilmember Pico as the alternate, they had met with the County Commissioners and learned that the ambulance contract is about two weeks out from being completed. They requested the Fire Chief give Council be given the opportunity to know what the ambulance contract is going to be before it is announced to the public. He stated they are preparing a list of questions that they will want to have answered.

11. ADJOURN

The Council Work Session adjourned at 11:59 a.m.