COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
CITY HALL – 107 N. NEVADA AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 18, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.

Council met in **Special Session**.

There were 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 Councilmembers were present.

2. Council met for consideration of the Mayor's disapproval by Veto of elements of Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Ordinance No. 13-77 entitled: "The Annual Appropriation Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget and the Appropriating monies for the several purposes named in said Budget for the year ending December 31, 2014."

President King briefly outlined the course of order for the meeting. He requested Council first address Sections 1 and 3 as vetoed. Then, they will move to Section 2 for each of the individual line items as vetoed.

Referring to City Charter § 3-70 (e), Legislative Counsel Massey recommended Council consider each of the line item vetoes individually, followed by a motion and a vote per item.

3. President King requested Council allow Public Testimony to be heard during the Special Meeting. Consensus of Council approved Public Testimony.

Alicia McConnell, Board Chair, and Doug Price, President, both representing the Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB), spoke to encourage full funding of the CVB in 2014. Loren, Sales Director for Holiday Inn Express, and Ann Alba, representing the Pikes Peak Lodging Association, also spoke in support of full funding for tourism.

Paul Kleinschmidt spoke for not cutting police funding and requested Council, as the Utility Board, find a way to accommodate park watering needs.

4. The items subject to the Mayor's veto were considered in the following order:

A. Override Mayor's Disapproval by Veto of the second sentence of Section 1 relating to Council's segregation from five to twelve "Departments" for budgeting and appropriation purposes:

Motion by Knight, second by Pico, that the Mayor's Veto be overridden.

Ayes: Bennett, Collins, King, Knight, Miller, Pico
Noes: Gaebler, Martin, Snider
Absent: None

The motion passed on a 6-3 vote.

B. Override Mayor's Disapproval by Veto of Section 3 in its entirety.

Motion by Knight, second by Pico, that the Mayor's Veto be overridden.

Ayes: Bennett, Collins, King, Knight, Miller, Pico
Noes: Gaebler, Martin, Snider
Absent: None

The motion passed on a 6-3 vote.

C. Override Mayor's Disapproval by Veto of Section 2, Line 6, Increase in Park Water Funding.

Motion by Knight, second by Pico, that the Mayor's Veto be overridden.

Ayes: Bennett, Gaebler, King, Martin, Miller, Pico, Snider
Noes: Collins, Knight
Absent: None

The motion passed on a 7-2 vote.

D. Override Mayor's Disapproval by Veto of Section 2, Line 7, Decrease in Police Hiring and Vehicle Purchases.

Legislative Counsel Massey and Kara Skinner, CFO, provided clarification on action and budget results for this line item.

Motion by Knight, second by Miller, that the Mayor's Veto be overridden.

Ayes: Collins, Gaebler, King, Martin, Miller
Noes: Bennett, Knight, Pico, Snider
Absent: None

The motion failed on a 5-4 vote.

E. Override Mayor's Disapproval by Veto of Section 2, Line 12, Eliminate hiring of OEM Deputy Director.

Motion by Knight, second by Pico, that the Mayor's Veto be overridden.

Ayes: Collins, Pico, Miller
Noes: Knight, Gaebler, King, Bennett, Martin, Snider
Absent: None

The motion failed on a 3-6 vote.

F. Override Mayor's Disapproval by Veto of Section 2, Line 13, Increase Police Hiring and Vehicle Purchases.

Motion by Knight, second by Bennett, that the Mayor's Veto be overridden.

Ayes: None
Noes: Bennett, Collins, Gaebler, King, Knight, Martin, Miller, Pico, Snider
Absent: None

The motion failed on a 0-9 vote.

G. Override Mayor's Disapproval by Veto of Section 2, Line 27, Withhold Funds from Convention & Visitors' Bureau.

Motion by Knight, second by Collins, that the Mayor's Veto be overridden.

Ayes: Collins, Knight, Miller, Pico
Noes: Bennett, Gaebler, King, Martin, Snider
Absent: None

The motion failed on a 4-5 vote.

H. Override Mayor's Disapproval by Veto of Section 2, Line 28, Withhold (funds) from the Regional Business Alliance (RBA).

Motion by Knight, second by Miller, that the Mayor's Veto be overridden.

Ayes: Collins, King, Miller, Pico
Noes: Bennett, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Snider
Absent: None

The motion failed on a 4-5 vote.

There being no further business, at 11:04 a.m., Council President King announced,

COUNCIL ADJOURNED

Sarah B. Johnson

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk