

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
DECEMBER 9, 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

Council Administrator Gonzalez stated agenda item 7-B, *Presentation by I-25 Economic Development Coalition*, would be postponed indefinitely.

3. DECEMBER 10, 2013, REGULAR MEETING COMMENTS

Councilmember Knight stated that he will be calling items 5-B6 and 5-B7 off tomorrow's Consent Calendar.

4. REVIEW OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session Minutes of November 20 and November 25, 2013, were approved with no changes.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy City Attorney Tom Florczak read the request to enter into Closed Executive Session. Consensus of Council approved the Closed Executive Session.

6. STAFF AND APPOINTEE REPORTS

A. Agenda Planner Review

There were no requested changes to the Agenda Planner.

B. El Paso County Emergency Services Agency 2012 Audit Report

There was no discussion relative to the standard 2012 Audit Report.

7. PRESENTATIONS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Colorado Health Foundation Update to City Council

Jon Medved, Colorado Springs Health Foundation Chair, provided a brief presentation on the Foundation's background with a status update on their progress, thus far, on Council's requested work assignments.

Councilmembers commented on matters relative to the budget and the anticipated use of funds. It was requested the Foundation ensure that "Preventative Programs" be included in the mission statement as originally expressed during initial discussions.

B. Presentation by I-25 Economic Development Coalition

This item was postponed indefinitely.

8. ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

A. An Ordinance Excluding Certain Property from the Boundaries of the Barnes & Powers North Business Improvement District

B. An Ordinance Including Certain Property into the Boundaries of the Barnes & Powers South Business Improvement District

Carl Schueler, Land Use Review Senior Planner, provided a presentation on the two related Business Improvement District matters. He stated the two are simply an exclusion of one square foot of property from one BID and inclusion of that property into another BID. Mr. Schueler described the plan is to have the first reading on January 14, 2014, under New Business and, with Council's approval, the second reading would be on January 28, 2014.

Councilmember Knight requested that a letter be sent to Costco to allow an opportunity to confirm they agree with the intended transaction. Mr. Schueler agreed to send a letter but stated he could not confirm a response would be received by January 14th.

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

Councilmember Knight described the proposed ordinances and resolution. He stated the desire is to have the first reading in early January and the second reading at the last meeting in January in order to finalize prior to City Attorney/Chief Legal Officer Chris Melcher's departure from his position.

Chief of Staff Neumann responded that Mike Sullivan, Human Resource Director, was performing background research on best practices, what has worked successfully for Denver and other cities that have a Strong Mayor form of government, and should have the research completed within two weeks.

9. **ITEMS UNDER STUDY**

There were no items presented for discussion.

10. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION**

- A. Councilmember Bennett asked what communications with the County have taken place relative to the City's emergency services contract. Fire Chief Riley responded that they have been in negotiations and, at this time, he cannot disclose the nature of the negotiations. Councilmember Martin wanted to confirm that the collaboration with the County transpires to ensure seamless transport and continuity of care for patients.
- B. Councilmember Knight provided comments relative to the I-25 corridor project. He suggested the committee consider revising the featured exits to include the exit to the Colorado Springs Airport and also the Cimarron exit where traffic flows either east of the freeway towards downtown Colorado Springs or west towards Old Colorado City and Pikes Peak.
- C. Councilmember Martin described the renovations at City Hall and the local artwork being procured from students of colleges, universities, and even some elementary schools, that will be displayed throughout City Hall on a rotational basis. She stated there will be an art reception in January and the public will be invited to meet the artists.

Councilmember Martin also informed Council the next LART meeting is scheduled for January 9th from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m. in the Pikes Peak Room and stated there will be three topics of discussion.

- D. Councilmember Snider requested that Council prepare a request to the Mayor asking to separate the January 16th meeting on *City of Champions* and Stormwater issues into two separate meetings. President King agreed this would be his preference and will prepare a letter to the Mayor asking to separate the meetings.
- E. Councilmember Miller stated he plans to bring forward to Council an item relative to Council's powers over eminent domain.
- F. President King described e-mails he had prepared that had been leaked to the press prematurely and emphasized a need to maintain confidentiality of Councilmember internal communications.
- G. Councilmember Miller asked about the funding of *City of Champions* by the City. He requested a full briefing on the information.

11. **ADJOURN**

Council adjourned at 3:38 p.m.