

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
MARCH 24, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy City Clerk Powell called the roll. Seven members were present; Councilmembers Gaebler & Miller were excused.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes requested.

3. **REGULAR MEETING COMMENTS**

Councilmember Knight described that he was not ready to vote on Item 8.A, "Confirmation of three Urban Renewal Authority Board Members" and would request the item be postponed to the April 8th meeting date.

4. **REVIEW OF MARCH 10, 2014 WORK SESSION MINUTES**

After review of the video, Legislative Counsel, Dave Andrews, requested a modification be made to the Work Session Minutes of March 10, 2014 for clarification purposes. He provided a redlined version of the minor changes requested for Item 7.C, "Fire Department Briefing on Ambulance Contract." Council Administrator Gonzalez also recommended a few grammatical corrections.

Consensus of Council approved the Minutes to include the recommended changes.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Closed Executive Session

Mr. Andrews read the request to enter into Closed Executive Session. A poll of Council to enter into Closed Executive Session approved the action by a vote of 5-2, with Councilmembers Gaebler and Miller excused.

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After Council reconvened, Council President King was excused.
President Pro Tem Bennett presided.

6. **STAFF AND APPOINTEE REPORTS**

A. Agenda Planner Review

Ms. Gonzalez described utilization of the City's new Granicus Legislative Software will begin with the Work Session on April 7th and continue with the voting module on April 8th for the Regular Council Session.

B. Memorial Health System Enterprise Update

There were no questions from Council.

7. **PRESENTATIONS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION**

A. Academy Boulevard Corridor Annual Progress Report

Carl Schueler, Comprehensive Planning Manager, clarified that every year the department assesses progress and what challenges continue to exist for which they prepare an annual report as included in the Work Session packet.

B. Council Budget Committee Summary Report

Councilmember Knight described the Committee's review of the Budget process based on lessons learned from the six new Councilmembers' first year in office. He stated the committee identified questions they would be asking during the designated three days in October. Councilmember Knight requested that Councilmembers let him know by end of the following week if they want to include additional questions, after which President King will be able to sign-off and send over for Mayor Bach's review.

C. Stormwater Task Force Update on Governance, Recommendations

Dave Munger, Interim Chair of the Stormwater Task Force, and Rachel Beck, Chairman of the Communications Committee, provided an update regarding new economic impact and financial analysis data.

Task Force member Kevin Walker described the Governance Committee's recommended governance model and the rationale for their recommendations to include capital and maintenance requirements on a regional, on-going basis.

Councilmembers asked questions relative to the scope of projects, costs, cost sharing considerations, the entities to be included in the coordinated efforts, and public process plans.

Council President King Returned

D. City for Champions Project Update

Bob Cope, Senior Business Climate Specialist, described the Milestone Report that was submitted to the State on March 14th and copied to City Council. He stated the report included letters of intent from all project partners, milestone target dates, and project updates which will be used for benchmarks by the State to monitor progress. He reported the City Attorney's office continues to work on the resolution and described that on March 18th the second joint meeting of the City, County, and

project partners was conducted with a packed house of interested parties and that the on-going joint meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month.

Councilmember Bennett asked to whom to direct additional questions that Council may have. Mr. Cope responded these should be sent to Interim City Attorney Wynetta Massey. President King requested a different format for the public meetings to allow more opportunity for input.

8. ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

A. Olympia Delegate Visit for Sister Cities Program

Julie Smith, Senior Communications Specialist and Mayor's office liaison to the Sister Cities program, described that Colorado Springs currently has six sister city relationships which are coordinated through Colorado Springs Sister Cities International (CSSCI) the official Sister City organization for the City.

Harris Kalofonos, International Consultant with the International Olympic Academy based in Ancient Olympia, described the new proposal to pursue a Sister City relationship with Ancient Olympia, Greece, an idea born from him having lived in Colorado Springs for the last eight years building on the desire to unite the legacy of the ancient Olympic games with the modern Olympic games. He explained the main pillars of cooperation between the two cities will be academics, olympism, and tourism.

A delegation from Olympia, Greece, will be in Colorado Springs from April 6-9, 2014, with the intention of signing the official Sister City agreement at that time. The delegation will be present at Council on April 8th.

B. A Resolution Acknowledging a Land Donation of a 1.65 Acre Parcel Near Cowpoke Road from David D. Jenkins to the City of Colorado Springs

Timothy Mitros, Subdivision Engineering Review Manager, described the history of the 1.65 acre parcel being considered for donation to the City by David Jenkins.

Councilmember Bennett asked whether, due to a bridge being involved, the City will assume any expenses by accepting the donation. Mr. Mitros responded that with the prior annexation of the associated property, the City took over the maintenance of the bridge from the County. The City will continue to assume the update and care of the area since it does serve as a public right-of-way.

Councilmember Knight asked whether the City will be accepting the donation in lieu of City taxes due. Ronn Carlentine, Real Estate Services Manager, responded there was no offset of City taxes; any other tax consequence for the donation would be between the donor and the IRS.

- C. A Resolution Approving and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the NRCS Flood Exigent Grant Project NRCS-EWP 14NRC14CS

Timothy Mitros, Subdivision Engineering Review Manager, described the acceptance of the grant that will address the impact experienced from the flooding in September 2013 at Camp Creek, Douglas Creek and Cheyenne Creek. He stated that the grant funds must be spent by July 4th; therefore, the need to have the IGA signed in order to begin work. The 2014 Budget had anticipated use of grant funding for exigent actions to stabilize and/or restore the stream banks to prevent future flooding and erosion.

9. ITEMS UNDER STUDY

- A. City for Champions Resolution and Milestone Report

President King described Council's substantive concerns as expressed in three letters he handed out, plus an editorial that was published regarding the draft resolution establishing the *City for Champions* relationship to the Colorado Economic Development Commission. Councilmembers acknowledged the resolution was still in draft form, but desire to have their concerns addressed as the resolution is finalized.

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Councilmember Knight described a Council annual report that would be prepared and presented at the second meeting in April aligned with the six new members' one year anniversary.

11. ADJOURN

Council adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.