

INFORMAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
MARCH 25, 2013

Present: President Hente, President Pro Tem Martin, Councilmembers Bennett, Dougan, Herpin, Leigh, Snider, and Williams. Absent, Councilmembers Czelatdko. Also present, Public Works Director Migchelbrink, Legislative Counsel Massey.

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1. **INFORMAL AGENDA CHANGES**

There were no changes.

2. **FORMAL AGENDA CHANGES/COMMENTS 3/26/2013**

No changes. No items pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Due to the extensive Public input anticipated, President Hente asked that Formal Agenda Item 16, Dublin Townhomes, be set for discussion at approximately 3:00 p.m. and asked Council Administrator Cox to prepare a Public Notice to that effect.

3. **REVIEW OF 3/11/2013 INFORMAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

There were no changes.

4. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Agenda Planner – City Council Administrator Cox responded to President Hente's inquiry as to his expectation to see the PPM action item with the changes and his concern relative to the timing for this decision based on the impending induction of new Councilmembers in April. Consensus of Council was that they had no concern on the timing issue.

There were no additional Agenda Planner comments at this time.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **General Information**

No general information was provided.

B. **Items for Future Action**

(1) Council Rules and Procedures

Council Administrator Cox reported on the status of the revised draft of the City Council Amended Rules and Procedures, a copy of which was enclosed in Council's packet. She stated the City Attorney has not had sufficient time to

review the revisions; and, the Executive Branch has asked for additional time to review. She stated she was not comfortable recommending approval of the fully revised document without their review.

Councilmember Williams arrives.

However, Council Administrator Cox asked Council to consider adopting several rules now that could easily be incorporated into the existing document to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the meetings. One-by-one she described these recommendations as listed in the March 25th cover memorandum enclosed in Council's packet.

Council directed Council Administrator Cox, using the current Rules and Procedures as a baseline, to prepare a tracked-changes document to include the efficiency recommendations she outlined today for their consideration on April 9th.

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6. **OPEN LEGAL ITEMS**

A. **Amendment 64 Briefing**

Corporate Division Attorney, Kyle Sauer, provided the Amendment 64 briefing to Council on the Governor's Task Force recommendations to the General Assembly, the current status of legislation in the General Assembly, and further highlighted a timeline for next steps for the City's consideration and action.

Council requested Council Administrator Cox to arrange a Council work session on this issue regarding recreational marijuana in order to meet the requirements outlined in the timeline.

B. **Discussion Regarding Legal Representation of Persons Subject to Investigation by the Independent Ethics Commission.**

This item was postponed until after conclusion of the Closed Executive Session.

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7. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION**

A. Councilmember Leigh asked for consideration of a dollar-for-dollar tax credit to jumpstart home improvement and provided his additional thoughts for incentive programs to encourage economic development.

- B. Councilmember Dougan asked for a status update on concealed-carry for CSU. CSU CFO Forte responded that they are looking at a June timeframe to address this matter.
- C. Councilmember Snider stated that on April 9th he would be bringing forward to Council a Stormwater resolution from the Stormwater Task Force.
- D. Councilmember Williams reported that the Senate and the House approved a \$65.5 million continuing resolution to support wildfire recovery efforts. If, and when the President signs the bill, we have applications in to obtain some of the funds which will help with Waldo Canyon burn scar remediation.

Councilmember Williams added that CDOT has changed their funding mechanism and are funneling approximately \$1.5 billion in funds currently available into projects immediately. She stated PPACG and City staff have worked closely and creatively to design an avenue by which City projects may be included in the funding.

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8. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council moved to go into Closed Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. Councilmembers present unanimously approved.

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COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 4:45 P.M.

Councilmember Dougan was excused.

6. B. Discussion Regarding Legal Representation of Persons Subject to Investigation by the Independent Ethics Commission.

President Hente asked the City Attorney to draft a resolution to authorize payment of legal expenses of up to \$10,000 for elected officials, appointees, and board and commission members who are subject to ethics investigations with a full reservation of the City's right to reimbursement if the subject is not exonerated from all violations of the Code of Ethics. Payment shall not exceed \$10,000 without a determination of good cause by City Council.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:47 P.M.