

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS
JANUARY 27, 2014

Present: President King, President Pro Tem Bennett, Councilmembers Collins, Gaebler, Knight, Martin, Miller, Pico, and Snider. Also present, Chief of Staff Neumann and Deputy City Attorney Florczak.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy City Clerk Powell called the roll. All Councilmembers were present.

2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes.

3. **REGULAR MEETING COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 31, 2014**

Colorado Springs Utilities' ("CSU") CEO Jerry Forte requested that Item 19, Added Item Agenda be moved up to be presented under Item 9, Utilities Business

4. **REVIEW OF JANUARY 13, 2014 WORK SESSION MINUTES**

No changes were requested.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (estimated time will be a minimum of one hour)**

There was no Executive Session requested.

6. **STAFF AND APPOINTEE REPORTS**

A. Agenda Planner – Council Administrator Eileen Gonzalez

Councilmember Martin described the LART committee's appropriations request that will be introduced at Council's Work Session on February 10th and scheduled for first reading at the Regular Council session on February 11th.

Councilmember Knight asked about an anticipated February update on designated smoking areas in parks. Consensus of Council approved the request to have the update placed on a February agenda.

Councilmember Snider asked to confirm whether the 2014 Water Shortage Tariff to be presented in two weeks will include the updated requests from the prior CSU Board Meeting. CFO Forte confirmed that it will include those items.

B. Memorial Health System Enterprise Update

Kara Skinner, CFO, described the monthly financial report included in Council's packet. She also presented a report on the reconciliation of the networking capital calculations. She indicated expenditures should be winding down but will update Council on any changes that may occur.

7. **PRESENTATIONS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION**

A. Memorial Hospital/University of Colorado Health Lease Agreement Briefing

Councilmember Bennett briefed Council on components of the Memorial Health System ("MHS")/University of Colorado Health ("UCH") agreement as related to any potential future developments of a UCH Children's Hospital or other new hospital. He described what Council's role, if any, would be should UCH make any such announcement. He described that he and Councilmember Gaebler will be engaged in any such discussions and have reached out to outside counsel, Jim Wiehl, of Fulbright & Jaworski, who worked on the Affiliation and Integration Agreement for further guidance should the developments take place.

8. **ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION**

A. A Request by the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority for a Major Amendment to the North Nevada Avenue Urban Renewal Plan

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning and Development, described the background and request for Council's approval of the design guidelines requested by the North Nevada Urban Renewal Authority ("NNURA"). He stated that design guidelines are not ratified in City Code and that the City currently has no authority to enforce the guidelines, yet can request the applicant(s) comply through the Urban Renewal Authority ("URA") process. They requested the URA seek a broader area of impact from which to obtain constituent input.

Councilmembers discussed positive aspects of the issue that could help provide consistency for future development, elimination of slums and blight, and potential improvement to property values.

Jim Rees, URA Director, answered questions relative to the public process that was conducted relative to the proposed design guidelines that included representation from the public, UCCS, City Planning and the developers of University Village. He explained the primary concern expressed was that the uses and design guidelines would not force current property owners to revamp their property as existing today.

- B. An Ordinance Pertaining to Possession of Marijuana at Indoor City Facilities and providing Penalties for the Violation thereof

Council Administrator Gonzalez described the background that produced the two draft ordinances included in the Council packets and also as updated earlier this morning. The two ordinances addressed both the possession of marijuana at indoor City facilities and also for airport facilities. Britt Haley, City Attorney – Corporate Division Chief, provided further explanation of the draft ordinances and additional recommendations that she received.

Extensive discussion ensued among the Councilmembers relative to the penalty described in the draft ordinances and the potential impact and residual effects of an offense.

9. **ITEMS UNDER STUDY**

- A. Discussion of Scope for First Phase of Comprehensive Plan Update

Peter Wyscoki, Planning and Development Director, and Carl Schueler, Planning Manager – Comprehensive Planning, briefed Council on the scope and anticipated process for the first phase of the Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Schueler and Mr. Wysocki will serve as the project managers and plan to include the expertise of steering and technical committees to review and audit all of the 200 plus documents involved. It was suggested Council assign two of their members to participate in the process; Councilmembers Gaebler and Pico were recommended. It is estimated the process will take up to three years to complete. An RFP process will be conducted to secure a consultant for the project.

10. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION**

- A. Councilmember Gaebler requested Council's approval to travel to Reno, Nevada, next week to review their efforts to stimulate economic development. Consensus of Council approved her travel request.
- B. Councilmember Knight updated Council on a variety of work in which he is involved including: working on budget definition of programs and the level of detail Council can expect to see during the next budget cycle; a recent breakfast he had with Chancellor Shockley; and, the status of the resolution for Council's mayoral appointment procedures.
- C. President King reported on scheduling a meeting with Richard Westfall regarding Council's request to obtain outside counsel and how to handle situations when the Mayor and Council have differences of opinion and conflicts of interest. He also reported on plans for the Council retreat to be held Wednesday, January 29th.
- D. Councilmember Miller reported that there will be a Utilities Finance Committee meeting the following morning, Tuesday, January 28th.

11. **ADJOURN**

City Council adjourned at 4:04 p.m.