



Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, June 16, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Commerce City was called to order by Mayor Ford on June 16, 2014, at 6:00 PM.

Present: 9 - Mayor Sean Ford, Council Member Jim Benson, Council Member Rick A. Teter, Council Member Crystal Elliott, Council Member Steven J. Douglas, Council Member Andrew Amador, Council Member Jadie Carson, Council Member Jason McElowney and Mayor Pro Tem René Bullock

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, seconded by Council Member McElowney, that the executive session pursuant to, CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations and instructing negotiators, and pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of instructing negotiators regarding DIA issues, be held. VOICE VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

[14-38](#)

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[14-39](#)

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3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Audience Introduction

The audience introduced themselves.

5. Proclamations and Recognitions

[14-35](#)

GFOA Award Recognition

Mayor Ford presented finance department staff members with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award is given to the city by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the 26th year that the Commerce City Finance Department has received this award.

6. Citizen Communication

Sandy Carruthers, 6951 Kearney St., appeared before council and asked about the city's plan for weed control at the former Mile High Greyhound Park property.

7. Approval of Minutes

[Min 14-169](#)

Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2014

A motion was made by Council Member McEldowney, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, that the minutes be approved. VOICE VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

[Min 14-170](#)

Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2014

A motion was made by Council member McEldowney, seconded by Council member Amador to allow Council member Benson to abstain from voting on the minutes because of his excused absence.

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous; all present affirmed

A motion was made by Council Member Amador, seconded by Council Member Teter, that the minutes be approved. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Ford, Council Member Teter, Council Member Elliott, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Amador, Council Member Carson, Council Member McEldowney and Mayor Pro Tem Bullock

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Benson

8. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member McEldowney, seconded by Council Member Amador, to approve the consent agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Ford, Council Member Benson, Council Member Teter, Council Member Elliott, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Amador, Council Member Carson, Council Member McEldowney and Mayor Pro Tem Bullock

[Ord 2007](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,400 FOR CLICK IT OR TICKET EFFORTS AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

[Res 2014-62](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND ADDITION OF "TASK ORDER NO. 2" TO CONTRACT FOR CAPITAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES

9. Resolutions

[Res 2014-72](#)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO
ESTABLISHING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CITIZEN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Council Member McEldowney, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, that this resolution be adopted. VOICE VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

10. Ordinances on 1st Reading

[Ord 2011](#)

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA
BUSINESS AND RELATED INDUSTRY

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, seconded by Council Member Douglas, that this ordinance be introduced by council as seated and approved on first reading. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Ford, Council Member Teter, Council Member Elliott, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Amador, Council Member Carson, Council Member McEldowney and Mayor Pro Tem Bullock

Nay: 1 - Council Member Benson

[Ord 2012](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-1402 OF THE
COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
LIQUOR VIOLATIONS INVOLVING UNDERAGE PERSONS

In response to questions from council, City Attorney Gehler stated that the purpose of this ordinance is to clarify the intent of the existing ordinance as it relates to alcohol and minors.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, seconded by Council Member Amador, that this ordinance be introduced by council as seated and approved on first reading. VOTE:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Ford, Council Member Benson, Council Member Teter, Council Member Elliott, Council Member Douglas, Council Member Amador, Council Member Carson, Council Member McEldowney and Mayor Pro Tem Bullock

11. Presentations

[Pres 14-715](#)

Fronterra Neighborhood Park

Parks Planning & Operations Manager Mike Brown gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fronterra Park Capital Improvement Project. Fronterra Park is the first of three neighborhood parks that were approved as part of the city's 2K initiative. There have been three public meetings to receive input on design of the new park. There were 15 participants at both the first and second meetings with an additional 14 online participants at the second meeting. The third meeting was intended to be an interactive meeting with a show-and-tell of the park concept; however, due to inclement weather, the meeting was held indoors. Three concepts were presented at the first public meeting: traditional, active and nature-inspired. The final concept is a mixture of active and nature-inspired. The goal is to complete this project by late

2015.

Council feedback included traffic and parking concerns around the park and lack of timely notification of the public meetings.

[Pres 14-780](#)

Outdoor Leisure Pool Update

Parks, Recreation and Golf Director Carolyn Keith gave a PowerPoint presentation on the outdoor leisure pool capital improvement project. This project is one of the projects identified in the successful 2K initiative. Six themes were offered by students of the elementary schools located within the city, and 215 votes were tallied on the suggested themes. The selected theme was "Games". There have been two public meetings; 10 attendees at the first and 17 attendees at the second. Components of the leisure pool site include: toddler pool, zero-depth pool, 4-lane pool, lazy river and slide pool with four slides. The Goal is to open in the summer of 2015.

[Pres 14-757](#)

ICSC Report to City Council: The State of Retail

Economic Development Specialist Michelle Hill gave a PowerPoint presentation on the state of retail. She stated that nine percent of retail sales are now done online creating a slow down of the typical brick and mortar stores. As of 2013, stores are looking at a smaller footprint. Restaurants are looking at daytime population and hotels are nearing market saturation. A different approach was taken at the conference this year. It was targeted to sit-down restaurants, developers and hotels.

This Presentation was discussed and closed

12. Administrative Council Business

Councilman McEldowney provided council with an update on the activities of the Capital Facility Fee Foundation and would like some staff and council participation.

Councilman Benson submitted a travel request for a workshop to be paid out of his discretionary funds. He asked for council support in directing staff to come up with a list of 10 things to get rid of to improve the city's image

A motion was made by Council member Douglas, seconded by Council member Teter to approve Council member Benson's travel request funded through his discretionary funds.

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous; all present affirmed

Council was supportive of continuing their focus on reinforcing positives.

Mayor Pro Tem Bullock announced a training opportunity this summer sponsored by NLC University.

Councilwoman Carson has been receiving complaints about the light at Highway 85 and 120th.

Councilman Douglas stated that the intersection of 104th & Tower needs better striping. He asked about changing the name of medical marijuana licensing to cannabis licensing. Councilman Douglas would like an update on FOP negotiations and he inquired about speed bumps on Joplin Street.

City Manager McBroom stated that the FOP negotiations are going to arbitration.

Mayor Ford expressed his concern about the road conditions on Highway 2 and the temperature on the dais.

13. Reports

City Manager McBroom highlighted items from his weekly report emailed to council earlier.

Council reported on their attendance at various meetings and events.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 pm.

In accord with the city charter, the city attorney read the title to all ordinances and resolutions adopted by Council at this meeting.