



# Commerce City

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

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Monday, October 2, 2023

6:00 PM Council Chambers, 7887 E 60th Ave, Commerce City, CO 80022. The meeting will also be conducted in a hybrid format via Zoom. Registration link: [https://c3gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_fCOC-uadQqimqkYNm5zYsw](https://c3gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fCOC-uadQqimqkYNm5zYsw)

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#### Regular Meeting

Times given are estimates only

#### 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 Pro Tem Allen-Thomas on October 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM.*

*A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Madera, to excuse those members not present. VOTE: 8 - Aye, - Excused (Huseman)*

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Allen-Thomas, Council Member Oscar Madera, Council Member Renee Millard-Chacon, Council Member Susan Noble, Council Member Craig Hurst, Council Member Craig Kim, Council Member Sean Ford and Council Member Kristi Douglas

**Excused:** 1 - Mayor Benjamin Huseman

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

*A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Kim, to approve the agenda. VOTE: 8 - Aye, 1 - Excused (Huseman)*

#### 4. Public Comment

[23-177](#)

Public Comment - City Council will conduct this meeting in person at the Commerce City Civic Center, 7887 E 60th Ave, Commerce City, CO 80022. There will be the opportunity for public comment at the meeting during public comment and/or for each agenda item. Comments may be consolidated under the Public Comment part of the meeting. The public can submit their comments live during the meeting in person, via Zoom, or in advance through mail or email. Visit [c3gov.com/council](http://c3gov.com/council) and click on "Meeting agendas" for the full meeting agenda and "Virtual Meeting and Public Comment Instructions" for instructions on how to submit live verbal and written comments. The deadline to register via Zoom or submit written comments is noon on Monday, October 2, 2023.

*Keith Rogers spoke on letter circulating in the city on housing purchases.*

*Scott VanHeusen spoke on the 25th anniversary of the murder of Matt Shepherd for being a gay man.*

*Joy Bishop spoke on her situation at Conter Estates and on Resolution 2023-100.*

*Joanna Rosa-Saenz spoke on the City's help with preventing an eviction of a resident.*

*Tomasa Hernandez thanked the City for helping with preventing their eviction.*

## 5. Presentations

[Pres 23-585](#)

Oil and Gas Monthly Update

*Dr. Rosemarie Russo, Environmental Planner, gave the monthly environmental planning policy and oil and gas update.*

[Pres 23-528](#)

Discussion of a Ban on the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Pet Stores

*Dylan Gibson, City Clerk, presented on the draft ordinance banning the sale of puppies and kittens in pet stores in the City.*

## 6. Consent Agenda

*Council Member Douglas requested to pull Resolution 2023-100.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Douglas, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Pro Tem Allen-Thomas, Council Member Madera, Council Member Millard-Chacon, Council Member Noble, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Kim, Council Member Ford and Council Member Douglas

**Excused:** 1 - Mayor Huseman

[Min 23-236](#)

Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting

[Min 23-212](#)

Minutes of the September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

[Res 2023-100](#)

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY'S INTENT TO COMMIT TO INCREASING ITS BASELINE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN THE CITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF PROPOSITION 123 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY'S FILING OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY'S COMMITMENT WITH THE STATE'S DIVISION OF HOUSING

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Allen-Thomas, Council Member Madera, Council Member Noble, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Kim, Council Member Ford and Council Member Douglas

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Millard-Chacon

**Excused:** 1 - Mayor Huseman

**7. Resolutions**

[Res 2023-063](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOUTH PLATTE CROSSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY AND 72 COLORADO LLC

**A motion was made by Council Member Kim, seconded by Council Member Ford, that this Resolution be adopted. VOTE:**

**Aye:** 5 - Council Member Madera, Council Member Millard-Chacon, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Kim and Council Member Ford

**Nay:** 3 - Mayor Pro Tem Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble and Council Member Douglas

**Excused:** 1 - Mayor Huseman

[Res 2023-113](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO DESIGNATED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF COMMERCE CITY

**A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Kim, that this Resolution be adopted. VOTE:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Allen-Thomas, Council Member Madera, Council Member Millard-Chacon, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Kim, Council Member Ford and Council Member Douglas

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Noble

**Excused:** 1 - Mayor Huseman

## 8. Administrative Council Business

*A motion was made by Council Member Kim, seconded by Council Member Chacon, to direct the city manager to schedule a study session that would look into hiring an expert or having a consultant engage with the City to incorporate the history of the city that incorporates culturally responsive and trauma sensitive information. VOTE: 8 - Aye, 1 - Excused (Huseman)*

## 9. Council Reports

*Acting City Manager Blakeman highlighted items presented in the weekly report provided to council earlier. The mayor pro tem and council reported on their attendance at various meetings and events.*

[23-241](#)

Review of Work Schedule

## 10. Adjourn

*A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Madera, to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: 8 - Aye, 1 - Excused (Huseman)*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.*

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

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*Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk*

[23-240](#)

City Manager Week in Review Report

[23-239](#)

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