



Commerce City

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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, June 7, 2021

7:20 PM This meeting will be conducted electronically via Zoom.

There will be no physical meeting. Public access to this meeting can be found in the agenda below. The meeting will also be live on Channel 8 and c3gov.com/video

Or immediately following the Urban Renewal Authority meeting, before or after the posted time

Regular Meeting via Zoom

Per Ordinance 2291 the City Manager is authorized to conduct this meeting via Zoom

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 Huseman on June 7, 2021, at 7:25 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Allen-Thomas, seconded by Council Member Grimes, to excuse members not present. VOTE: 8 - Aye, 1 - Excused (Frank)

Present: 8 - Mayor Benjamin Huseman, Council Member Oscar Madera, Council Member Jennifer Allen-Thomas, Council Member Susan Noble, Council Member Jose Guardiola, Council Member Craig Hurst, Council Member Meghan Grimes and Council Member Robyn Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Frank

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Citizen Communication

[21-86](#)

Citizen Communication - City Council will conduct this meeting virtually via Zoom as the Civic Center remains closed out of precaution for COVID-19. There will be the opportunity for public comment at the meeting during citizen communication and/or for each agenda item. Comments may be consolidated under the Citizen Comment part of the meeting. The public can submit their comments live during the meeting via Zoom or in advance using the online form or mail. Visit 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 to comment and to submit written comments is noon on June 7.

Steve Douglas spoke on weeds in the city, the Mile High Greyhound Park development, and retail development in Commerce City.

Britton Cottrell spoke on Ordinance 2333.

4. Proclamations

[Proc 21-06](#)

Proclamation Declaring June 2021 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Commerce City

A motion was made by Council Member Madera, seconded by Council Member Noble, that this proclamation be approved. VOICE VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

5. Presentations

[Pres 21-270](#)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal Current Projects Update and Five-Year Review

Charlie Scharmann presented on the Rocky Mountain Arsenal's current projects and five year review.

[Pres 21-339](#)

COVID-19 Update

City Manager Tinklenberg provided council an update on the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Pres 21-88](#) Environmental Planning & Policy Monthly Update
- Oil and Gas Update

Domenic Martinelli, Environmental Planner, provided the environmental planning & policy monthly update.

[Pres 21-302](#) Comprehensive Plan Update

Jamie Rice, City Planner, presented on timeline, outreach, and updates of the comprehensive plan.

[Pres 21-338](#) 2022 Work Plan Goals and Targets

City Manager Roger Tinklenberg introduced the presentation.

Deputy City Manager Cathy Blakeman presented on the 2022 goals and targets.

6. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Allen-Thomas, seconded by Council Member Grimes, that this be approved on the consent agenda. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

[Z-968-21](#) AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM C-3 (COMMERCIAL) TO I-2 (MEDIUM-INTENSITY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7167 E 53RD PL., COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A, AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO TO REFLECT SAID REZONING.

[Z-970-21](#) AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO PUBLIC. THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4761 E 69TH AVENUE, COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A, AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO TO REFLECT SAID REZONING.

[Ord 2328](#) AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-1005 IN ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING A PROCESS FOR HANDLING THIRD PARTY COMPLAINTS ALLEGING VIOLATIONS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

[Res 2021-42](#) RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE COMMERCE CITY TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

[Res 2021-43](#) RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO DESIGNATED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF COMMERCE CITY

7. Resolutions

[Res 2021-38](#) RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Domenic Martinelli, Environmental Planner, presented on the establishment of an Environmental Policy Advisory Committee, environmental justice and equity role, meetings and duration, long term citizen involvement, composition/structure, recruitment, timeline, and questions for Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Guardiola, that this resolution be adopted. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

8. Ordinances on 1st Reading

[Ord 2333](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-41001 OF THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND THE FIRE CODE OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AS ADOPTED AND AMENDED, TO ALLOW THE LIMITED USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN COMMERCE CITY

A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Noble, that this ordinance be amended at section 1 and section 4 to include language from section 5.4 of the City Charter to change to an emergency ordinance effective immediately once introduced by council as seated and approved on first and final reading. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

[Ord 2331](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) GRANT FUNDS FOR \$500,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE 112TH AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE FULTON DITCH AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

A motion was made by Council Member Grimes, seconded by Council Member Allen-Thomas, that this ordinance be introduced by council as seated and approved on first reading. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

[Ord 2334](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431,414 AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

A motion was made by Council Member Grimes, seconded by Council Member Allen-Thomas, that this ordinance be introduced by council as seated and approved on first reading. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

9. Administrative Council Business

A motion was made by Council Member Guardiola, seconded by Council Member Grimes, to have City staff draft an ordinance or resolution that allocates \$2500 to six 27J and thirteen Adams 14 schools that serve Commerce City residence. VOTE: 8 - Aye, 1 - Excused (Frank)

A motion was made by Council Member Allen-Thomas, seconded by Council Member Noble, to have City staff draft a resolution to increase the membership of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission to allow for two voting members of Council with one alternate to sit on the commission. VOTE: 7 - Aye, 1 - Nay (Madera), 1 - Excused (Frank)

A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Noble, to have a study session on fence policies throughout Commerce City for June 28th. VOTE: 8 - Aye, 1 - Excused (Frank)

[21-87](#)

Metropolitan Districts in Commerce City

A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Guardiola, to schedule a study session regarding metropolitan districts in Commerce City. VOTE: 8 - Aye, 1 - Excused (Frank)

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

[21-88](#)

Water Quality Control Commission Antidegradation Rollback Proposal

A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Allen-Thomas, to have staff draft a letter from the City to oppose the changes to the antidegradation rule and have an elected representative from the City testify at the Water Quality Control Commission meeting on June 14th to support the rules regarding the section of the South Platte River that flows through Commerce City. VOTE:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst and Council Member Smith

Nay: 1 - Council Member Grimes

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

[21-89](#)

Reunion Elementary School 3rd Annual "Yeti Classic" Golf Tournament Sponsorship Request

A motion was made by Council Member Grimes, seconded by Council Member Allen-Thomas, to approve the sponsorship request. VOTE:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Nay: 1 - Council Member Madera

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

Recused: 1 - Mayor Huseman

[21-90](#)

Letter of Support for US 85/120th Avenue Interchange

A motion was made by Mayor Huseman, seconded by Council Member Hurst, to ratify the letter of support for the US 85/120th Ave interchange and to affix the Mayor's signature thereon. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

[21-91](#)

Pledge to Regional Coordination on Homelessness

A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Grimes, to ratify the Pledge and to affix the Mayor's signature thereon. VOTE:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Huseman, Council Member Madera, Council Member Allen-Thomas, Council Member Noble, Council Member Guardiola, Council Member Hurst, Council Member Grimes and Council Member Smith

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Frank

10. Council Reports

City Manager Tinklenberg highlighted items presented in his weekly report provided to council earlier. The Mayor and council reported on their attendance at various meetings and events.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 PM.

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

Jordan D. Roberts, Deputy City Clerk