



Commerce City

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, December 16, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Or Immediately following the Special Meeting and reception

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 Huseman on December 16, 2019, at 6:30 PM.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Appointment of At-Large Council Member

After two rounds of voting, Robyn Smith received five votes from council to fill the at-large vacancy.

A motion was made by Council Member Madera, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frank, to appoint Robyn Smith as at-large council member. VOTE: Unanimous; all present affirmed

4. Presentations

[Pres 19-473](#)

Oil and Gas Monthly Update

Domenic Martinelli, city planner, provided the oil and gas monthly update.

Council Member Noble requested staff meet with state-wide organizations such as Conservation Colorado, Colorado Rising, and League of Oil and Gas Impacted Coloradans.

Council Member Grimes asked if the oil and gas focus group would backfill the two positions left by herself and Council Member Noble. Mr. Sheesley stated there was no plan to formally reinstate the oil and gas focus group, but only solicit feedback from the former members on the proposed land development code updates.

5. Citizen Communication

Dr. Ambra Born and Dr Aubrey Austin, representing Reaching Hope, came before council to introduce themselves and their organization.

Shirley Henni, 6390 Olive Street, spoke on the issue of prarie dogs in Commerce City.

6. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Madera, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frank, to approve the consent agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Min 19-186	Minutes of the December 2, 2019 Regular Meeting
Min 19-187	Minutes of the December 2, 2019 Organizational Meeting
Min 19-194	Minutes of November 25, 2019
Res 2019-106	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS, TASERS AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE STORAGE SERVICES
Res 2019-123	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DIRECTORY OF CITY FEES AND CHARGES
Res 2019-124	RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
Res 2019-126	RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DIRECTOR AND OPERATIONAL MANAGER FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE AT THE BISON GRILL RESTAURANT AT BUFFALO RUN GOLF COURSE

7. Recess

8. Public Hearings

[Z-945-17-19-20](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE Z-945-17-19 AND REZONING THE "NEXUS NORTH AT DIA" PUD ZONE DOCUMENT TO ALLOW CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO THE ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BUCKLEY ROAD AND EAST 88TH AVENUE IN COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO.

Mayor Huseman opened the public hearing.

Jenny Axmacher, City Planner, provided the presentation on Case Z-945-17-19-20 to council. Ms. Axmacher gave an overview of the surrounding area of the subject area, a brief history of the case, and the request by the applicant to modify the PUD to allow for large warehouses.

Brock Chapman, representing Schuck Communities, applicant, stated they were in full agreement with the staff report.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Huseman closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Madera, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frank, to accept the findings and recommendations of the planning commission. VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

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

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

9. Resolutions

[Res 2019-117](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK CONSTRUCTION TO DESIGNSCAPES COLORADO, LLC

Carolyn Keith, Director of Parks, Recreation & Golf, provided council with an update on the Veteran's Memorial Park renovation project. Ms. Keith highlighted the all accessible playground equipment planned for the park, the updated renovations to the existing park layout, and the next steps for the project.

Mayor Huseman requested that staff look into the public art in the park be interactive.

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

10. Ordinances on 1st Reading[Ord 2254](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY THE RECOGNITION OF GRANTS FROM THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COMMERCE CITY MASTER PLANNING EFFORTS AND THE RAGWEED DRAW BALL FIELDS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS

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

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

[Ord 2256](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO BY TRANSFERRING \$318,146 FROM THE LOTTERY FUND TO THE CIPP FUND FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK RENOVATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF.

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

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

11. Administrative Council Business

A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Guardiola, to direct the city manager to include any reports of abnormalities at the Suncor facility to be part of the oil and gas monthly updates. Council Member Guardiola requested the motion be amended to include all activity at the Suncor facility be included in the monthly update. Council Member Noble accepted the amendment. VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

Council Member Grimes moved to extend the Oil and Gas Focus Group for the purposes of providing input on the land development code updates. Seconded by Council Member Madera. City Attorney Sheesley stated a more appropriate motion. VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

Council Member Huseman brought forward a council request form to direct staff to coordinate a metropolitan district town hall. A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frank, to approve the council request. VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

Council Member Huseman brought forward a council request form to direct staff to coordinate a bus tour for residents, council, and city staff to tour a ward each quarter and give feedback to staff on the ward. A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Madera, to approve the council request and prioritize the requests as the metropolitan district as the first to be completed in January, the bus tour as second to be completed in February, and the as third to be completed in March. VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

Council Member Huseman brought forward a council request form to direct staff to host a small business listening session. A motion was made by Council Member Allen-Thomas, seconded by Council Member Guardiola, to approve the council request. VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

[19-80](#)**Swearing-In of At-Large Council Member**

Robyn Smith was sworn-in as the at-large council member by City Clerk Laura Bauer.

[19-79](#)

Board, Commission, and Committee Council Appointments

A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Frank, to appoint council members to the boards, commissions, and committees as follows:

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Mayor Huseman

Derby Review Board: Regular Member Council Member Madera, Alternate Member Council Member Grimes

Parks, Recreation & Golf Advisory Board: Council Members Guardiola and Hurst

Police Pension Board: Regular Member Council Member Madera, Alternate Member Council Member Grimes

Senior Commission: Council Members Allen-Thomas and Noble

Youth Commission: Council Members Frank and Guardiola

Commerce City Cultural Council: Council Members Guardiola and Hurst

Housing Authority: Regular Member Council Member Madera, Alternate Member Council Member Smith

*Retreat Planning Committee: Council Members Grimes, Guardiola, Hurst, and Madera
City Manager, City Attorney and Municipal Court Judge Evaluation Committee: All Council Members*

Boards & Commissions Committee: Council Members Frank, Guardiola, Hurst, and Smith

Legislative Committee: All Council Members

Adams County Economic Development: Regular Member Council Member Noble, Alternate Members Council Members Grimes and Hurst

Adams County Executive Committee Breakfast: Mayor Huseman

Adams 14 Foundation: Regular Member Council Member Allen-Thomas, Alternate Member Council Member Guardiola

Airport Coordinating Committee: Mayor Huseman and Council Member Noble

27J Education Foundation: Council Member Grimes

CML Policy Committee: Regular Member Council Member Madera, Alternate Member Council Member Noble

Commerce City Business and Professionals Association: Regular Member Mayor Huseman and Alternate Member Council Member Guardiola

Commerce City Chamber of Commerce: Regular Member Council Member Grimes and Alternate Member Allen-Thomas

Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Board of Directors: Regular Member Council Member Frank, Alternate Member Council Member Hurst

DRCOG Metro Visions Issues Committee: Regular Member Council Member Frank, Alternate Member Council Member Hurst

E-470 Highway Authority: Regular Member Council Member Hurst, Alternate Member Council Member Noble

Metro Mayors Caucus: Mayor Huseman

N.O.I.S.E.: Council Member Noble

Northern Area Transportation Alliance: Regular Member Council Member Frank, Alternate Member Council Member Hurst

Rotary Club: Council Members Grimes and Smith

SD27J Facilities Foundation: Council Member Frank

Sand Creek Regional Greenway Board of Directors: Mayor Huseman and Council Member Smith

Commerce City-School District 27J Use Tax Committee: Council Members Frank and Guardiola

Water Commission: Mayor Huseman and Council Member Noble

Northeast Transportation Connection: Council Member Noble

Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuge: Regular Members Council Members

Grimes and Hurst, Alternate Member Smith
Fire Commission: Council Member Noble
ADCO Water Quality Advisory Board: Regular Member Mayor Huseman, Alternate Member Council Member Noble
Area Boards: Mayor Huseman and Council Members Frank and Guardiola
Memorial Day Parade Advisory Committee: Mayor Huseman and Council Members Allen-Thomas and Hurst
VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

[19-81](#)**Council Winter Retreat Discussion**

A motion was made by Council Member Hurst, seconded by Council Member Guardiola, to select the ELIM Group as the consultants for the winter retreat on January 24 and 25, 2020. VOTE: Unanimous, all present affirmed.

12. Council Reports

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

13. Executive Session[19-76](#)

An executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining position relative to a matter that may be subject to negotiations concerning incentives for a potential economic development project within the city.

City Manager McBroom stated the executive session was no longer necessary.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Dylan A. Gibson, Deputy City Clerk