



Commerce City

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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, August 17, 2015

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 August 17, 2015, 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 McElDowney and Mayor Pro Tem René Bullock

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Audience Introduction

The audience introduced themselves.

4. Proclamations and Recognitions

[Proc 15-23](#)

Proclamation declaring August 17-21, 2015, as Safety Net Clinic Week in Commerce City.

City Attorney Gehler read a proclamation declaring August 17-21, 2015 at Safety Net Clinic Week in Commerce City.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, seconded by Council Member McElDowney, that this Proclamation be approved. VOTE:

5. Citizen Communication

Tony DeVito, 4201 E. Arkansas Ave., Denver, CO 80222, I-70 East Project Director For the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), spoke about upcoming milestones for the project.

Michael Cheroutes, 4201 E. Arkansas Ave., Denver, CO 80222, CDOT's Director of the High Performance Transportation Enterprise, spoke about the role of public private partnership financing in the project.

Carmen Luna, 6450 Monaco St., inquired about the process of allowing backyard chickens.

Reyna Soria, 7191 Pontiac St., and members of the Azteca Soccer Club thanked city council, community and staff for providing improved field access.

Guillermo Serna, 14122 E. 102nd Pl., stated the process for providing field access for youth has improved, and thanked Kroenke and city staff.

6. Approval of Minutes

[Min 15-59](#)

Meeting minutes of May 18, 2015

A motion was made by Council Member Douglas, seconded Council Member Amador, to allow Mayor Ford to abstain for voting on the minutes of May 18, 2015, because of his excused absence.

VOTE: 8 aye, 1 abstain (Ford)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Ford

[Min 15-60](#)

Meeting minutes of June 1, 2015

A motion was made by Council Member Teter, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, that the minutes be approved. VOTE:

7. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, seconded by Council Member McEldowney, 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 2061](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-7730(4) OF THE COMMERCE CITY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC FENCES

[Ord 2066](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO A PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED MASTER LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

[Res 2015-70](#)

RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING A JOINT WATER COMMISSION

[Res 2015-80](#)

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY AT THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2015 TWO BALLOT QUESTIONS, THE FIRST WHETHER TO CHANGE THE CITY CHARTER REGARDING

LOCATIONS FOR POSTING OF ORDINANCES; AND THE SECOND TO PLACE A FIVE PERCENT EXCISE TAX ON CERTAIN MARIJUANA TRANSFERS; AND SETTING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE THEREFOR

[Res 2015-83](#)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE POLICE DEPARTMENT UTILITY VEHICLES

8. Resolutions

[Res 2015-82](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH NEW WORLD SYSTEMS CORPORATION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bullock, seconded by Council Member McEldowney, that this Resolution be adopted 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

9. Ordinances on 1st Reading

[Ord 2067](#)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING PARAGRAPHS B AND C OF SECTION 8-2317 OF THE COMMERCE CITY REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH CONTAINS CERTAIN SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CO-LOCATION OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES

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

10. Presentations

[Pres 15-406](#)

Tower Road Widening Project - Lighting and Landscaping Review

Public Works Director D'Andrea presented follow-up information to council members on the Tower Road project.

Council's questions included:

- the inclusion of the tree lawn and responsibility for adding them*
- the separation of bike and roadway lanes and the reflectors on curb to delineate median*
- inclusion of shade trees at the benches located at the rest stops*
- the cost differentials for median height to add more visual interest.*

[Pres 15-235](#)

Budget Presentations: HR, CD, IT, Legal, FD, CMO, PW, PD

Human Resources Director Blakeman presented the department's proposed budget for 2016.

Director of Community Development Chris Cramer presented the department's proposed budget for 2016. Council requested a review of the increase of permits and the need for additional personnel in the future.

Interim Information Technology Doug Hindman presented the department's proposed 2016 budget. Council inquired about the market rate for GIS interns to assist the department.

City Attorney Gehler present information about the city attorney's office budget for 2016.

Controller Guardiola presented information on the finance department's 2016 budget. Council inquired about health insurance increases.

City Manager McBroom present information on the proposed 2016 department budget.

Public Works Director D'Andrea present the proposed 2016 budget. Council asked questions about the trash and recycling savings. Council also inquired about the hiring process for the new city engineer position.

Chief of Police Smith present information on the 2016 department budget. Chief of Police Smith discussed the new project to provide all officers with body cameras.

11. Administrative Council Business

Mayor Pro Tem Bullock expressed concern for the lack of part-time employee recognition as part of the August employee recognition efforts and the need to recognize them as well. Mayor Pro Tem Bullock announced the beginning of the Leadership Commerce City program this week and encouraged participation.

Councilwoman Elliott acknowledged the work of city staff for last week's Neighborhood Outreach and stated that she had received many compliments from residents. Councilwoman Elliott addressed the traffic and lighting concerns regarding the intersection at 64th and Olive.

Councilman Douglas requested an economic development committee comprised of councilors and residents to focus on retail and ongoing commerce needs. Additionally Councilman Douglas requested staff to investigate a partnership with E-470 to allow residents to use the toll road during the Tower Road construction project.

Councilman Benson expressed concern about the lack of progress on the former Mile High Greyhound Park redevelopment project. Councilman Benson requested a property appraisal.

Councilman Benson moved to authorize staff to conduct a property appraisal for the Mile High Greyhound Park. Motion died for lack of second. Mayor Ford requested that staff answer of the concerns of Councilmen Benson.

Mayor Ford requested approval for the Leadership Exchange (LEX) travel request. Councilman Benson moved and Councilman McEldowney seconded to approve Mayor Ford to attend the Leadership Exchange (LEX).

VOTE, Unanimous; all present affirmed.

This was approved

[15-61](#)

Letter(s) of Support - GoCo Inspire Initiative

Mayor Pro Tem Bullock moved and Councilman McElowney seconded to support letters for the GoCo initiative.

VOTE, Unanimous; all present affirmed.

12. Reports

City Manager McBroom highlighted items from his weekly city manager report provided to council earlier.

Council members reported on meeting and events from the previous week.

13. Adjourn

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,

Cheryl Scott, Deputy City Clerk