



# City of Littleton

Littleton Center  
2255 West Berry Avenue  
Littleton, CO 80120

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

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Tuesday, October 15, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

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#### Regular Meeting

#### 1. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Council Member Cole, Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro-Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

#### 4. Public Comment

If you wish to address the city council under Public Comment, please sign-in on the public speaker form, before the call to order for this meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes. The city council is not authorized by the Colorado Open Meetings Law to discuss comment or take action at the meeting on any issue raised by public comment that is not part of tonight's agenda. The Mayor may refer the matter to staff to obtain additional information and report back to the Council as appropriate.

*Claudia McIntosh - Storm that filled the retention pond and flooded underground garage causing \$100,000 in damage.*

*Pam Chadbourne - Question about balloons and cookies; why are they here?*

#### 5. Consent Agenda Items

- a) [Resolution 58-2019](#) Resolution 58-2019: Adopting the 2020 Fee Schedule  
**approved**
  
- b) [Resolution 50-2019](#) Resolution 50-2019: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Mile High Flood District for construction of drainage improvements for Lee Gulch at Broadway  
**approved**
  
- c) [Resolution 56-2019](#) Resolution 56-2019: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver Water to allow construction of a storm drainage outlet into the High Line Canal at Windermere Street  
**approved**

- d) [Resolution 51-2019](#) Resolution 51-2019: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Littleton and the City of Centennial for pavement rehabilitation on East Orchard Road between South Pearl Street and Broadway  
approved
- e) [Resolution 53-2019](#) Resolution 53-2019: Approving the 2020 Operating Plan and Budget for the Highline Business Improvement District  
approved
- f) [Resolution 54-2019](#) Resolution 54-2019: Approving the 2020 Operating Plan and Budget for the Aspen Grove Business Improvement District  
approved
- g) [Resolution 57-2019](#) Resolution 57-2019: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Littleton and the Colorado Department of Transportation for reimbursement of costs associated with operation and maintenance of traffic control devices on state highways within the city limits  
approved
- h) [ID# 19-281](#) Motion to cancel city council's regular meeting on December 24, 2019  
approved
- i) [ID# 19-280](#) Approval of the October 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes  
approved

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Mayor Pro Tem Valdes moved and Council Member Driscoll seconded to approve consent agenda items 5(a) through 5(i). The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Cole, Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

### 6. General Business

### 7. Ordinances on Second Reading and Public Hearing

- a) [Resolution 59-2019](#) Resolution 59-2019: Adopting the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan  
*Staff Presentation - Jennifer Henninger, Community Development Director; Kathleen Osher, Manager of Innovation & Performance Excellence; Keith Reester, Public Works Director*

*Mayor Brinkman opened the public comment at 6:55 p.m.*

*Kent Bagley - In favor*

*Mark Rudnicki - In favor*

*Kate Eckel - In favor*

*Frank Atwood - If the new Comp Plan permits irresponsible growth before appropriate zoning can be passed, will council declare a moratorium?*

*Pat Dunahay - In favor*

*Linda Knufinke - Transportation Master Plan shows a proposed road through South Platte Park; if this is not the intention, clean up the language and references to it.*

*Pam Chadbourne - Opposed*

*Kyle Henderson, Chair of South Metro Housing Options Board - In favor*

*Pam Grove - In favor*

*Julie Falkenberg - Opposed to process; does not feel that the finished product is representative of the citizens of Littleton.*

*Rob Hanna, Executive Director of South Suburban Parks & Recreation - In favor*

*Jose Trujillo - Split TMP and Comp Plan, vote on them separately; Opposed*

*Paul Bingham - Thinks the document is fine but concerned with new development happening before new zoning.*

*Dan Radulovich - Look at zoning neighborhood by neighborhood.*

*Mayor Brinkman closed the public comment at 7:30 p.m.*

**Council Member Elrod moved and Council Member Driscoll seconded to approve the resolution adopting the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan which includes the Future Land Use and Character Map and the Transportation Master Plan, as amended by Planning Commission.**

**Mayor Brinkman moved and Council Member Fey seconded to amend the main motion to approve without the Planning Commission's amendment. The vote is 6-1, with Council Member Elrod voting no. The motion to amend carries.**

**Council Member Elrod moved and Council Member Cole to amend the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan Infrastructure and Services Section to amend Action I&S 17 to individually call out the Library and Museum as two separate actions: (1) Update Action I&S 17 to represent the Library - Action I&S 17: Create updated master plans for Bemis Library in conjunction with partners, such as the Library Board, Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, DRCOG and others to be a resource for the community in more innovative, strategic, and sustainable ways to be both a physical and virtual hub for literary access, resource connections and community outreach programming; and (2) Add additional Action I&S 18 for the Museum - Action I&S 18: Develop a Littleton Museum and Grounds Master Plan, addressing sustainability of building and infrastructure,**

expanding and diversifying programming offerings and exploring funding and financing opportunities to maintain the caliber of the facility. This plan will continue to position the Museum as regional draw for visitors and nationally recognized as a Smithsonian affiliate.

Council Member Schlachter moved and Council Member Driscoll seconded to amend Council Member Elrod's amendment of proposed I&S 18 to read: Develop a Littleton Museum and Grounds Master Plan, in conjunction with the board and other partners, addressing sustainability of building and infrastructure, expanding and diversifying programming offerings and exploring funding and financing opportunities to maintain the caliber of the facility.

The vote on Council Member Schlachters amendment to Council Member Elrod's amendment is 4-3, with Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, and Council Member Fey voting no. The motion to amend the amendment carries.

The vote on Council Member Elrod's amendment to the main motion, as amended by Council Member Schlachter's amendment, is 2-5, with Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, and Council Members Driscoll, Fey, and Schlachter voting no. The motion to amend fails.

**Vote on the main motion as amended to exclude the amendment recommended by the Planning Commission. The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Cole, Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

- b) [Ordinance 25-2019](#) Ordinance 25-2019: Second introduction of an ordinance to be known as the "Annual Appropriation Bill," adopting the annual budget for all municipal purposes of the City of Littleton, Counties of Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson, State of Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020

*Staff Presentation: Tiffany Hooten, Finance Director (presentation on Ordinance 25-2019: 2020 Annual Appropriation Bill / 26-2019: 2020 Mill Levy / 27-2019: 2020 Sewer Utility Enterprise Budget / 28-2019: 2020 Stormwater and Flood Management Utility Enterprise Budget)*

*Mayor Brinkman opened the public hearing for all four budget ordinances at 8:30 p.m. and, with nobody wishing to speak, closed the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.*

**Council Member Schlachter moved and Council Member Elrod seconded to approve the ordinance known as the "Annual Appropriation Bill," adopting the annual budget for all municipal purposes of the City of Littleton, Counties of Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson, State of Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Cole, Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

- c) [Ordinance 26-2019](#) Ordinance 26-2019: Second introduction of an ordinance establishing the tax levy of 2.0 mills to defray the costs of municipal government of the City

of Littleton, Counties of Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson, State of Colorado, for the City's Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and directing publication of the ordinance

**Council Member Elrod moved and Council Member Driscoll seconded to approve the ordinance establishing the tax levy of 2.0 mills to defray the costs of municipal government of the City of Littleton, Counties of Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson, State of Colorado, for the City's Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Cole, Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

- e) [Ordinance 28-2019](#) Ordinance 28-2019: Second introduction of an ordinance of the City of Littleton, Colorado, as the governing body of the City of Littleton, Stormwater and Flood Management Utility Enterprise, adopting the 2020 budget and directing publication of the ordinance

**Council Member Driscoll moved and Mayor Pro Tem Valdes seconded to approve the ordinance adopting the 2020 Littleton Stormwater and Flood Management Utility Enterprise budget. The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Cole, Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

- d) [Ordinance 27-2019](#) Ordinance 27-2019: Second introduction of an ordinance of the City of Littleton, Colorado, as the governing body of the City of Littleton, Sewer Utility Enterprise, adopting the 2020 budget and directing publication of the ordinance

**Council Member Schlachter moved and Council Member Driscoll seconded to approve the ordinance adopting the 2020 Littleton Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund budget. The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Cole, Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

## **8. Comments / Reports**

### I. City Manager

*The political commitment of getting the Comp Plan to this point is to be commended. Congratulations to staff and the consultant team. Couldn't be more proud. Congratulations on passing the budget. We are an efficiently run organization and community. General Fund is in good shape.*

### II. City Attorney

*Ashley Augustin will be starting on October 31 as the new Sr. Assistant City Attorney.*

### III. Council Members

*Council Member Elrod - Volunteered at Euclid Middle School. Students were working on a project called GRAPES: Geography, Religion, Academics, Politics, Economy, and Sustainability (read some comments from "thank you" cards / Attended North Littleton Promise fiesta dinner/fundraiser*

*Council Member Fey - Homelessness Policy Committee for the tri-cities (Littleton, Sheridan, and Englewood): working with the director of the Metro Denver Housing Initiative working on a logic model - PESTLE: Political, Economic, Social, Technical, Legal, and Environmental (all of these things feed into homelessness)*

*Council Member Schlachter - Commend the City Manager and Staff and members of the Fine Arts Board for installation of new art*

*Council Member Cole - Attending monthly meeting of the CML Policy Board; next meeting occurs after term on council ends; hopes council will appoint a new liaison quickly*

*Council Member Driscoll - No report*

*Mayor Pro Tem Valdes - Was also a mentor at Euclid Middle School*

### IV. Mayor

*Recently had a ribbon cutting at Hudson Gardens; work completed for a new trailhead / Invited to the annual fundraiser for Love Inc. who were instrumental in assisting with those displaced by the Windermere Fire / Honored to speak at Naturalization ceremony through our Immigrant Resources Center / Next regular meeting of this council is November 19 at which new council will be sworn in*

## **9. Adjournment**

*Mayor Brinkman adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.*

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