

# **City of Littleton**

Littleton Center 2255 West Berry Avenue Littleton, CO 80120

# **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

# **City Council**

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 6:30 PM Council Chamber

#### Regular Meeting & Executive Session

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Schlachter, Mayor Pro-Tem Barr, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Grove, Council Member Peters, Council Member Reichardt and Council Member Zink

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Schlachter moved agenda item No. 7 to immediately follow Approval of the Agenda

#### 7. Special Presentations

2025 U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Award

#### 4. Proclamations - None

### 5. Public Comment

Linda Baker, Dist. IV – Traffic light at Intersection of South Peninsula Drive and Mineral (Writer's Vista Park)

Kevin Kelley, Dist IV. - Traffic light at Intersection of South Peninsula Drive and Mineral

Jim Gale, Dist. IV - Intersection of South Peninsula Drive and Mineral

Sam Noyes, Dist. I - Artwork/Art Dealer in Littleton

Mark Flink, Dist. IV – Environmental Stewardship action plan/natural environment/Jackass Hill Trail

Don Bruns, Dist. IV - Jackass Hill Trail adjustments

Steve Lowry, Dist. III - Mineral Avenue Trail

Dee Boehm, Dist. II - Littleton Brewing Company/Permit parking on Foresthill St.

Paul Boehm, Dist. II - Permit parking on Foresthill St/Littleton Brewery

Greg Sullivan, Dist. IV - Costco gas pumps

Miriam Dunham, Dist. I - Credentials/Homelessness

Pam Chadbourne, Dist. I – No public comment at Charter Review Committee meetings/canceled HPC meeting

Brittany Burrell, Dist. I – Gables project

Andi Barba, Dist. I – Gables project

#### 6. Comments / Reports

#### a) Council Members

Council Member Driscoll - Thanked those in attendance for coming out. Enjoyed several National Night Out events in different neighborhoods. Thanked Cindy Hathaway for another successful Western Welcome Week.

Council Member Zink - Great to see everyone attending the council meeting.

Addressed concerns about parking on Foresthill. Attended National Night Out
events, and got to know some neighbors. Attended Move Like MADD (Mother's
Against Drunk Drivers), a fundraiser for those killed by impaired drivers. Had fun
participating in the Western Welcome Week Parade. Presented as part of a panel at
the Littleton Leadership Academy on Friday (August 15); was good to be a part of it.

Council Member Peters - Encouraged everyone to watch the study session from last week (August 12) which included a presentation from DRCOG (Denver Regional Council of Governments) who shared housing data. Our Public Works team also provided an update on the Safer Streets Littleton project.

Council Member Reichardt - Thanked everyone for showing up tonight. Glad to hear about the striping on Foresthill. Doing weekly updates regarding council meetings on Facebook. Next Generation Advisory Board sent a letter to council regarding the waste diversion plan.

Council Member Grove - Along with Council Member Reichardt and Council Member Peters, went to speak at the Arapahoe County Commissioners during public comment. Asked for funding for the Jackass Hill project; the project will be modified. Participated in National Night Out in five different neighborhoods. Attended the Twilight Criterium which was fun. Attended the Littleton Social Cycle which was a seven- mile, slow, safe ride. Attended Western Welcome Week events starting with the pancake breakfast. There is a Meet, Greet & Eat tomorrow at Charley Emley Park from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. with an additional one in Southbridge on September 10, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Barr - DRCOG meets next week for their annual awards ceremony and is highlighting the Meadowood Mobile Home Park becoming a resident-owned community. Thanked several people for making this project happen. Also, thanked city staff for their effort in the Meadowood community success. The building decarbonization program is working on getting heat pumps into low income residential homes. Decarbonization DRCOG is going to be rebranded as Power Ahead Colorado. Will be talking about it on the Green Business Podcast next week.

b) Mayor

Thanked everyone for attending and speaking tonight. August 25, 2025 is Be Smart Week related to gun safety, emphasizing safe storage and use of guns. LPS is back in session and reminded people to be cautious of the children heading to school. Attended the South Metro Denver Realtors Association luncheon with several other area mayors. Discussed overall things about being on council. Moderated a panel at Littleton Leadership Academy and attended a Littleton Business Chamber-hosted reception for the Academy that afternoon. Reminder that tomorrow is the Meet, Greet and Eat at Charley Emley Park; Thursday is a joint council study session/breakfast with the City of Englewood at South Platte Renew; and Saturday is the Town Hall Arts Center Gala. Asked City Manager or City Attorney to address the brewery complaints.

#### c) City Manager

Reviewed Items 8a & 8b and explained why they are on consent (standard practice to approve partner agency grants). They approve the original plan for Jackass Hill with an expectation that the city and South Suburban and the county open space department would bring an updated plan with citizen input before it is finalized. The updated plan will be viewed by council and the county in the upcoming months. Addressed neighbor concerns about safety at the Peninsula/Mineral intersection. It's always difficult to balance safety and traffic flow; this has been reviewed from all angles. This intersection has been studied by our staff and outside engineers in separate studies over the past 5 years. Staff would like to continue to monitor that area as the location evolves. Some potential changes could be traffic controls & signal timing, turn movements, pedestrian signal phasing, and evaluating speed limits. With regard to Foresthill Street, we will be getting more answers on that soon. The Gables development is a new neighborhood development of 17 new homes. The zoning for that parcel is large lot residential. The number of trips generated there will be relatively low compared to other housing types. The plan for that has met the zoning requirements. Design and infrastructure is not under council's purview. We also know there is another traffic signal which poses some complication in another one at the Gable's development.

#### d) City Attorney

The Gables location and the 17 homes proposed has a next step for a preliminary plat in front of the planning commission. They are still going through the site plan. This area has been vacant for a long time and many issues have been looked at over the years, especially traffic. Hopefully a resolution happens that meets everyone's needs. Was asked to provide clarification on items on the agenda with regard to the ULUC. Ordinance 15-2025 will streamline our condo platting process by conferring a lot of the requirements onto the property owners. Item 13-2025 is essentially a sign program to address commercial sites and provide coordination and uniformity in how signs are placed. Related to the citizen petition on first reading tonight. We received a petition from a group of citizens to place an item on the November ballot to amend our charter to lock in certain residential uses that were allowed on January 1, 2025. This will make it challenging to change any residential uses in certain zoning districts. This may lead to an additional charter amendment to those zoning districts which presents challenges in terms of interpretation of the initiative as well as application of it. It will impact our ability to follow state law. One item is simply setting it for public hearing with council has few options at that hearing. Once the city clerk has certified the petition, council has no authority other than to send it to the voters. On July 22, 2025 there was a study session to discuss the citizen's initiative and to address some of the concerns. It was at that meeting that council provided direction for staff with one being to look at the citizen's initiative

that deals with notification. City was directed to prepare an Ordinance (17-2025) to adopt the notification procedure that any time there is a rezoning we will be required to send notification to all affected properties. Another direction was seeking judicial review of the citizen's ballot question which is in process right now (HB25-1093). Effective August 7, 2025, cities could petition the court to review ballot measures to determine if it violates the state's prohibition on anti-growth laws. The intent was to not have items on the ballot that would violate the state's anti-growth laws. Depending on the court's interpretation of the initiative we could be out of compliance with state law if it passes. It will affect the city's ability to receive grants or be part of the certain programs.

## 8. Consent Agenda Items

Resolution 78-2025

Resolution 78-2025: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Littleton and Arapahoe County Open Spaces for the 2025 grant award regarding Jackass Hill Park Improvements

approved

80-2025

Resolution 80-2025: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Littleton and Arapahoe County Open Spaces for the 2025 grant award regarding Powers Park Improvements

approved

Resolution 77-2025

Resolution 77-2025: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder and the City of Littleton regarding the conduct and administration of the November 4, 2025 coordinated mail ballot election

approved

d) <u>Resolution</u> 76-2025

Resolution 76-2025: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder and the City of Littleton regarding the conduct and administration of the November 4, 2025 coordinated mail ballot election

approved

e) <u>Resolution</u> 73-2025

Resolution 73-2025: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder and the City of Littleton regarding the conduct and administration of the November 4, 2025 coordinated mail ballot election

approved

f) Ordinance 15-2025 Ordinance 15-2025: An ordinance on second reading adopting changes to the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) regarding platting, notice of mailings, and other miscellaneous non-housing related changes

approved on first reading

g)	Resolution 81-2025	Resolution 81-2025: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arapahoe County regarding a financial contribution for the Littleton Boulevard Fiberoptic Installation Project
		approved
h)	Ordinance 14-2025	Ordinance 14-2025: An ordinance on second reading referring a ballot question, regarding a citizen-initiated proposed charter change, to the registered electors at a regular, coordinated election to be held on November 4, 2025
		approved on first reading
i)	Ordinance 17-2025	Ordinance 17-2025: An ordinance on second reading amending Title 10, the Unified Land Use Code, Chapter 9, Administration, Section 4.1, Rezoning/Zoning Map Amendment
		approved on first reading
j)	Resolution 79-2025	Resolution 79-2025: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arapahoe County for fiber sharing MRO (maintenance, repair, and operation) for Littleton Boulevard and Broadway
		approved
k)	ID# 25-180	Motion authorizing the city to enter into settlement agreements with Purdue Pharma, Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus approved
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l)	ID# 25-165	Motion to approve minutes of the July 15, 2025, regular city council meeting approved

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Barr moved and Council Member Peters seconded to approve the consent agenda, items a through I. The vote is 7-0 The motion carries unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Schlachter, Mayor Pro-Tem Barr, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Grove, Council Member Peters, Council Member Reichardt and Council Member Zink

### 9. General Business - None

### 10. Ordinances on Second Reading and Public Hearings

a) Ordinance Ordinance 13-2025 An ordinance on second reading approving 13-2025 amendments to the ULUC regarding Master Sign Plan

Mayor Schlachter opened the public comment portion of the public hearing at 8:36p.m.

Pam Chadbourne, Dist. I - opposed

Mayor Schlachter closed the public comment portion of the public hearing at 8:40p.m.

## 11. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

Council Member Reichardt moved and Mayor Pro Tem Barr seconded to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f)(I), and Article III, Section 27 of the City Charter for purpose of discussing performance evaluation for the city manager and city attorney. The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously. Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:43p.m.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Schlachter, Mayor Pro-Tem Barr, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Grove, Council Member Peters, Council Member Reichardt and Council Member Zink

## 12. Adjournment

Mayor Schlachter adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.