



# City of Littleton

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

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Tuesday, July 7, 2020

6:30 PM

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#### Virtual Regular Meeting

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#### 1. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro-Tem Melin, Council Member Milliman and Council Member Grove

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

#### 3. Comments / Reports

a) Acting City Manager

*Large pipe on the Mary Carter Greenway this weekend to divert a sewer line.*

b) City Attorney

*No report*

## c) Council Members

*Council Member Milliman - Library and Museum will be opening next week with modified hours. Library will continue curbside service. Visitors are encouraged to wear a mask or face covering when visiting. / Tri-County Health is meeting tomorrow to discuss if they will institute a requirement to wear masks in public. I am supportive of the City of Littleton enforcing a mask mandate. / South Metro Housing Options had a Housing Task Force meeting last week. There will be a data refresh of the recent housing study from 2017. Members of SMHO met with a sub-committee of the NGAC working on diverse housing within the City of Littleton.*

*Council Member Grove - Attended a couple DRCOG meetings. There are two small grants available, both requiring a local match. Communications and Finance departments are working to see what, if anything, we would qualify for. / NGAC met last week in regular meeting. They decided that instead of three sub-committees, they would only have two. There are currently openings on NGAC. If you are between 16 and 36 years of age. There is an application online. Recruitment closes this Friday. / Invites citizens to give us feedback on the ULUC at [visionlittleton.org](http://visionlittleton.org).*

*Council Member Fey - No report*

*Council Member Elrod - South Suburban Parks meeting discussing water rights. Council Member Grove added that, due to COVID, some SSPRD capital funds projects have been put on hold, i.e. Littleton Golf and Tennis remodel.*

*Council Member Driscoll - Want to acknowledge three groups of people: 1) Geneva Village residents who wrote letters to council re: status of the property; 2) Downtown Littleton Main Street retailers in favor of reopening Main Street on Sundays (ending Weekends on Main on Saturday night); and 3) Citizens sending emails to councils regarding masks and asking us to not support Tri-County Health and their possible mask mandate. We hear you and we appreciate you.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Melin - The Littleton Business Chamber held an event a couple of weeks ago and awarded Carboy Winery it's "Business of the Year". Wanted to congratulate them and we're grateful to have them in Littleton. A few weeks ago, I felt very proud to participate in a Black Lives Matter Community Solidarity Walk in Littleton with my wife and two small children. Felt incredibly proud watching our community exercising its First Amendment right to peacefully press for social progress.*

## d) Mayor

*Virtual meetings will continue through at least July. We'll readdress at that time. There are some logistics issues with the Council Chamber and social distancing to have some or all of council present. Council Chamber construction can begin as early as August to meet the deadline required to use CARES Act funds for the project. / I attended a police training meeting regarding Senate Bill 20-17 which in part requires all law enforcement officers to wear body cameras; Littleton Police Chief Stephens does support this. There will be some wording in the bill addressed in coming session(s). (Personal note): Because of the acts of a few, there are cities around the country that are de-legitimizing law enforcement. The social ills of our country are not law enforcement's fault. It is not good policy to demoralize the good men and women who take an oath to serve and protect our community. My sincere thank you to all police officers of the City of Littleton and across our state and*

*country for what you do every day. / Attending Weekends on Main Street this past weeked; was good to hear folks having conversations. / Attend the Black Lives Matter walk here in Littleton last month. Considering all the troubling events that have taken place in cities across this country, I was pleased and proud that this walk was peaceful and successfully got the message out.*

#### **4. Citizen Appearances - None**

#### **5. Public Comment**

Citizens wishing to provide public comment prior to the meeting, or who wish to participate via phone, please see instructions listed at the top of the agenda.

*Lauren Acres, co-organizer of solidarity walk - Council Member Driscoll  
Rebecca Askew – burglary at Triple J Armory  
Frank Atwood – Downtown Littleton Character  
Kyle Schlachter – Tri-County Health – mask directive  
Lexxie Berrer(?), co-organizer of solidarity walk - Council Member Driscoll  
Catherine Muldave – remainder of Lauren Acres talk – Calls for Pat Driscoll's resignation  
Robin Bernstein – Geneva Village  
Pam Chadbourne – Proposed downtown changes – look at it in phases  
Jeannie Erickson – SMHO  
Emily Able – LPS – Calls for Pat Driscoll's resignation  
Larry Thompson Sr. – Solidarity Walk / Black Lives Matter / Affordable Housing*

#### **6. Consent Agenda Items**

- a) [Ordinance 24-2020](#) Ordinance 24-2020: An ordinance on second reading amending Title 10, Chapter 6, Section 4 (B) (1) of the Municipal Code in order to reference the most recent Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map  
approved
- b) [ID# 20-167](#) Approval of the June 16, 2020 virtual regular meeting minutes  
approved

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**Council Member Elrod moved and Council Member Fey seconded to approve the consent agenda. The vote is 6-0. The motion carries unanimously\***

**\*Council Member Milliman was temporarily disconnected. She rejoined the meeting after the vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro Tem Melin and Council Member Grove

**Non-Voting:** 1 - Council Member Milliman

#### **7. General Business - None**

#### **8. Ordinances on Second Reading and Public Hearing**

- a) [Ordinance 25-2020](#) Ordinance 25-2020: An ordinance on second reading amending Ordinance No. 25, series of 2019, known as the Annual Appropriation Bill

*Mayor Valdes opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. and with nobody wishing to speak, closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.\**

*\*A two-minute delay was provided to allow any callers not already in the queue to participate in the public hearing should they wish*

**Council Member Grove moved and Mayor Pro Tem Melin seconded to approve Ordinance 25-2020 on second reading. The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro Tem Melin, Council Member Milliman and Council Member Grove

## **9. Adjournment**

*Mayor Valdes adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.*

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