



# City of Littleton

Littleton Center  
2255 West Berry Avenue  
Littleton, CO 80120

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

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Tuesday, May 15, 2018

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. The Mayor may refer the matter to staff to obtain additional information and report back to the Council as appropriate.

*Pam Chadbourne - Last time I spoke to you, I was angry. Anger comes from fear and what I fear is that what we could have achieved with Littleton is now out of reach and what we are achieving in Littleton is an unlivable city, to some degree. Has been watching city council since 2010, more closely in the last two years. / Last time I talked about public comment and why I believe City Council should be prepared to talk about items on the agenda, especially if a citizen comments about them because the Open Records Act says if it's published on the agenda, we all know about it and we come to deal with those matters. In 2014, there was an opportunity for scheduled public presentations up to ten minutes; unscheduled public appearances were up to four minutes. In 2016, the opportunity for scheduled public appearances is gone however there were two opportunities for public comment, at the beginning and at the end of the meeting, for up to three minutes. And now there is only opportunity for one time during the meeting and it is for three minutes. This body is going in the wrong direction. / Last thing I have to mention is positive. In John Fielder's "Best of Colorado", on his list of 165 scenic things to see, the first listed is Littleton's South Platte Park corridor. I hope we preserve it. I'm not seeing it happening, but I hope that we do.*

*Pat Cronenberger - Supports the decision made by council regarding the pre-inclusion agreement with South Metro Fire Rescue. For many years, the citizens of Littleton enjoyed a very high level, and very economical level, of fire protection services and emergency services and we did that in conjunction with very close partners. It is very unfortunate that those partnerships could not be sustained. Public Safety is council's most important task. Don't believe that council really had another good choice in this matter. Commend both council and staff high level of professionalism during the process*

towards this decision. Council is dealing with many difficult challenges right now that you've inherited; the financial sustainability of the city, the zoning code rewrite, infrastructure issues, and the long overdue Comp Plan update. I can't say that in the 35 years I've been a citizen of Littleton and on and off council, has there been so many big issues to deal with. Just want council to know that, as a citizen, I deeply appreciate all of the things that you and staff are having to navigate at this point in time and wish you the best.

Tina Witham - Feels the ordinance\* regarding street closures is a good ordinance but that it could be strengthened with amendments. How many street closures are enough? Comparing Cherry Creek to Littleton, Cherry Creek has only one street closure per year. Littleton has at least three, the block party, the bike race, and Western Welcome Week. Would like to see an amendment to the ordinance that requires all future street closures be limited to Sundays, or that the event occur on private property or a park. Please moving forward, no more Saturday street closures in downtown Littleton. They're bad for businesses and we are the brick and mortar that is the lifeblood of Littleton. (\*Special Event Ordinance approved on second reading at the May 1, 2018 city council meeting)

Tom Witham - Closure of Nevada Street hurts the merchants on the 2500 block of Main Street. Would like to see the petition process that is used for special events and street closures strengthened. Should address/survey those parties directly affected by the potential closure, not those two blocks away. Would like to suggest that the survey be done by the city through an email to those in the affected area or a private party should be hired to conduct the survey. Feels this is important because at least one business, and one is too many, was bullied in to signing the petition for The Big Wonderful street closure of Nevada. The petition process should include full disclosure of the event. Not sure that the restaurants will be happy that there are seven food trucks involved in this event. There are two jewelry vendors and five clothing vendors. Each one is direct competition with the brick and mortar in downtown Littleton.

## **5. Consent Agenda Items**

- a) [Resolution 22-2018](#) A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Joint Cooperation Agreement and Home Consortium Agreement Between Arapahoe County and City of Littleton Relating to the Conduct of Community Development Block Grant Program and Home Investment Partnerships Program  
approved
- b) [Resolution 23-2018](#) A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Collaborative Transportation Forum with City of Aurora, Town of Bennett, Town of Bowmar, City of Centennial, City of Cherry Hills Village, Town of Columbine Valley, Town of Deer Trail, City of Englewood, Town of Foxfield, City of Glendale, City of Greenwood Village, City of Sheridan, and Arapahoe County  
approved
- c) [Resolution 24-2018](#) A resolution authorizing the approval of the 2017 Arapahoe County Community Development Block Grant Program Subgrantee Agreement for the Littleton Sidewalk Improvements Program  
approved

- d) [Resolution 25-2018](#) A resolution approving a fourth amendment to the agreement for RTD funding of local transportation services
- A motion was made by Council Member Elrod, seconded by Council Member Cole, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:
- e) [ID# 18-168](#) Motion to approve updating the "Protocols and Standards of Conduct", and adopting the Council's "Rules of Engagement"
- approved
- f) [ID# 18-155](#) Approval of the May 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes
- approved

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

Council Member Elrod moved and Council Member Cole seconded to approve the consent agenda. 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) [Ordinance 21-2018](#) An ordinance on second reading to amend the Safeway Oakbrook Shopping Center General Planned Development Plan for Lot 7, Block 1
- Staff presentation - Carol Kuhn, Planning Manager
- Applicant presentation - David Spratlen, Commercial Building Services
- Mayor Brinkman opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.
- Pam Chadbourne - This is a missed opportunity. Our documents from 20/30 years ago, describe how we want to plan the Broadway corridor and that neighborhood and they stated that we wanted to move beyond car dealerships. This is a large vehicle storage lot in a residential area. Why are we letting this proceed? Car storage is not what Littleton should be doing with its land.
- Mayor Brinkman closed the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.
- Council Member Elrod moved and Mayor Pro Tem Valdes seconded to approve the ordinance on second reading to amend the Safeway Oakbrook Shopping Center General Planned Development Plan for Lot 7 including the ten conditions recommended by planning commission.
- Council Member Fey moved and Mayor Pro Tem Valdes seconded to Amend the main motion to regarding Ordinance 21-2018 by amending Condition No 7 to the ordinance to add the following additional language at the end of Condition of Approval No. 7: with an appropriate number of plantings to provide adequate

screening from the vehicles parked on the subject property. Such plantings shall be along Phillips Avenue in an amount and height as determined by the Community Development Department to be adequate.

Council Member Cole moved and Council Member Driscoll seconded to amend Council Member Fey's amendment to define the plantings as evergreen. The vote is 1-6, with Council Member Cole voting yes. The motion fails.

Vote on the amendment to the main motion: The vote is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.

Vote on the main motion: 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 20-2018](#)      An ordinance on second reading to amend Title 10, Chapter 9, Planned Development Overlay, and Chapter 2, Zone Districts

*Staff presentation - Jocelyn Mills, Community Development Director*

*Mayor Brinkman opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.*

*Pam Chadbourne - Opposed. Lives in R-5 zone. Is not conducive to residential development. Gets noise due to proximity to Santa Fe. To put town homes in that area is not something you would ever do if you were going to design a healthy city. This is a major mistake and should not be done because of the adjacent land use.*

*Paul Bingham - In favor. Congratulates Community Director Mills for bringing this forward. Thinks the density and parking works here. Would appreciate council's support on this ordinance.*

*Mayor Brinkman closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.*

**Council Member Schlachter moved and Mayor Pro Tem Valdes seconded to approve the ordinance on second reading to amend Title 10, Chapter 9, Planned Development Overlay, and Chapter 2, Zone Districts.**

**Council Member Elrod moved and Council Member Schlachter seconded to amend the main motion for for the R-4 District, specifically for townhomes, a minimum lot size of 3,250 square feet and minimum lot frontage of 30 feet, and a new internal setback of zero feet. All other existing applicable zoning standard for townhomes in the R-4 District are the same and do not change. The vote on the amendment is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.**

**Vote on the main motion: 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**

a) City Manager

*No report*

b) City Attorney

*No report other than that which is already in the packet*

[ID# 18-159](#)

Report from City Attorney

c) Council Members

*Council Member Elrod - Invitation to The Right Step (off Mineral and Santa Fe), an equine therapy organization, for this Saturday (May 19). / Thank you for moving the Transportation Forum item forward on the consent agenda.*

*Council Member Fey - Kudos on process for Ordinance 21-2018. Appreciates that citizen comment was incorporated by the applicant, the Planning Commission, and the Community Development staff in the process.*

*Council Member Schlachter - Acknowledge that today is Peace Officer's Memorial Day and Police Week, a local observance that pays tribute to the local, state, and federal peace officers who have died or been disabled while on duty.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Valdes - Littleton Independent did a nice article on Littleton's Crabapple Route.*

*Council Member Driscoll - Attended the LIFT Board meeting last week. Anticipate an updated website for LIFT. The board is working hard to put some structure around urban renewal and potentially hiring an attorney.*

*Council Member Cole - In response to citizen comment about more opportunities for public comment, citizens can email council members as much information as they want, without limitation. This gives council more time to carefully think through the concern expressed and to delve into potentially complex issues. / Participated in the North Littleton Promise Cinco de Mayo Event, a wonderful neighborhood event. / Today, toured the Tesla facility. It's a really nice edition to what Littleton has to offer in automotive choices.*

d) Mayor

*Would potentially like to bring forth an ordinance to expand no smoking to open space, parks and to possibly extend public space, i.e. the library and museum. She requested council support to have staff get additional information regarding no smoking and data to support the change. / Meet, Eat and Greet events start next week on May 22 at Ketring Park at 4:00 p.m. / Mayor Steve Hogan of Aurora passed on Sunday morning from a very sudden onset of cancer. He left an incredible legacy. Once of the things that this community can appreciate about Mayor Hogan is how he handled the crisis at the Aurora theater. He led his community through that. We have had similar situations in our community. He will be remember for many of the great things that he did. It was an honor to know him. Let's keep Aurora in our thoughts and prayers. Let's keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.*

## **9. Adjournment**

**Mayor Brinkman adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.**

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