



City of Littleton

Littleton Center
2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80120

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro-Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

Absent: 1 - Council Member Cole

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.

Jim Mascolo - Council has stated that the residents of Southpark don't understand zoning; maybe we don't. Similarly, we don't think the city understands leadership. Council should have conducted annual reviews to assess appropriateness and sustainability of existing zoning throughout the city zoning. This review would have shown the unsuitability in Southpark for the proposed Triple J Armory. The City would have been able to recognize incompatibility of proposed business. Meetings and citizen outreach would have/should have been conducted. There is currently no general zoning review process; potentially no review of the permit application and certainly no review of the permit for compatibility; copies of the permit documents were not posted on the city's website until members of residential board brought up concerns with the city; when citizens became aware of the permit, the city was forced i to a public meeting which the city tightly controlled; no response from city administration on setting up a working task to deal with issues and complaints. Ask that council begin an immediate investigation of the city's zoning process, the Community Development Department, and the City Manager's role in this mess.

Christof Demont-Heinrich - Recently sent an e-mail to City Manager Relph regarding continued opposition to Triple J Armory gun store and shooting range in Southpark. In appropriate zoning is largely to blame for this issue. Part of Mr. Relph's response was the following: "If the city tried to action then the city would be liable for damages, attorney's fees, plus each council member who would vote for such an action would be subject to personal liability". What could be clearer? The city simply does not want to be sued, but the city is okay with us, the residents who had nothing to do with the city's zoning

negligence, being sued but seem to be okay with us and our children being endangered. Is this the city's idea of leadership? Hiding behind zoning and letting the citizens take the bullet for its mistake. We need leadership that acknowledges the city's zoning mistake and which results with the city working with Triple J to find an appropriate place for its proposed gun shop and shooting range.

Pam Chadbourne - Regarding item 5(c), this isn't the right solution. Increases the possibility of a higher, bigger building on the combined site. The city has failed, over and over, to deal with this issue (zoning). Instead of the modernization and simplification of documents, the city should be looking at the zoning areas that are in transition and then figure out what would be good zoning solutions. Instead, application by application, the city is being destroyed.

Mike Price - Business owner in Littleton for over 30 years. Received an anniversary card signed by council. Thank you. Thriving commercial community in Littleton enhanced by a thriving residential community. Appreciates the city pausing to write a smart ordinance that is sane and sensible and works for all of the citizens of Littleton. Two goals: 1) Preserve our neighborhoods; 2) Maintain the highest quality of short-term rental qualifications.

5. Consent Agenda Items

- a) [Ordinance 37-2018](#) An ordinance on first reading extending the temporary moratorium on the issuance of business and sales/use tax licenses for short-term rental properties
approved
- b) [Ordinance 35-2018](#) An ordinance on first reading to amend Title 10 of the Zoning Code, Section 10-17-4, regarding Sign Code Definitions, and Section 10-17-6-2, to add definitions for Human Signs and Rotating Signs
approved
- c) [Ordinance 32-2018](#) An ordinance on first reading approving an amendment to the official zoning map to change the zoning of a 5.05-acre area known as 2717, 2727, and 2767 W. Bellevue Ave. from B-2 Community Business District to B-3 General Business District with a condition that the subject properties have a maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 2:1.
approved
- d) [Resolution 58-2018](#) A resolution approving the final plat for the 6705 South Santa Fe Subdivision, case number FP17-0004
approved
- e) [ID# 18-318](#) Approval of the September 18, 2018 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(e). The vote is 6-0. The motion carries unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

Absent: 1 - Council Member Cole

6. General Business

- a) [Resolution 59-2018](#) A resolution of the City of Littleton, Colorado, in support of "Let's Go, Colorado," a citizen initiative designated as Initiative #153, to appear on the ballot as Proposition 110, to increase funding for statewide and local transportation needs.

Council Member Elrod moved and Council Member Schlachter seconded to approve the resolution of the City of Littleton, Colorado, in support of "Let's Go, Colorado," a state citizen initiative designated as Proposition 110, to increase funding for statewide and local transportation needs. The vote is 6-0. The motion carries unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

Absent: 1 - Council Member Cole

- b) [Resolution 60-2018](#) A resolution opposing Amendment 74, an attempt to amend the Colorado Constitution to limit state and local government services at a high cost to taxpayers

Council Member Schlachter moved and Council Member Elrod seconded to approve the resolution opposing Amendment 74, an attempt to amend the Colorado Constitution to limit state and local government services at a high cost to taxpayers. The vote is 6-0. The motion carries unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Brinkman, Mayor Pro Tem Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey and Council Member Schlachter

Absent: 1 - Council Member Cole

7. Ordinances on Second Reading and Public Hearing

8. Comments / Reports

- a) City Manager

1) Council requested that staff report back on the grant we had acquired for putting in a pedestrian signal on Federal Boulevard. That grant was applied for and obtained before the fatality on that stretch and the location of the crosswalk was specifically oriented around the school; 2) Congress did not approve the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. That grant opportunity is now gone.

City Attorney

No report

b) Council Members

Council Member Elrod - 1) Thank you to council for taking a position on Proposition 110 (Let's Go, Colorado) and Amendment 74; 2) Thank you to city staff involved in setting up the (Telephone) Town Hall meeting prepared for this week.

Council Member Fey - 1) Asked City Manager Relph if there was a possibility that a crosswalk could be put in at the location of the fatality on Federal in addition to the one we have a grant for. Mr. Relph stated that it is not likely and that more information on this issue will be outlined in a memo from staff to council; 2) The fourth District III meeting for the year was held this past Saturday with about 25 citizen attendees, including a number of new ones.

Council Member Schlachter - 1) Attended the Museum Board meeting last night. The 46th annual Friends of the Museum craft fair is being held this Saturday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anticipate between 15,000 and 18,000 attendees. The Harvest Festival is scheduled for October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Museum. Anticipate 8,000 to 10,000 attendees. Walking With the Dead will be held on October 19 and 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; 2) Attended the Growing Water Smart conference with goals to incorporate water resources into our Comp Plan; 3) Park openings coming up for South Suburban including Promise Park and Sterne Park this week.

Council Member Driscoll - 1) Opportunity to tour Globus (travel industries) last week; 2) Participated at The Alley's Chili Cook-off fundraiser for Beautiful Scars over the weekend as a judge.

Mayor Pro Tem Valdes - 1) Go Rockies!; 2) Parking lot at the Littleton Center is being painted tonight. Addressing a disgruntled person's interaction with a member of staff working on the striping project, it's unfortunate that we have a few people that feel so inconvenienced that they feel it necessary to go off on somebody who is just trying to do their job. Asked the Public Works Director and City Manager to pass on to staff that they are appreciated for the work they do.

c) Mayor

1) Meeting of the South Platte Working Group last week. The east/west connection study is moving along; 2) Arapahoe County Mayors, Managers, and Commissioners meeting. One of the items discussed is challenges with FAA changing flight patterns into Centennial airport; 3) Thursday evening, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. we will have our second Telephone Town Hall. The focus will be the South Metro fire inclusion ballot issue, the council approved funding method for street maintenance, and the ballot measures regarding charter amendments. Participation will be via telephone, in person in the Council chamber, and social media.

9. Adjournment

Mayor Brinkman adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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