



City of Littleton

Littleton Center
2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80120

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro-Tem Melin, Council Member Grove and Council Member Rudnicki

Absent: 1 - Council Member Milliman

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Comments / Reports

a) City Manager

No report

b) City Attorney

Arapahoe County has been doing polling regarding the Arapahoe County Open Space Fund. The current tax is due to sunset in 2023 so the county has been exploring, much like the city is doing, possible sales tax measures. So far, results of their polling have been pretty favorable; 78% of Arapahoe County voters would vote "yes" on this measure. We may see this on the ballot in the fall. / Update on NextGen and the Denver Metroplex: Refresher that in 2007, the FAA began working on a program called NextGen to modernize the nation's air transportation system at 35 of the busiest regional air regions within the U.S. DIA is the 5th busiest in the U.S. and the Denver Metroplex, which includes the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Centennial Airport, and other regional airports, is one of the busiest in the nation. Centennial Airport is the second busiest non-commercial airport. The purpose of NextGen was to increase safety, efficiency, reliability, predictability, and capacity which has to do with relying more on satellite technology vs ground-to-air for air traffic control. Part of the proposed updates included changing some of the air-traffic routes which resulted in approximately 29 different routes in to and out of DIA being proposed to change. In 2019, the FAA entertained a public comment period, which the City of Littleton responded to and we expressed our concerns that we did not feel they had done enough to address the Environmental Protection Act, in particular the impact these changes would have on noise, our citizens, and other areas. The patterns were instituted in March of 2020. In March of 2020, due to COVID, all meaningful air travel was grounded so the impacts of these changed routes were not immediately observed due to the limited number of flights operating. Because more people were working from home, it was noticed when a plane flew closely overhead.

As a result, the city received a large number of noise complaints which were forwarded to DIA. Littleton has primary concern with two of the new routes; the Bronco route and the Pinner route. Both of these routes force air traffic from the north to fly more to the west than has happened prior to these changes. These changes for flights coming in to DIA have forced Centennial Airport to move more of their non-commercial flights to areas further south and west. Last year, Centennial Airport and the counties of Arapahoe, Douglas, and Gilpin, as well as the City of Greenwood Village, filed a lawsuit asking for a review in federal court of the FAA's finding of "not a significant impact". The lawsuit was recently dismissed by the federal court on the basis that all of these organizations (the counties, the airport, and Greenwood Village) didn't have standing to sue based on no claim of injury to each/any of these organizations.

c) Council Members

Council Member Grove - Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet, Greet and Eat at Sterne Park on June 30. We had a great turnout! We had the opportunity to talk to citizens one-on-one and discussed many issues. These issues are now being researched by staff. The next Meet, Greet and Eat will be July 14 at Progress Park from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Rudnicki - Commend the city on doing a great job with the Meet, Greet and Eat. Talked to many citizens about various issues including the ULUC. Great crowd!

Council Member Driscoll - Attended the ACC (Arapahoe Community College) EMS Academy on June 16 as part of the advisory board representing the city. Anyone looking to become a paramedic or EMT, highly recommend the ACC program.

Council Member Fey - The High Line Canal Conservancy recently reported that they considered over 100 projects for the length of the 71 miles; 10 projects were chosen to be funded. One of those is in Littleton!

Mayor Pro Tem Melin - Reminder that the comment period on the draft ULUC closes on July 30. If you haven't already, please get your comments in; we want to hear them.

d) Mayor

Last week on June 30, after the Meet, Greet and Eat, the city hosted a Telephone Town Hall with 350-400 people who tuned in and/or participated. Kudos to staff on the Meet, Greet and Eat; staff did a great job. It was estimated that over 400 people attended. Reminder of next Meet, Greet and Eat on July 14 at Progress Park. Reminder to council members to inform the city clerk of any dates they may not be available, at least through September.

5. Citizen Appearances - None

6. Public Comment

*Lynn Christensen - ULUC / Housing needs
Katie McReynolds - ULUC / Housing needs
Maureen Shannon, North Littleton Promise - ULUC / Housing needs
Melissa Bauthier - ULUC / Housing needs
Kathryn Roy, Love INC - ULUC / Housing needs*

Emily Dykes, Vibrant Littleton - ULUC / Housing needs

Pam Chadbourne - ULUC

Emily Abell - ULUC / Housing needs

Robin Bernstein - Resources for the homeless / Littleton is not a walkable city

Olee Martin - Housing needs

7. Consent Agenda Items

Consent agenda items can be adopted by a simple motion. All ordinances must be read by title prior to a vote on the motion. Any consent agenda item may be removed at the request of a Council Member.

- b) [Resolution 26-2021](#) Resolution 26-2021: Authorizing an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Mile High Flood District regarding final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of drainage and flood control improvements for Jackass Gulch at High Line Canal
approved
- c) [ID# 21-107](#) Motion to amend council liaison assignments
approved
- d) [ID# 21-121](#) Motion to approve the June 15, 2021 regular meeting minutes
approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Melin moved and Council Member Driscoll seconded to approved consent agenda items b-d. The vote is 6-0. The motion carries unanimously.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Milliman

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- a) **Ordinance 12-2021** Ordinance 12-2021: An ordinance on second reading approving the Sixth Amendment to Area K of the Southbridge Planned Development Plan
Council Member removed item (a) from the consent agenda
- Council Member Driscoll moved and Council Member Fey seconded to approve Ordinance 12-2021 on first reading, approving the Sixth Amendment to Area K of the Southbridge Planned Development Plan concerning the McDonald Automotive Reconditioning Facility at 1151 W. Mineral Avenue and to set the second reading and public hearing for July 20, 2021. The vote is 6-0. The motion carries unanimously.**
- Aye:** 6 - Mayor Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro Tem Melin, Council Member Grove and Mark Rudnicki
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Milliman

8. General Business - None

9. Ordinances on Second Reading and Public Hearing - None

10. Adjournment

Mayor Valdes adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.