

City Council Meeting Minutes

**July 25, 2023
City Hall, Council Chambers
749 Main Street
6:00 PM**

Call to Order – Mayor Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call** was taken and the following members were present:

City Council: ***Mayor Dennis Maloney
Mayor Pro Tem Deborah Fahey
Councilmember Barbara Hamlington
Councilmember Dietrich Hoefner
Councilmember Chris Leh
Councilmember Maxine Most***

Absent: ***Councilmember Caleb Dickinson***

Staff Present: ***Jeff Durbin, City Manager
Adam Blackmore, Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Director
Ryder Bailey, Finance Director
Rafael Gutierrez, Police Chief
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk***

Others Present: ***Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney***

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Maloney called for changes to the agenda and hearing none asked for a motion. **Motion:** Councilmember Hoefner moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fahey. **Vote:** All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Cathern Smith, Louisville, asked Council to lead on this issue of wildfire resiliency by working with experts to compile information and bring all sides together. She would like to see an organization of experts sort out all the information. She said if the experts don't make decisions the insurance companies will do it for us.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Maloney asked for changes to the consent agenda; hearing none he asked for a motion. **Motion:** Councilmember Leh moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fahey. **Vote:** All in favor.

- A. Approval of Bills**
- B. Approval of Minutes: February 28, 2023; March 7, 2023; March 14, 2023; July 18, 2023**
- C. Award Bid for 2023 Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement Contract**
- D. Approval of an Agreement with Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. For 3rd Party Financial Review Consulting Services**
- E. Approval of Resolution No. 47, Series 2023 – A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Boulder County for Use of A Mail Ballot Drop-Off Box**

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS ON PERTINENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Durbin stated the new Resiliency & Recovery Program Manager will be starting in August.

REGULAR BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1854, SERIES 2023 – AN ORDINANCE FOR EXTENDING THE CITY'S THREE-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.375%) SALES TAX FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10-YEAR PERIOD, IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.125%) SALES TAX FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE BALLOT QUESTION TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS AT A REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2023 – 2nd READING – PUBLIC HEARING (advertised *Daily Camera* 7/16/23)

Mayor Maloney introduced the item and opened the public hearing.

City Manager Durbin stated the version for consideration tonight includes updates made since first reading to incorporate some suggestions from the public.

Public Comments

Cathern Smith, Louisville, asked for the proceeds to be clearly separated into three funds, one for parks operations, one for open space operations, and one for acquisition and wildfire mitigation. She asked for some clarifying changes in the language.

Mayor Maloney stated he agrees there are some sections of the ordinance that need to have the language aligned.

Public Comments

Tamar Krantz, Louisville, asked if the acquisition fund will be separated out to be dedicated from open space operations. She stated Open Space is important for all the species and we should use the funding to acquire more lands for native habitat.

Mayor Maloney noted some issues will be handled by policy in the ordinance, not in the ballot language. The Parks and Open Space operations funds will be divided equally into distinct funds. He suggested clarifying language for how the funds can be used.

Mayor Maloney noted this great show of community support on this and thanked everyone for working together.

MOTION: Councilmember Hoefner moved to approve the ordinance; seconded by Councilmember Leh.

VOTE: Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmember Dickinson absent).

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Leh asked for a future item to discuss cleaning up some of the energy code. City Manager Jeff Durbin stated this will be added to an agenda for this fall.

Mayor Maloney noted the August 1 meeting will be held remotely.

ADJOURN

Members adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Dennis Maloney, Mayor

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk