



## WESTMINSTER

### CITY OF WESTMINSTER, COLORADO MINUTES OF THE HYBRID (IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL) CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Nancy McNally led the Council, Staff, and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nancy McNally, Mayor Pro Tem DeMott, Councillors Baker, Emmons, Ezeadi, Nurmela, and Seymour were all present at roll call. Also present were City Manager Mark Freitag; City Attorney David Frankel; City Clerk Abby Fitch; and City Clerk Coordinator Kathryn Schroeder.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem DeMott moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councillor Emmons and the motion passed **(7-0)**.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations this evening.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Farb addressed Council regarding the City's unhoused population. He raised questions about the City's Homeless Navigators and Park Rangers' capacity to contact volumes of homeless residents. Farb expressed appreciation to the City for their quick, humane, and life-saving efforts to establish the warming center at The MAC during the recent severe freeze.

Michael Civitano addressed Council regarding recreational and fitness facilities and asked if Council would consider offering a discount for veterans. Civitano also raised concerns about the safety of a vacant home located 9340 Pierce Street. He stated that he believes the home is condemnable and has safety and pet issues that are impacting neighbors. He also commented on the dangerous ice located on his cul-de-sac.

John Palmer commented on the pre-meeting parking discussion and raised questions about Community Development's ability to respond to after-hours issues.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Freitag gave an update on the closure of the Front Range Community College COVID-19 testing site, code enforcement's work to clear snow and ice from sidewalks, and provided updates on the Sheridan underpass project

Freitag gave an update on the Westy Wins including the success of the 2022 Santa Cops program, passport acceptance services available through the city, and the partnership with the Sustainability Office and Energy Outreach Colorado to reduce energy bills for low-income homes. He also thanks officers for their services in recognition of National Law Enforcement Day and announced the selections of Brian Poggenklass as Court Administrator.

Freitag also gave an update on city events for the next few weeks.

7. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

DeMott stated that Board and Commission interviews were held on Saturday in executive session, as they have been in the past. He stated that he would like to discuss the idea of holding interviews in open session for transparency reasons. He also thanked Law Enforcement and Fire Service for their work during the holiday season.

Baker shared concerns about Downtown Westminster and the use of urban renewal. He expressed skepticism of city staff reports.

Emmons asked for follow up on the public comment regarding a veteran's discount at recreations facilities.

Nurmela asked for follow up on the veteran's discount. She also suggested a dialogue about urban renewal with a focus on downtown.

Seymour announced that a new restaurant will open downtown.

McNally confirmed that City Manager Freitag would follow up with public commenters' questions.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the consent agenda for City Council's action: Second Reading of Councillor's Bill No. 62 Re: Acceptance of a Portion of Sheridan Boulevard from the Colorado Department of Transportation; Second Reading Councillor's Bill No. 63 2022 Supplemental Appropriation; Second Reading of Councillor's Bill No.64 Approving First Amendment to Lease for Concession Operation at the Ice Centre; Designation of Official Place to Post Public Notices.

DeMott moved, seconded by Emmons, to accept the consent agenda items (8A-8D) for January 9, 2023. The motion passed on a **(7-0)** roll call vote.

9. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

There were no appointments or resignations this evening.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NEW BUSINESS

- a. First Reading of Councillor's Bill No. 1 Amending Sections 10-1-12, 10-1-12.5, 10-1-16, and 10-1-17 of the Westminster Municipal Code Regarding Parking Restrictions and Enforcement  
DeMott moved to pass Councillor's Bill No. 1 on first reading amending Sections 10-1-12, 10-1-12.5, 10-1-16, and 10-1-17 of the Westminster Municipal Code Regarding Parking Restrictions and Enforcement to authorize the Department of Community Development staff to enforce parking restrictions. The motion was seconded by Emmons. The motion passed on a **(6-1)** roll call vote with Baker voting no.
- b. Resolution No. 1 Re: Harris Park Subdivision, Block 19 Planned Unit Development - Waiver of Requirement to Underground Overhead Utility Lines  
DeMott moved to adopt Resolution No. 1 waiving the requirement to underground overhead utility lines with the redevelopment of the property located at 4001 West 76th Avenue. The motion was seconded by Emmons. The motion passed on a **(7-0)** roll call vote.

11. OLD BUSINESS AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

There was no old business this evening.

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk Coordinator