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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM

A. Public Comment for May 19, 2025



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item – 5.A.

City Council Meeting
May 19, 2025

Subject: Public Comment for May 19, 2025

Prepared By: Abby Fitch, City Clerk

Attachments:

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City Council voicemails for May 19, 2025

Hi! My name is Sophia Hellersted. I was planning on attending the meeting tonight, but I think I have come down with something. As I said, my name is Sophia Hellersted. I'm a long-time resident of Westminster. I've owned a home in Skyland Vista for 13 years. I want to address a safety concern in our community and ask how the city plans to address it, specifically the incredibly dangerous traffic on 74th Avenue East near Federal Boulevard.

Last week alone, there were two incidents that miraculously didn't hurt anyone um...any of Westminster residents. Early Monday morning, a speeding vehicle crashed through my fence and into my yard, just feet from where my young son and I were sleeping. Then, on Wednesday afternoon, just a few days later, a speeding vehicle crashed into and knocked down a telephone pole near Orchard Park Academy.

In addition to the safety concerns, our residential street being used as a drag strip is a noise nuisance. Since I've been speaking to my neighbors about the issue, the unfortunate consensus seems to be that this concern has been brought to the city's attention over the last 10 years, if not longer, and it continues to be ignored.

Um...excuse me, our community would like to have both speed bumps and four-way stops installed between Federal and Zuni on 74th Avenue in 2026. We would like this added to the budget, and if the city is unwilling to do this, we would like to know exactly what will be done to address this dire safety concern.

Thank you.

From: [Laura S](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cat Trap-Neuter-Return support letter for 5/19 City Council Meeting
Date: Saturday, May 17, 2025 8:36:17 AM

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Hi, could this letter be read at the 5/19 meeting in support of the issue of feral cat TNR?

To the Westminster City Council,

Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals strongly supports the council's backing of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) as a legal, effective, and humane strategy to manage outdoor cat populations. We urge you to make TNR legal in Westminster—not for the cats, but for the community.

TNR is essential because it works. Neutered cats no longer breed, fight, yowl, or roam. That means fewer complaints, fewer service calls, fewer deceased animal calls, and lower enforcement costs. It's a straightforward solution to a persistent problem.

TNR also protects public health. Every cat trapped receives core vaccinations, including rabies and distemper. And when kittens are found during TNR operations, rescue groups remove them, have them fixed, and place them in indoor homes—preventing future growth in the community.

This isn't about compassion. It's about choosing the most effective method to reduce costs, complaints, and chaos. Communities that block TNR often end up with bigger problems and higher expenses.

Please vote to make TNR legal in Westminster. It's the smart move.

Sincerely,
Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals
Board Members and Cat Trappers
Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals

From: [Laura Schafer](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: TNR Ordinance for City Council Review
Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 7:15:26 AM

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Please read this at today's meeting.
Laura

Begin forwarded message:

From: Leslie Vogt <sidwiggy7717@gmail.com>
Date: May 18, 2025 at 11:37:53 PM MDT
To: nmcnally@westminsterco.gov, snurmela@westminsterco.gov, ddemott@westminsterco.gov, oezeadi@westminsterco.gov, ahott@westminsterco.gov, kireland@westminsterco.gov, jandrews@westminsterco.gov, nhaubert@westminsterco.gov, crslee@comcast.net
Cc: Laura Schaefer <lah9876@yahoo.com>
Subject: TNR Ordinance for City Council Review

Dear TNR Supporters:

Our organization, Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals, has been doing TNR in Larimer and Weld counties for the past 16 years .and have addressed nearly 16,000 community cats at our monthly spay/neuter clinics. Our experience bears out what Chris Cline has been saying. An ordinance supporting TNR is a step in the right direction to radically reduce feral cat numbers, protect bird populations, and contribute to public health. However, if caretakers are forbidden from feeding the cats, the TNR efforts will be severely hampered. The trapping process depends upon cats being fed regularly at a location where traps can be set.

Cats that are not being managed in colonies where they are fed and provided some kind of shelter will scatter in search of food and become a community nuisance and almost impossible to trap. It should also be noted that people who feed their feral visitors regularly will NOT be dissuaded from continuing to feed by laws forbidding it.

Please consider putting this proposal forward without adding a ban on feeding. Thank you for your willingness to address this problem.
Sincerely,

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