



DENVER CITY COUNCIL

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 10:15 AM

Chair: Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, Vice Chair: Chris Hinds

Members: Kevin Flynn, Stacie Gilmore, Amanda P. Sandoval, Amanda Sawyer, Jamie Torres

Staff: Anne Wallace

NOTE: 10:15 am Early Start

Attendance

Present: 12 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval, Torres, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Watson

Action Items

[24-1697](#)

Approves a contract with Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. for \$6,000,000 and an end date of 12-31-2025 to administer the Temporary Rental and Utility Assistance (TRUA) program in Affordable Housing Funds, citywide (HOST-202476821).

A motion was assumed by the Chair that Council Resolution 24-1697 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Torres

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Sandoval

Abstain: 1 - Hinds

[24-1704](#)

Amends a contract with La Raza Services, Inc., doing business as Servicios de La Raza, by adding \$2,700,000 for a new total of \$7,300,000 and 12 months for a new end date of 12-31-25 to continue to provide culturally appropriate community engagement services to recipients of the Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) program, citywide (ENVHL-202472789).

A motion offered by Vice Chair Hinds, duly seconded by Council member Sawyer, that Council Resolution 24-1704 be approved for filing, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Torres

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Sandoval

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Abstain: 1 - Gonzales-Gutierrez

[24-1763](#) Amends Section 18-95 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC) to amend the salary of the District Attorney for the four-year term beginning 2025 through 2028.

A motion offered by Vice Chair Hinds, duly seconded by Council President Sandoval, that Council Bill 24-1763 be approved for filing, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Flynn, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval, Torres

Nay: 0

[24-1765](#) A bill for an ordinance amending Chapters 24 and 34 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code regarding the sale of tobacco products including flavored tobacco products.

Amends Chapters 24 and 34 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products. If ordered published, a public hearing will be held on Monday, 12-16-2024. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 12-4-2024.

A motion offered by Council member Sawyer, duly seconded by Chair Gonzales-Gutierrez, that Council Bill 24-1765 be approved for filing, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Gilmore, Sawyer, Sandoval, Torres

Nay: 1 - Flynn

Consent Items

[24-1728](#) Amends a contract with School District #1 (Denver Public Schools) for \$1,722,200 and a new end date of 9-30- 2025 to provide behavioral health related programming, citywide (ENVHL-202477003-02).

Council Bill 24-1728 was approved by consent.

[24-1729](#) Amends a contract with Colorado Affordable Legal Services to add \$265,000 for a new total of \$810,000 and add 12 months to the contract for a new end date of 12/31/2025 to provide free eviction legal services to approximately 340 households, citywide (ATTNY -202476832-04/HOST 202157454).

Council Resolution 24-1729 was approved by consent.

[24-1736](#) Approves the Agreement with Mental Health Center of Denver, doing business as WellPower, in the amount of \$2,100,000 and a term of 9/1/2024 through 11/30/2025 for continued 24/7 Co-Responder services

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that is funded by the Caring for Denver Foundation grant, citywide (POLIC-202476447).

Council Resolution 24-1736 was approved by consent.

[24-1741](#)

Approves a contract with Work Options for Women (WOW) for \$1,089,142.00 and an end date of 12-31-2025 for the purpose of providing meals and necessary food service management to Denver micro-communities, citywide (HOST-202476954).

Council Resolution 24-1741 was approved by consent.

[24-1742](#)

Amends a contract with Brothers Redevelopment Inc. to add \$375,000 for a new total of \$1,000,000 and add 12 months to the contract for a new end date of 12/31/2025 to provide foreclosure financial assistance, citywide (HOST-202477005-03).

Council Resolution 24-1742 was approved by consent.

[24-1743](#)

Amends the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Bridge Housing contract to add an additional \$1,327,633 for a new total of \$6,239,255 and extend the contract for an additional year for a new end date of 12-31-2025. to provide temporary housing and support to households experiencing homelessness who have an identified housing resource, citywide (HOST-202476916-03).

Council Resolution 24-1743 was approved by consent.

[24-1744](#)

Amends contract with the Denver Rescue Mission Family Non-Congregate Shelter program, also known as the Family Next Step Plus Program to \$481,058 for a new total of \$991,942 and will extend the contract for an additional year for a new end date of 12-31-2025 to support families experiencing homelessness in shelter, using trauma informed care, harm reduction and housing first strategies, to assist these households with obtaining long term and permanent housing, citywide (HOST-202476922-02).

Council Resolution 24-1744 was approved by consent.

[24-1745](#)

Amends a contract with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless that will extend the contract term for one additional year with a new end date of 12-31-2025 to coordinate a rehousing collaborative to provide rapid rehousing services to people experiencing homelessness in Denver, citywide (HOST-202477018-01).

Council Resolution 24-1745 was approved by consent.

[24-1746](#)

Amends a contract with The Community Firm, doing business as The

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Community Economic Defense Project to add \$800,000 for a new total of \$2,536,000 and add 12 months to the contract for a new end date of 12/31/2025 to provide free eviction legal services to approximately 1,015 households, citywide (HOST-202476920-03).

Council Resolution 24-1746 was approved by consent.

[24-1747](#)

Amends a contract with The Community Firm, doing business as The Community Economic Defense Project to add \$125,000 for a new total of \$500,000 and add 12 months to the contract for a new end date of 12-31-2025 to provide foreclosure legal services, citywide (HOST2024-77050-02).

Council Resolution 24-1747 was approved by consent.

[24-1748](#)

Approves a contract with The Salvation Army (TSA) for \$1,113,031 with a term of 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025 for the purpose of providing meals and necessary food service management to Denver micro-communities, citywide (HOST-202476953).

Council Resolution 24-1748 was approved by consent.

[24-1749](#)

Amends a contract with the Volunteers of America by adding in an additional \$140,000 for a new total of \$700,000 and extending the contract term for an additional year for a new end date of 12-31-2025 to provide case management and support to households receiving permanent housing vouchers through Denver Housing Authority, citywide (HOST-202476977-03).

Council Resolution 24-1749 was approved by consent.