



City and County of Denver

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1437 Bannock St.
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Minutes

Finance & Governance Committee

Committee Members: Kniech, Chair; Flynn, Vice-Chair; Black; Espinoza; López; Ortega

Committee Staff: Shelley Smith

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

1:30 PM

City & County Building, Room 391

Attendance

Rollcall

Present: 7 - Kniech, Flynn, Black, Espinoza, López, Ortega, Brooks

Action Items

Clerk & Recorder Debra Johnson described the proposed bills to revise the disclosure and lobbyist regulation ordinances and answered questions from lobbyists. Councilmembers asked for a number of changes to the drafts including: reporting periods (quarterly v. bi-annually), potential thresholds for reporting, definitions of reportable gifts, especially as regards exceptions and personal gifts, integration with the city ethics code, definition of gifts, including a potential drafting discrepancy regarding reporting gifts that should NOT be accepted at all, consistency of dates for reports and reporters, tightening the inconsistency of reporting on business with the City or all gifts due to the scope of their employment, definition of lobbyists, particularly as it applies to nonprofits, and application to all appointees and appropriate employees.

Public Comment

Elena Nunez, Common Cause, and Peg Perl, Ethics Watch Cause, spoke in favor of both proposals.

[16-0919](#)

A bill for an ordinance amending Article V of Chapter 2 of the Revised Municipal Code pertaining to financial disclosure.

Shelley Smith

Councilman Lopez moved and Councilman Espinoza seconded the motion to postpone Bill 16-0919 to the Committee meeting of 11/15/2016.

Aye: 7 - Kniech, Flynn, Black, Espinoza, López, Ortega, Brooks

Nay: 0

[16-0920](#) A bill for an ordinance amending sections 2-302(b), 2-303, 2-309(a), 2-310 and 2-311 of Article XIII, "Regulation of Lobbyists," of the Revised Municipal Code.

Shelley Smith

Councilman Lopez moved and Councilman Espinoza seconded the motion to postpone bill 16-0920 to the Committee of 11/15/2016.

Aye: 7 - Kniech, Flynn, Black, Espinoza, López, Ortega, Brooks

Nay: 0

Presentations

[16-0910](#) Briefing: 2016 Election Update

This Presentation 16-0910 was heard in Committee.

Amber McReynolds, Election Division, reported on the preparations for the upcoming election as well as results from previous elections. She noted that the mail in ballots will be quite lengthy and that already sample ballots are available to review the questions votes will be deliberating. She reviewed the number of vote center and their services, voter registration figures, how election judges are being trained and other issues. Ms. McReynolds also answered questions from Councilmembers.

Following are items that will be placed on Committee consent agendas next week. Routine, non-controversial ordinance requests that do not involve substantive policy changes are placed on Committee agendas as consent items with the approval of Committee chairs. Council members receive advance notice of consent items and may request that an item be scheduled for Committee discussion instead. If no Council member does so by Tuesday at 5:00 pm for Committees that meet on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 5:00 pm for Committees meeting on Wednesdays, the requests are considered approved by the Committee and are eligible for filing on Thursday of the week after the Committee meetings are held or the consent agendas are approved.

Consent Items

[16-0849](#) Adds \$180,833.38 and one year through 10-31-17 to the contract with Brandeberry-McKenna Public Affairs for a new total of \$760,833.38 for state lobbying services (MAYOR-201208721-03).

Shelley Smith

This Resolution 16-0849 was approved by consent.

[16-0868](#) Approves a \$1,398,518 purchase order from Pierce Manufacturing for one 2017 Pierce Velocity 100' Platform Truck for Denver International Airport (PLANE 18505).

Shelley Smith

This Resolution 16-0868 was approved by consent.

[16-0869](#) Approves a \$557,602 purchase order from EP Blazer, LLC doing business as John Elway Chevrolet for twenty (20) Silverado Trucks for Denver International Airport (PLANE 18595).

Shelley Smith

This Resolution 16-0869 was approved by consent.

[16-0898](#) Adds two land parcels inadvertently omitted from the legal description in the Land Acquisition Ordinance passed in December 2015, granting authority to acquire them as needed for the National Western Center redevelopment in Council District 9.

Shelley Smith

This Bill 16-0898 was approved by consent.

[16-0905](#) Approves \$1,480,200 for one-time purchase of twelve (12) pieces of capital equipment for the Sheriff Department and Public Works each of which exceeds a per unit cost of \$50,000 within existing budget capacity.

Shelley Smith

This Bill 16-0905 was approved by consent.