

City Council Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, August 21, 2023 3:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Sandoval led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council member Sandoval led the Land Acknowledgement.

ROLL CALL

Council member Gilmore attended the meeting virtually. Council member Hinds arrived late.

Present: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds,
Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval,
Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of August 14, 2023, were distributed to members of Council. Council President Torres ordered the minutes approved.

[23-1108](#) Minutes of Monday, August 14, 2023

Council Minutes 23-1108 were approved.

Approved

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members Kashmann, Alvidrez, Sandoval, Lewis and Romero Campbell offered announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS

RECAP OF BILLS TO BE CALLED OUT

Item called out for a separate vote:

RESOLUTIONS

City Council - Direct Files

[23-1107](#) **A resolution extending the declaration of local disaster emergency pertaining to unsheltered residents filed with the clerk and recorder to September 18, 2023.**

Approves the extension of the declaration of local disaster filed with the clerk and recorder to September 18, 2023. Council President Torres approved direct filing this item on 8-17-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Flynn, that Council Resolution 23-1107 be adopted, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds,
Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval,
Torres, Watson (12)

Nay: Sawyer (1)

Block Vote

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, to approve the following items en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Approved the consent agenda

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

RESOLUTIONS

Business, Arts, Workforce, & Aviation Services Committee

23-1048 A resolution approving a proposed Third Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Comcast Cable Communication Management, LLC to continue providing internet services at 26 library locations, citywide.

Amends a contract with Comcast Cable Communication Management, LLC by adding \$991,050.07 for a new total of \$2,996,250.43 and 18 months for a new end date of 12-31-2024, and clarifying the service classification for certain lines to continue providing internet services at 26 library locations, citywide (BOOKS-202366310-03/BOOKS-2022054708). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-9-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-1048 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

Finance & Governance Committee

23-1051 A resolution approving a proposed master purchase order with Sea-Western, Inc. to purchase protective gear worn by firefighters, citywide.

Approves a master purchase order with Sea-Western, Inc. for \$2,000,000 and through 5-7-2024, plus 1 one-year option to extend, to purchase protective gear worn by firefighters, citywide (SC-0008212). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-8-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-1051 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

23-1006 A resolution approving a proposed Second Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and First Steps at Monarch Montessori to continue providing nutritious meals, monthly food distributions, daily school lunches, and education on gardening and cooking for 300 children.

Amends a grant agreement with First Steps at Monarch Montessori for \$231,000 for a new total of \$504,000 and one year for a new end date of 7-31-2024, through the Healthy Food for Denver’s Kids Initiative to continue providing nutritious meals, monthly food distributions, daily school lunches, and education on gardening and cooking for 300 children in Council District 8 (ENVHL-202368510). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-2-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-1006 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

23-1010 A resolution approving a proposed Second Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Denver Food Rescue to provide healthy, nutritious meals through delivered food boxes to 600 families.

Amends a grant agreement with Denver Food Rescue by adding \$468,807 for a new contract total of \$1,095,551 and one year for a new end date of 7-31-2024, through the Healthy Food for Denver’s Kids Initiative, to provide healthy, nutritious meals through delivered food boxes to 600 families, focused on Council Districts 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 (ENVHL-202368511-02 / ENVHL-202159284-00). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-2-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-1010 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

23-1021 A resolution approving a proposed First Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and The St. Francis Center to increase the maximum contract amount and amend other terms to continue providing supportive housing services to adults experiencing chronic homelessness at the Warren Residences, in Council District 10.

Amends a contract with The St. Francis Center by adding \$1,000,000 for a new total of \$2,000,000 to account for increased service expenses required to continue providing supportive housing services to 48 adults experiencing chronic homelessness and amending the terms of the fund drawdown for Warren Residences, in Council District 10. No change to contract duration (HOST-202368501/202054973). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-2-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-1021 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds,
Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval,
Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

23-1049 A resolution approving a proposed First Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and The Fax East Colfax Redevelopment, LLC to increase the maximum contract amount and increase the number of shelter units being provided at 8405 & 8415 E. Colfax Ave., in Council District 8.

Amends a contract with The Fax East Colfax Redevelopment, LLC by adding \$293,953 for a new total of \$1,277,409 to renovate additional units so that the total number of shelter units will be increased from 34 to 37, at the Sand & Sage Motel and Westerner Motel, which will operate temporarily as non-congregate shelter and will ultimately be redeveloped into affordable housing in Council District 8. No change to contract duration (HOST-202369154-01/HOST-202265304). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-9-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-1049 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds,
Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval,
Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

[23-1053](#) A resolution approving a proposed Fourth Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Maple Star Colorado to continue providing face-to-face contact visits for children in out-of-home care.

Amends a contract with Maple Star Colorado by adding \$212,000 for a new total of \$879,000 and twelve months for a new ending date of 6-30-2024 to ensure that home studies are performed by state-trained and certified social workers, and to continue providing face-to-face contact visits for children in out-of-home care to ensure children’s wellbeing and safety are met, citywide (SOCSV-202369112-04 / SOCSV-201951729-00). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-9-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-1053 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

[23-1026](#) A bill for an ordinance changing the zoning classification for 325 & 329 North Detroit Street in Cherry Creek.

Approves a map amendment to rezone property from PUD 5 & G-MU-5 to C-CCN-4, located at 325 and 329 North Detroit Street in Council District 5. A public hearing will be held on Monday, 9-18-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-8-2023.

Council Bill 23-1026 was ordered published with a future required public hearing on 9/18/2023.

Ordered published with a future required public hearing

[23-1037](#) A bill for an ordinance approving a proposed Second Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Urban Drainage and Flood Control District d/b/a Mile High Flood District for the construction of drainage and flood control improvements to the South Platte River.

Amends an intergovernmental agreement Urban Drainage and Flood Control District doing business as Mile High Flood District (MHFD), by adding \$1,950,000 in city funds and \$2,970,000 in MHFD funds for a new combined total of \$5,270,000, for the construction of drainage and flood control improvements to the South Platte River in Council District 7. No change to agreement duration (202368267/202160713-02). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-8-2023.

Council Bill 23-1037 was ordered published

Ordered published

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

[23-1054](#) A bill for an ordinance approving a proposed Amendatory Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Colorado Department of Human Services for the continued use of the Equifax Verification Services.

Amends an intergovernmental agreement with Colorado Department of Human Service - Office of Child Support Services by adding \$1,257,671.59 for a new total of \$2,484,546.19 and 13 months for a new end date of 6-30-2024, to ensure Denver Human Services can continue to use Equifax Verification Services, citywide (SOCSV-202369017-01 / SOCSV-202263659-00). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 9-11-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-9-2023.

Council Bill 23-1054 was ordered published

Ordered published

BILLS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Finance & Governance Committee

[23-1030](#) A bill for an ordinance making a rescission from and an appropriation in the Culture and Recreation Special Revenue Fund Series to make a cash transfer to Parks Legacy Capital Improvement Funds.

Authorizes a rescission of \$5,400,000 in savings from the Parks Legacy Operating Special Revenue Fund (15828) and reappropriates budget to transfer cash and authorizes appropriations in the Parks Legacy Capital Improvement Fund (36050) and the Parks Legacy Citywide Projects Fund (36050) to support a funding gap for multiple projects driven by escalating construction costs. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-1-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Bill 23-1030 be placed upon final consideration and do pass en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Placed upon final consideration and do pass

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds,
Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval,
Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

[23-1046](#) A bill for an ordinance amending Section 20-76, Division 3, Article IV, Chapter 20 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code transferring the authority to determine the prevailing wage paid to certain workers on city contracts and in city buildings from the Career Service Board to the Auditor.

For an Ordinance Amending Section 20-76, Division 3, Article IV, Chapter 20 of the Code Transferring the Authority to Determine the Prevailing Wage Paid to Certain Workers on City Contracts and in City Buildings from the Career Service Board to the Auditor. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-1-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Bill 23-1046 be placed upon final consideration and do pass en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Placed upon final consideration and do pass

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds,
Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval,
Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

[23-1007](#) A bill for an ordinance approving a proposed Second Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and School District No. 1, to continue serving daily lunches to Denver Public School students by adding Brigaid, to provide operations-based training in 166 school kitchens within DPS.

Amends an intergovernmental agreement with School District No. 1 (Denver Public Schools) by adding \$772,750.08 for a new total of \$2,772,750.08 and one year for a new ending date of 7-31-2024, through the Healthy Food for Denver’s Kids Initiative, to continue serving daily lunches to Denver Public School students by adding Brigaid, a chef led start-up dedicated to reimaging K12 school food service with quality healthy ingredients, citywide (ENVHL-202368514-02 / ENVHL-202160277). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 8-28-2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 8-2-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Bill 23-1007 be placed upon final consideration and do pass en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Placed upon final consideration and do pass

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds,
Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval,
Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)

Nay: (None) (0)

PRE-RECESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Torres announced that:

Council President Torres announced that tonight, there will be a required public hearing on Council Bill 23-0908 changing the zoning classification for 4470 North Grant Street in Globeville; a required public hearing on Council Bill 23-0737 changing the zoning classification for 3101 and 3131 Walnut Street in Five Points; and a required public hearing on Council Bill 23-0837 changing the zoning classification for 3625 West 10th Avenue in Villa Park. Anyone wishing to speak on any of these matters must go online to sign up during the recess of Council.

RECESS

Council took a recess.

COUNCIL RECONVENES AND RESUMES ITS REGULAR SESSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PROCLAMATIONS

[23-1114](#) A Proclamation Honoring Debra (Deb) Sena for 50 Years of Community Work with Ballet Mestizo

A motion offered by Councilmember Alvidrez, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Proclamation 23-1114 be adopted, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (12)
Nay: (None) (0)
Absent: Gilmore (1)

PUBLIC HEARINGS - BILLS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

23-0908 A bill for an ordinance changing the zoning classification for 4470 North Grant Street in Globeville.

Approves a map amendment to rezone property from E-SU-B to U-SU-B1, located at 4470 North Grant Street in Council District 9. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 7-11-2023.

Council sat as a Committee of the Whole, commencing at 5:43 p.m., Council President Torres presiding, to hear speakers on Council Bill 23-0908. Jesse Parris signed up to speak in favor of the bill. No speakers signed up to speak in opposition of the bill. Alisa Childress of Community Planning and Development delivered the staff report.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Bill 23-0908 be placed upon final consideration and do pass, carried by the following vote:

Placed upon final consideration and do pass

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (12)
Nay: (None) (0)
Absent: Gilmore (1)

23-0737 A bill for an ordinance changing the zoning classification for 3101 and 3131 Walnut Street in Five Points.

Approves a map amendment to rezone property from I-MX-3, UO-2, DO-7 to C-MX-5, DO-7, located at 3101 and 3131 Walnut Street in Council District 9. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 6-27-2023.

Council sat as a Committee of the Whole, commencing at 5:57 p.m., Council President Torres presiding, to hear speakers on Council Bill 23-0737. Jesse Parris signed up to speak in favor of the bill. No speakers signed up to speak in opposition of the bill. Rob Haigh of Community Planning and Development delivered the staff report.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Flynn, that Council Bill 23-0737 be placed upon final consideration and do pass, carried by the following vote:

Placed upon final consideration and do pass

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (12)
Nay: (None) (0)
Absent: Gilmore (1)

[23-0837](#) **A bill for an ordinance changing the zoning classification for 3625 West 10th Avenue in Villa Park.**

Approves a map amendment to rezone property from E-SU-D1x to U-RH-3A, located at 3625 West 10th Avenue in Council District 3. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 7-11-2023.

Council sat as a Committee of the Whole, commencing at 6:17 p.m., Council President Torres presiding, to hear speakers on Council Bill 23-0837. Jesse Parris signed up to speak in favor of the bill. Kathy Sandoval signed up to speak in opposition of the bill. Rob Haigh of Community Planning and Development delivered the staff report.

A motion offered by Councilmember Sandoval, duly seconded by Councilmember Hinds, that Council Bill 23-0837 be placed upon final consideration and do pass, carried by the following vote:

Placed upon final consideration and do pass

Aye: Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Parady,
Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Torres, Watson (9)
Nay: Lewis, Sawyer (2)
Absent: Gilmore (1)
Abstain: Alvidrez (1)

PRE-ADJOURNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Torres announced that on Monday, September 18, 2023, Council will hold a required public hearing on Council Bill 23-1026 changing the zoning classification for 325 & 329 North Detroit Street in Cherry Creek. Any protests against Council Bill 23-1026 must be filed with the Council Offices no later than noon on Monday, September 11, 2023.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the City Council, Council President Torres adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

PENDING

President

Attested by me with the Corporate Seal of the City and County of Denver

Clerk and Recorder, Ex-Officio Clerk
of the City and County of Denver