



DENVER CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024, 3:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Torres led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council member Parady led the Land Acknowledgement.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann,
Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres,
Watson (11)

Absent: Gilmore, Lewis (2)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of January 16, 2024, were distributed to members of Council. Council President Torres ordered the minutes approved.

[24-0080](#) Minutes of Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Council Minutes 24-0080 were approved.

Approved

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Torres and Council members Sawyer, Hinds, and Watson offered announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS

[24-0002](#) **A Proclamation Thanking the City Employees supporting Denver’s Migrant Response and House1000 initiative.**

A motion offered by Council member Alvidrez, duly seconded by Council member Flynn, that Council Proclamation 24-0002 be adopted, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (11)

Nay: (None) (0)

Absent: Gilmore, Lewis (2)

RECAP OF BILLS TO BE CALLED OUT

No items were called out for a separate vote.

Block Vote

A motion offered by Council member Parady, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, to approve the following items en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Approved the consent agenda

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (11)

Nay: (None) (0)

Absent: Gilmore, Lewis (2)

RESOLUTIONS

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

23-2022 A resolution approving a proposed Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Waste Management Disposal Services of Colorado, Inc. to provide compost processing services.

Approves a contract with Waste Management Disposal Services of Colorado, Inc. for \$6,000,000 and a term ending on 1-31-2027 to provide compost processing services, citywide. 202372031. The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 2-12-2024. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 1-9-2024.

A motion offered by Council member Parady, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-2022 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (11)

Nay: (None) (0)

Absent: Gilmore, Lewis (2)

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

23-1898 A resolution approving a proposed Third Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Mental Health Center of Denver to operate the Behavioral Health Solutions Center.

Amends a contract with the Mental Health Center of Denver, operating as WellPower, by adding \$4,110,334 for a new total of \$16,070,560 and nine months for a new end date of 9-30-2024 to operate the Behavioral Health Solutions Center located at 2929 W 10th Avenue, in Council District 3.

ENVHL-202367589-03/ENVHL-202056133-03. The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 2-12-2024. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 12-6-2023.

A motion offered by Council member Parady, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 23-1898 be adopted en bloc, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (11)

Nay: (None) (0)

Absent: Gilmore, Lewis (2)

BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION

Finance & Governance Committee

[23-2020](#) **A bill for an ordinance amending the classification and pay plan for employees in the Career Service and for certain employees not in the Career Service.**

Amends the Classification and Pay Plan for multiple small impact changes, provisionally approved by the Office of Human Resources Executive Director for the period of July 2023 through December 2023. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 1-9-2024.

Council Bill 23-2020 was ordered published.

Ordered published

BILLS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Finance & Governance Committee

[23-2015](#) **A bill for an ordinance authorizing a capital equipment purchase from the Risk Management Fund (SRF 11838) Fund for Denver Parks and Recreation.**

Approves the capital equipment purchase of a vehicle from the Risk Management Fund (SRF 11838) to support the Department of Parks and Recreation, citywide. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 1-2-2024.

A motion offered by Council member Parady, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Bill 23-2015 was placed upon final consideration and do pass en bloc, passed by the following vote:

Placed upon final consideration and do pass

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann,
Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres,
Watson (11)

Nay: (None) (0)

Absent: Gilmore, Lewis (2)

PRE-RECESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Torres announced that tonight, there will be a required public hearing on Council Bill 23-1837 changing the zoning classification for 1034 South University Boulevard in Belcaro; and a one-hour courtesy public hearing on Council Bill 23-1939 approving and accepting the Near Northwest Area Plan, which Plan shall become a part of Comprehensive Plan 2040 for the City and County of Denver pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code. Anyone wishing to speak on either of these matters should 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

REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARINGS - BILLS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

[23-1837](#) A bill for an ordinance changing the zoning classification for 1034 South University Boulevard in Belcaro.

Approves a map amendment to rezone property from E-SU-DX to E-SU-DIX, located at 1034 South University Boulevard in Council District 6. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 12-5-2023.

A motion offered by Councilmember Parady, duly seconded by Councilmember Flynn, that Council Bill 23-1837 be placed upon final consideration and do pass, carried by the following vote:

Placed upon final consideration and do pass

Council sat as a Committee of the Whole, commencing at 5:31 p.m., Council President Torres presiding, to hear speakers on Council Bill 23-1837. Jesse Parris and Alejandra Castañeda signed up to speak in favor of the bill. No speakers signed up to speak in opposition of the bill. Andrew Webb of Community Planning and Development delivered the staff report.

Aye: Alvidrez, Flynn, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (11)

Nay: (None) (0)

Absent: Gilmore, Lewis (2)

COURTESY PUBLIC HEARINGS - BILLS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

[23-1939](#) **A bill for an ordinance approving and accepting the Near Northwest Area Plan, which Plan shall become a part of Comprehensive Plan 2040 for the City and County of Denver pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-61 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.**

Adopts the Near Northwest Area Plan as a supplement to Comprehensive Plan 2040, in Council District 1. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 12-26-2023.

Council sat as a Committee of the Whole, commencing at 5:45 p.m., Council President Torres presiding, to hear speakers on Council Bill 23-1939. Nola Miguel, Jesse Parris, and Mike Blake signed up to speak in favor of the bill. No speakers signed up to speak in opposition of the bill. Sung Han of Community Planning and Development delivered the staff report.

A motion offered by Councilmember Parady, duly seconded by Councilmember Flynn, that Council Bill 23-1939 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, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (11)

Nay: (None) (0)

Absent: Gilmore, Lewis (2)

PRE-ADJOURNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the City Council, Council President Torres adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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