



DENVER CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday, March 17, 2025, 3:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Flynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council member Flynn led the Land Acknowledgement.

ROLL CALL

Council member Hinds arrived late.

Council member Lewis attended the meeting virtually.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of March 10, 2025, were distributed to members of Council. Council President Sandoval ordered the minutes approved.

[25-0347](#) Minutes of Monday, March 10, 2025.

Council Minutes 25-0347 were approved.

Approved

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members Torres, Kashmann, Romero Campbell, Parady, Lewis, Watson, Gonzales-Gutierrez, and Flynn and Council President Sandoval made announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS

[25-0359](#) A Proclamation Recognizing the 49th Annual Denver March

Powwow

A motion offered by Council member Torres, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Proclamation 25-0359 be approved, carried by the following vote:

Approved

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

Nay: (None) (0)

Late Filing - Resolutions

[25-0191](#) A resolution approving a proposed Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc. to provide activation activities related to the reopening of the 16th Street Mall in Downtown Denver. No change to contract length, Council District 10.

Amends a contract with the Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc. to add \$1,500,000.00 for a new total of \$1,900,000.00 to provide activation activities related to the reopening of the 16th Street Mall in Downtown Denver. No change to contract length, Council District 10 (THTRS-202476034/THTRS-202577777-01). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-7-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025. Council President Sandoval approved this item’s late filing on 3-14-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that rules of procedure be suspended to allow late filing of Council Resolution 25-0191, carried by the following vote:

Rules of procedure suspended to allow late filing

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

Nay: (None) (0)

RECAP OF BILLS TO BE CALLED OUT

RESOLUTIONS

Finance & Governance Committee

25-0251 A resolution approving the Mayor's reappointments to the Crime Prevention & Control Commission.

Approves the Mayor's reappointments to the Crime Prevention & Control Commission. Approves the reappointments of Jonathan McMillian, Jennifer Gafford, Lisa Thompson, Orlando Salazar, and Taj Ashaheed to the Crime Prevention & Control Commission for a term ending on 12-31-2027 or until a successor is duly appointed, citywide. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-4-2025. This item was postponed at the 3-17-2025 meeting until 3-24-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0251 be adopted, was followed by a motion offered by Council member Lewis, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0251 be postponed to March 24, 2025, carried by the following vote:

Postponed to a date certain

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

Nay: (None) (0)

Absent: Torres (1)

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A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0191 be adopted, carried by the following vote:

Adopted

Aye: Flynn, Gilmore, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (10)
Nay: Alvidrez, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Parady (3)

Block Vote

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, 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, Gilmore, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hinds, Kashmann, Lewis, Parady, Romero Campbell, Sandoval, Sawyer, Torres, Watson (13)
Nay: (None) (0)

RESOLUTIONS

Business, Arts, Workforce, Climate & Aviation Services Committee

[25-0254](#) A resolution approving an Agreement between the City and County of Denver and The East Denver Colfax Partnership dba The Fax Partnership, using the City’s Community Planning and Development (CPD) Investment Impact Special Revenue Fund (II-SRF) to support small businesses economically impacted by the East Colfax Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) construction project, in Council Districts, 5, 8, 9, and 10.

Approves a contract agreement with The East Denver Colfax Partnership dba The Fax Partnership for \$870,000.00 through 12-31-2026 using the City’s Community Planning and Development (CPD) Investment Impact Special Revenue Fund (II-SRF) to support small businesses economically impacted by the East Colfax Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) construction project, in Council Districts 5, 8, 9, and 10 (OEDEV-202577856-00). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-7-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0254 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)

25-0255 A resolution approving a proposed First Amendment between the City and County of Denver and GARAGE DOOR SPECIALTIES, INC. concerning overhead and rollup door services at Denver International Airport.

Amends a contract with Garage Door Specialties Inc. to add \$500,000.00 for a new total of \$1,500,000.00 to include a new annual inspection and preventive maintenance program for overhead and rollup door services to support Denver International Airport, in Council District 11. No change to contract duration (PLANE-202056930/202476508). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-7-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0255 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

25-0248 A resolution approving the City Council appointment of Andrew Turner to the Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund Advisory Board.

Approves the City Council appointment of Andrew Turner to the Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund Advisory Board for a term effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2027, or until a successor is duly appointed. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-4-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0248 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)

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

[25-0252](#) **A resolution laying out, opening and establishing as part of the City street system parcels of land as: 1) Public Alley, bounded by North Corona Street, East 9th Avenue, North Ogden Street, and East 8th Avenue; and 2) North Corona Street, located near the intersection of North Corona Street and East 9th Avenue.**

Dedicates two City-owned parcels of land as Public Right-of-Way as 1) Public Alley, bounded by North Corona Street, East 9th Avenue, North Ogden Street, and East 8th Avenue, and 2) North Corona Street, located near the intersection of North Corona Street and East 9th Avenue, in Council District 10. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-4-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0252 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

[25-0258](#) **A resolution approving a proposed Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc. to administer their Rapid Rehousing Program for families and individuals, citywide.**

Approves a contract with Jewish Family Service of Colorado for \$2,856,000.00, with an annual budget of \$952,000.00, and a term of 01-01-2025 through 12-31-2027 to administer their Rapid Rehousing Program for families and individuals, citywide (HOST-202578285). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-7-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0258 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)

25-0358 A resolution authorizing and approving the expenditure and payment from the appropriation account designated "liability claims," the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$800,000.00) made payable to the Civil Rights Litigation Group's trust account on behalf of the Estate of Duane Manzanares, Jr., in full payment and satisfaction of all claims related to the civil action captioned *Estate of Duane Manzanares, Jr., by and through its Personal Representative Mary Ann Trujillo v. Samuel Bailey, Steven Whiteman, and Ryan Nelson*, which was filed in the Denver District Court, Case No. 2023CV31683.

Settles a claim involving the Denver Police Department. This resolution was approved for filing at the Mayor Council meeting on 3-11-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0358 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)

South Platte River Committee

25-0220 A resolution approving a proposed Letter of Understanding between the City and County of Denver and Union Pacific Railroad Company for the purchase of 1430 14th Street in Denver's Auraria Neighborhood, in Council District 3.

Approves a Letter of Understanding with Union Pacific Railroad Company for \$5,284,125.00 and a term ending on 05-11-2025 for the purchase of 1430 14th Street in Denver's Auraria Neighborhood, in Council District 3 (FINAN-202477559). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-7-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0220 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)

25-0259 A resolution approving a proposed Amendatory Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Globeville Redevelopment Partners, LLC to add 6 months for a new end date of 06-30-2025, and adds two parcels the City acquired in 2024 located at 4964 North Pearl Street and 624 East 50th Street, in Council District 9.

Approves the Amendatory Site Control and Option For Ground Lease with Globeville Redevelopment Partners, LLC located at 4965 Washington Street to add 6 months for a new end date of 06-30-2025, and adds two parcels the City acquired in 2024 located at 4964 North Pearl Street and 624 East 50th Street, in Council District 9. No change to contract amount. (FINAN- 202264574-01/202578039-01). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-7-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Resolution 25-0259 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

Business, Arts, Workforce, Climate & Aviation Services Committee

[25-0253](#) **A bill for an ordinance approving a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Community College of Denver (CCD) to support the Denver Construction Careers Program Incumbent Worker Training program, citywide.**

Approves an Intergovernmental Agreement with Community College of Denver (CCD) for \$781,962.00 and a term of 11-1-2024 through 6-30-2025 to support the Denver Construction Careers Program Incumbent Worker Training program, citywide (OEDEV-202477257). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-7-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025.

Council Bill 25-0253 was ordered published

Ordered published

Finance & Governance Committee

[25-0250](#) **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.**

Approves Classification Notice #1850 to amend the Classification and Pay Plan by changing the pay grades of Pool Coordinator, Recreation Instructor, Recreation Services Representative, and Golf Sales Associate Lead, citywide. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-4-2025.

Council Bill 25-0250 was ordered published

Ordered published

[25-0261](#) **A bill for an ordinance designating Indigenous Peoples' Day as a city holiday beginning in the year 2025.**

A bill for an ordinance amending Article V, Chapter 18 and Article I, Chapter 2 of the Revised Municipal Code to replace the commemorative holiday of Indigenous Peoples' Day with a designated city holiday beginning in the year 2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-4-2025.

Council Bill 25-0261 was ordered published

Ordered published

[25-0298](#) A bill for an ordinance authorizing expenditures the Denver Health and Hospital Authority Tax Fund (11892) based on projected sales tax revenue for 2025.

Appropriates funds in the Denver Health and Hospital Authority Tax Fund (11892) based on projected sales tax revenue for 2025, citywide. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-11-2025.

Council Bill 25-0298 was ordered published

Ordered published

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

[25-0249](#) A bill for an ordinance changing the zoning classification for 3419 West 5th Avenue in Barnum.

Approves a map amendment to rezone property from E-SU-Dx to E-RH-2.5, located at 3419 West 5th Avenue, in Council District 3. If ordered published, a public hearing will be held on Monday, 4-14-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-4-2025.

Council Bill 25-0249 was ordered published with a future required public hearing on 4/14/2025.

Ordered published with a future required public hearing

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

[25-0260](#) A bill for an ordinance amending the emergency telephone charge to increase the charge up to, but not exceeding, the rate set by the Public Utilities Commission.

Amends Section 16-22 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC) regarding an increase to the emergency telephone charge in an amount not to exceed the threshold set by the public utilities commission, citywide. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025.

Council Bill 25-0260 was ordered published

Ordered published

25-0260 increases the emergency telephone charge to \$2.12 per month, and takes effect on June 1, 2025.

South Platte River Committee

[24-1312](#) A bill for an ordinance changing the zoning classification for 500, 501 and 551 Wazee Street in Auraria.

Approves a map amendment to rezone property from C-MX-8 to D-CPV-C, located at 500, 501, and 551 Wazee Street in the Auraria statistical neighborhood, in Council District 3. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 2-12-2025. This item was postponed at the 2-24-2025 meeting until 3-17-2025. If ordered published at that meeting, a public hearing will be held on Monday, 4-14-2025.

Council Bill 24-1312 was ordered published with a future required public hearing on 4/14/2025.

Ordered published with a future required public hearing

[25-0221](#) 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 the Parks Legacy Capital Improvement Funds.

Approves a rescission and an appropriation of \$2,698,888.50 in the Parks, Trails and Open Space Operating Special Revenue Fund (15828) and makes a transfer to and appropriation in the Parks Legacy Improvement Projects Fund (36050) to be utilized for the acquisition of 1430 14th Street, in Council District 3. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-5-2025.

Council Bill 25-0221 was ordered published

Ordered published

BILLS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Finance & Governance Committee

25-0219 A bill for an ordinance designating certain properties as being required for public use and authorizing use and acquisition thereof by negotiation or through condemnation proceedings of fee simple, easement and other interests, including any rights and interests related or appurtenant to properties designated as needed for the East Colfax Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from Yosemite St. to Broadway.

Grants the authority to acquire, through negotiated purchase or condemnation, all or any portion of any property interest as needed for the installment of East Colfax Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from Yosemite St. to Broadway. This includes partial fee acquisitions, easement interests, access rights, improvements, licenses and permits as part of the project, citywide. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 2-25-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Bill 25-0219 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)

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

25-0235 A bill for an ordinance approving a filing fee change for the Board of Adjustment, per Denver Zoning Code Section 12.3.3.4.B.

Approves a filing fee change for the Board of Adjustments, per Denver Zoning Code Section 12.3.3.4.B., citywide. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 2-25-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Bill 25-0235 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

[25-0226](#) A bill for an ordinance approving a proposed Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Denver Health and Hospital Authority, to administer the Denver Health Tax Fund for the purpose of funding and supporting Denver Health in its provision of: Emergency and Trauma Care; Primary Medical Care; Mental Health Care; Drug and Alcohol Use Recovery; and Pediatric Care services, all of which are within the ongoing care and services being provided by Denver Health in and by its hospital, clinics and care teams, citywide.

Approves an intergovernmental agreement contract with Denver Health & Hospital Authority for two years with an end date of 12-31-2026 to administer the Denver Health Tax Fund for the purpose of funding and supporting Denver Health in its provision of: Emergency and Trauma Care; Primary Medical Care; Mental Health Care; Drug and Alcohol Use Recovery; and Pediatric Care services, all of which are within the ongoing care and services being provided by Denver Health in and by its hospital, clinics and care teams, citywide (ENVHL-202578269). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-1-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 2-26-2025.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Bill 25-0226 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 Sandoval announced that, tonight, there will be a required public hearing on Council Bill 25-0086 changing the zoning classification for multiple properties in Chaffee Park, Sunnyside, Highland, and Jefferson Park.

RECESS

Council took a recess.

COUNCIL RECONVENES AND RESUMES ITS REGULAR SESSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PROCLAMATIONS

25-0361 A Proclamation Celebrating Nowruz

A motion offered by Council member Gonzales-Gutierrez, duly seconded by Council member Hinds, that Council Proclamation 25-0361 be approved, carried by the following vote:

Approved

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

Nay: (None) (0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS - BILLS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

25-0086 A bill for an ordinance changing the zoning classification for multiple properties in Chaffee Park, Sunnyside, Highland, and Jefferson Park.

Approves a map amendment to rezone multiple properties in the Chaffee Park, Sunnyside, Highland, and Jefferson Park neighborhoods in Council District 1. A public hearing will be held on Monday, 3-17-2025. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 1-28-2025.

Council sat as a Committee of the Whole, commencing at 5:47 p.m., Council President Sandoval presiding, to hear speakers on Council Bill 25-0086. No speakers signed up in favor of the bill. Jesse Paris and David Pardo signed up to speak in opposition of the bill. Libby Glick of Community Planning and Development delivered the staff report.

A motion offered by Council member Flynn, duly seconded by Council member Gilmore, that Council Bill 25-0086 be placed upon final consideration and do pass, 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-ADJOURNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Sandoval announced that on Monday, April 14, 2025, Council will hold a required public hearing on Council Bill 25-0249 changing the zoning classification for 3419 West 5th Avenue in Barnum; and a required public hearing on Council Bill 24-1312 changing the zoning classification for 500, 501 and 551 Wazee Street in Auraria. Any protests against Council Bill 25-0249 or 24-1312, must be filed with the Council Offices no later than noon on Monday, April 7, 2025.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the City Council, Council President Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 6:12 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