



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
#1 CITY HALL PLACE
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 - 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Graham called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Dennis Flores, Heather Graham, Regina Maestri, Sarah Martinez, Roger Gomez, Mark Aliff, Joe Latino.

Council Members Present via Zoom: None.

Council Members Absent: None.

Administrative Staff Members Present: Chief of Staff Laura Solano, City Attorney George Hypolite, City Clerk Marisa Stoller.

E. OATH OF OFFICE

The newly-elected Councilors - Mark Aliff, Joe Latino, and Roger Gomez - were sworn in.

F. ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

Councilor Martinez, seconded by Councilor Flores, nominated Councilor Flores for City Council President.

Councilor Lation, seconded by Councilor Maestri, nominated Councilor Aliff for City Council President.

A vote was made by secret ballot with 5 votes for Councilor Aliff and 2 votes for Councilor Flores. Councilor Aliff was named City Council President and took charge of the meeting.

Councilor Maestri, seconded by Joe Latino, nominated Councilor Gomez for City Council Vice President.

A vote was made by secret ballot with 7 votes for Councilor Gomez. Councilor Gomez was named City Council Vice President.

President Aliff named Councilor Maestri as Work Session Chair; Councilor Maestri accepted.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

G1 RECOGNITION PRESENTATION: "DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. UNITY MARCH DAY - JANUARY 15, 2024" - ROXANA MACK, NAACP PUEBLO PRESIDENT

H. PUBLIC FORUM

- Elvis Martinez - Code Enforcement
- Frank Cirullo - Restitution
- Xan Kellogg - Camping ban
- Brett Boston - Crime, Drugs, Homeless
- Rylee Turano - Camping ban
- Grace Smith - gang violence, too many people dying

I. COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR COMMENTARY

Council members expressed comments regarding community-related issues and events/functions they attended.

J. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Graham, seconded by Councilor Latino, moved to move items M4, M5, N9 and N10 to the regular agenda, remove item N3 from the agenda, postpone items N7 and N8 to the January 22, 2024 agenda and to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Councilor Flores, Councilor Graham, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez, President Aliff, Councilor Latino. **Nays:** Councilor Gomez. Motion Passed 6-1.

K. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K1 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 26, 2023

Councilor Martinez, seconded by Councilor Flores, moved to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated **December 26, 2023** as distributed.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Councilor Flores, Councilor Graham, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Gomez, President Aliff, Councilor Latino. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

L. CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Marisa Stoller read the Consent Agenda into the record.

M. RESOLUTIONS

M1 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC PLACES FOR THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR THE PUEBLO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2024

This Resolution was assigned as 15457.

M2 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PUBLIC PLACE FOR THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO FOR THE YEAR 2024

This Resolution was assigned as 15458.

M3 A RESOLUTION FIXING AN ALTERNATE DAY FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH MONDAY IN MAY 2024 AND THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER 2024

This Resolution was assigned as 15459.

N. ORDINANCES – FIRST PRESENTATION

N1 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND NO. 304 - COP-FIRE STATIONS AND BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE SERIES 2023 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION AND ALL FUTURE FUNDS RECEIVED INTO FUND NO. 304.

N2 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROJECT PL2401 FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ROCK AND ROLL SAFELY, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PUEBLO, A COLORADO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PROJECT: SAR M086-100 (25950), BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$482,977 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME

N3 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT AGREEMENT AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO SAID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PUEBLO, A COLORADO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION; ACCEPTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$378,880.00 FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT; AND BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS INTO PROJECT ACCOUNT NO. PL2302 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

This item was removed from the agenda.

N4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING RESTRICTIONS TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 71.75 -ACRES IF A-4, AGRICULTURAL FOUR TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (53.07-ACRES) AND R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (18.05-ACRES) LOCATED IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE VENTANA MASTER PLAN, 2002, AND WITHIN THE PROPOSED VENTANA ESTATES OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AREA

N5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION SEVEN OF CHAPTER FOUR OF TITLE

XVII OF THE PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LANDSCAPE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

N6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5 OF CHAPTER 4, OF TITLE XVII OF THE PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE APPEAL PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT REVIEW IN THE HB, HARP-1, HARP-2 AND HARP-3 PERFORMANCE STANDARD REVIEW

N7 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 TO TITLE XI AND CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE XV OF THE PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY

This item was moved to the January 22, 2024 agenda.

N8 AN ORDINANCE FOR SAFE USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY TO LIMIT PUBLIC CAMPING AND PROHIBIT TEMPORARY STRUCTURES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF PUEBLO, COLORADO

This item was moved to the January 22, 2024 agenda.

N11 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SELL AND ASSIGN CERTAIN LIENS ENCUMBERING REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO TITLE VII, CHAPTER 9 OF THE PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ASSIGNMENTS OF LIEN

O. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Graham, seconded by Councilor Martinez, moved to approve all Resolutions Set Forth in the Consent Agenda, Pass the Ordinances of the Consent Agenda, Setting the Public Hearings for January 22, 2024, and Order the Ordinances to be published BY TITLE.

Roll Call – **Ayes:** Councilor Flores, Councilor Graham, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Gomez, President Aliff, Councilor Latino. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

P. REGULAR AGENDA

M4 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUEBLO URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPOSED NORTH ELIZABETH AREA IS A SLUM, BLIGHTED AREA, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, AND TO NOTIFY OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN THE AREAS SUBJECT OF STUDY.

This item was moved to the Regular Agenda.

Councilor Flores, seconded by President Graham, moved to remove the Resolution from the agenda.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Councilor Flores, President Graham, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Aliff, Councilor Latino. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

M5 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUEBLO URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPOSED BLUFFS AREA IS A SLUM, BLIGHTED AREA, OR COMBINATION THEREOF, AND TO NOTIFY OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN THE AREA SUBJECT OF STUDY.

This item was moved to the regular agenda.

Councilor Aliff, seconded by Councilor Flores, moved to approve the Resolution.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Councilor Flores, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Aliff, Councilor Latino. **Nays:** President Graham, Councilor Gomez. Motion Passed 5-2.

This Resolution was assigned as 15460.

N9 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND APPROVING THE BLUFFS PHASE 1 URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

This item was moved to the regular agenda.

Councilor Flores, seconded by President Graham, moved to remove this item from the agenda.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Councilor Flores, President Graham, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Aliff, Councilor Latino. **Nays:** Councilor Maestri. Motion Passed 6-1.

N10 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND APPROVING THE NORTH ELIZABETH HOTEL URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

This item was moved to the regular agenda.

Councilor Graham, seconded by Councilor Flores, moved to remove the item from the agenda.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Councilor Flores, Councilor Graham, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Gomez, President Aliff, Councilor Latino. **Nays:** Councilor Maestri. Motion Passed 6-1.

Q. RESOLUTIONS

Q1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE COUNCIL CONTINGENCIES ACCOUNT IN THE 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO MT. CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 TO SPONSOR THE SALUTE TO HEROES EVENT ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, AT 4:00 PM AT PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A staff report and detailed review of the Resolution was given by Laura Solano, Chief of Staff.

President Graham, seconded by Councilor Flores, moved to approve the Resolution.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Councilor Flores, Councilor Graham, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Gomez, President Aliff, Councilor Latino. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Resolution was assigned as 15461.

R. ORDINANCES – FINAL PRESENTATION

**R1 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF US HIGHWAY 50
BYPASS TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BYPASS**

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Scott Hobson, Acting Director of Planning & Community Development. Mr. Hobson requested that the Planning & Zoning documents for this item, Case #SNC-23-02 dated December 13, 2024, be made part of the record for this hearing. So ordered by President Aliff.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Ron Wiley appeared in person to speak in favor of this ordinance

Seeing no else one wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Martinez, seconded by Councilor Flores, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as **10630.**

**R2 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROJECT ED2305, THE POPE BLOCK
BUILDING GENERATOR ROOF MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT PROJECT,
TRANSFERRING \$30,000 FROM 41300000-56901, PROJECTS TO BE
DETERMINED TO ED2305, BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
SAME**

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Andrew Hayes, Director of Public Works.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Seeing no one wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Graham, seconded by Councilor Flores, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as **10631.**

**R3 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROJECT ED2307, THE POPE BLOCK
BUILDING GENERATOR FENCING PROJECT, TRANSFERRING \$25,000
FROM 41300000-56901, PROJECTS TO BE DETERMINED TO ED2307,
BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000,
AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME**

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Andrew Hayes, Director of Public Works.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Seeing no one wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Graham, seconded by Councilor Flores, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as 10632.

R4 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROJECT ED2306, THE POPE BLOCK BUILDING ELEVATOR SHAFT REPAIR PROJECT, TRANSFERRING \$10,000 FROM 41300000-56901, PROJECTS TO BE DETERMINED TO ED2306, BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Andrew Hayes, Director of Public Works.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Seeing no one wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Flores, seconded by Councilor Graham, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as 10633.

R5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A SUBGRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE PUEBLO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ON BEHALF OF THE PUEBLO FOOD PROJECT, BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 TO PROJECT NO. 2333, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Megan Moore, Pueblo Food Project Coordinator.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Seeing no one wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Graham, seconded by Councilor Maestri, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as 10634.

R6 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A SUBGRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 FROM THE COLORADO BLUEPRINT TO END HUNGER FOR THE PUEBLO FOOD PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT, AND BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING \$12,000

TO PROJECT NO. CI2332

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Megan Moore, Pueblo Food Project Coordinator.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Seeing no one wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Latino, seconded by Councilor Graham, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as **10635.**

R7 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PUEBLO AND CARING FOR COLORADO FOUNDATION FOR THE DOTS PROGRAM AND ACCEPTANCE OF \$15,000 FOR PROJECT PS2401 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Barb Huber, Fire Chief.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Seeing no one wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Maestri, seconded by Councilor Latino, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as **10636.**

R8 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PUEBLO, AND OTERO COUNTY RELATING TO MUTUAL AID IN THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Barb Huber, Fire Chief.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Seeing no one wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Flores, seconded by Councilor Gomez, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as **10637.**

R9 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PUEBLO, A COLORADO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND THE HOUSING

AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO, A COLORADO NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ALLOWING FOR THE DELAY OF THE INSTALLATION OF LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CRAWFORD TOWNHOMES PHASE 3 OF PHASE 2B AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 17-4-7 LANDSCAPE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS OF THE PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME

A staff report and detailed review of the Ordinance was given by Scott Hobson, Acting Director of Planning & Community Development.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Steven Trujillo appeared via zoom to speak in favor of this ordinance

Seeing no one else wished to speak, President Aliff declared the Hearing closed.

Councilor Martinez, seconded by Councilor Graham, moved to approve the Ordinance on final presentation.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** President Aliff, Councilor Flores, Councilor Gomez, Councilor Graham, Councilor Latino, Councilor Maestri, Councilor Martinez. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 7-0.

This Ordinance was assigned as **10638**.

S. ADJOURN

President Aliff adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marisa Stoller
City Clerk