



**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL,
#1 CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023 - 5:30 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

A. LOBBYIST UPDATE

Gil Romero, Lobbyist, Capitol Success Group

Mr. Romero and his team spoke regarding upcoming bills at the Colorado legislature.

Mr. Romero and his team answered questions and addressed comments from Council.

B. CITY UPDATES

Laura Solano, Chief of Staff

- 64.9, 8% positivity rate; 10 days with stabilized hospitalizations
- Scam call warning related to Fire Department; fake solicitation asking to join a Fire Department support group with a registration fee. This is not a real request; the City will never ask for money as the Fire department is supported by taxpayers and any request for money fundraising like the Fill the Boot campaign will be communicated through the City.
- ARPA report has been distributed

Ms. Solano answered questions and addressed comments from Council.

C. ACTION 22

Sara Blackhurst, CEO - Action 22

Ms. Blackhurst reviewed the purpose and goals of Action 22 and how they impact the governance of Colorado and local governments.

Leadership & Governance Academy; 7 month program, professional fellowship to strengthen effectiveness and voice of area.

Ms. Blackhurst answered questions and addressed comments from Council.

D. ARPA - SOUTHERN COLORADO HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION

Jude Solano, Founder/CEO - Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association (SCHRA)

Ms. Solano reviewed plans for the future Bessemer Community Center.

Ms. Solano answered questions and addressed comments from Council.

E. HOME - ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

Bryan Gallagher, Director of Housing and Citizen Services

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the results of the public hearing regarding this grant as well as Council comments and discussed the proposed budget.

Mr. Gallagher answered questions and addressed comments from Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.