



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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sarah Martinez called this work session to order.

PRESENTATIONS

A. CITY UPDATES

Nicholas Gradisar - Mayor
Laura Solano - Chief of Staff

The one-week COVID update for Pueblo County is 32.4 cases. One week positivity rate for Pueblo County is 5.0%. Parkview Hospital has an 8-day stabilized hospitalization rate.

ARPA Update

"Team Up To Clean Up" this Saturday May 6, 2023

The Warrant Forgiveness program with the Municipal Court.

Ms. Solano answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the City Council.

B. LOBBYIST UPDATE

Gil Romero - Lobbyist - Capitol Success Group

Mr. Romero reviewed the bills relevant to City Council and highlighted considerations for taking a position.

The presenter answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the City Council.

C. MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX

Dr. Malik Hasan - NuVue Pharma Dispensary

Dr Hasan spoke about removing the marijuana excise tax.

Dr. Hasan answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the City Council.

D. COMANCHE III UPDATE

Ashley Valdez - Xcel Energy Area Manager Community and Local Government Affairs

Ms. Valdez gave an update on the Comanche III. Ms. Valdez spoke about the evaluation criteria for new sources of energy.

Ms. Valdez answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the City Council.

E. ARPA - PAGE UNION EMPLOYEE ESSENTIAL PAY

Laura Solano - Chief of Staff

Marisa Pacheco - Director Human Resources

Betty Jo Aragon - PAGE Union President

Ms Pacheco spoke about the American Rescue Plan Act Essential Premium Pay for General Services Employees. The resolution will provide a flat amount of \$1,014.50 for eligible General Services employees in the form of essential worker premium pay (ARPA Funds). The total cost for the city would be \$171,843.00.

Ms. Aragon gave a statement about why these employees should receive this premium pay.

Ms. Solano, Ms. Pacheco and Ms. Aragon answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the City Council.

F. WASTE CONNECTIONS CONTRACT PROGRESS

Nicholas Gradisar - Mayor

Andrew Hayes - Public Works Director

Mayor Gradisar gave an update on the contract progress on waste connections.

Mr. Hayes spoke about the cost of using the landfill. Mr. Hayes talked about a certificate of designation for the landfill.

Mayor Gradisar and Mr. Hayes answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the City Council.

G. ROAD REPAIRS & DEBRUCING FUNDS

Charles Roy - Deputy Director of Public Works

Mr. Roy gave an update on how money was spent on assessments of roads in the City of Pueblo.

Mr. Roy answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the City Council.

H. DOLA GRANT - PUEBLO LAND USE CODE PROJECT

Scott Hobson - Acting Director Planning and Community Development

Mr. Hobson gave an update on the Pueblo Land Use Code Project. Mr. Hobson states modernize zoning and development regulations.

Mr. Hobson answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT