



**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL,  
#1 CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.**

**MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026  
5:30 PM**

***Individuals Requiring Special Accommodations Should Notify the City's ADA Coordinator at (719) 553-2295 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.***

***Executive Committee meetings are special meetings of the City Council and are informal Council meetings for the purpose of receiving information and discussion among Council Members; no official action is taken at such meetings. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.***

## **Agenda**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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| <b>A. CITY UPDATES</b><br>Brian McCain, Chief of Staff<br>5 minute presentation  | 5:30 PM |
| <b>B. PUEBLO FOOD PROJECT'S FOOD ACTION PLAN</b><br>Megan Cover - Director of Growth Sustainability<br>& Operations<br>10 minute presentation  | 5:35 PM |
| <b>C. BOYS &amp; GIRLS CLUB NON-DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST</b><br>Becky Medina - President/Chief Executive Officer<br>Kendra Turner - Vice President of Resource Development<br>15 minute presentation | 5:55 PM |
| <b>D. RFQ DATA - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNER</b><br>Teresa Burns - Director of Purchasing<br>10 minute presentation   | 6:20 PM |
| <b>E. COUNCILOR GOMEZ'S REQUESTS TO STAFF</b><br>Heather Graham, Mayor<br>Brian McCain, Chief of Staff<br>20 minute presentation   | 6:45 PM |
| <b>F. CITY COUNCIL BOARD &amp; COMMISSION UPDATE</b><br>City Council<br>15 minute presentation   | 7:15 PM |

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. **AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(E)(I), AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: INSTRUCTING CIRSA WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS OF PENDING CLAIMS.;AND** 7:30 PM

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Carla Sikes, City Attorney  
Lisa Macchietto, Assistant City Attorney  
90 minute presentation

**ADJOURNMENT**

# PUEBLO'S FOOD FUTURE

with the Pueblo Food Project

Homegrown  
\$4.00  
Per Basket





# MEGAN COVER

**Director of Growth,  
Sustainability, and Operations**





# **PUEBLO FOOD PROJECT**

## **MISSION & VISION**

**Pueblo Food Project (PFP) is a community-led coalition working to create a more vibrant, nutritious and equitable food system for every eater in Pueblo.**

**PFP was founded in 2019 as a grassroots effort. Today PFP's coalition is made up of dozens of passionate organizations and individuals who move our work forward.**

**All people of Pueblo:  
Have access to nourishing food  
Can use their power to make choices about their food  
Can connect to their community, their culture, the land, and each other through food**

# YOUR FOOD SYSTEM



# WHAT IS A FOOD SYSTEM TO YOU?

- **Thriving food economy?**
- **Healthful food access?**
- **Preserved food heritage?**

A food system is the network of activities that produce, process, distribute, and consume food. It includes the people, organizations, and infrastructure involved in feeding a population.



# A LOOK AT THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE - THE PUEBLO FOOD SYSTEM



# THE REALITY FOR PUEBLOANS

- **42,000 on SNAP**
- **12,000 on WIC**
- **24.5% of Puebloans living in poverty**
- **40,000 visits to RMSER Pantry**
- **80% of residents travel over 2 miles to a food source**
- **\$31,000 redeemed in SNAP, WIC, Double Up Food Bucks at Pueblo Farmers Market**



# THE LANDSCAPE OF FOOD BUSINESS

- **758 farms**
- **Half a million in farm sales**
- **2,000 acres of vegetable production**
- **2,000 acres of livestock production**
- **Over 100 locally owned restaurants**
- **Over 60 food product producers**

**At least 60% of every dollar you spend locally stays in the community.**



# THE FOOD HISTORY AND TRADITION IN PUEBLO

- **Green Chile**
- **Tamales**
- **Keilbasa**
- **Dutch Lunch**
- **Italian Sausage**
- **Potica**



A close-up photograph of a wooden basket filled with fresh green chili peppers. The peppers are vibrant green and appear to be of a variety like Anaheim or Poblano. The basket is made of light-colored wood with visible grain and some metal fasteners. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the peppers and the wood.

# WHAT DOES PUEBLO FOOD PROJECT DO?



## Community Food Pantry

**Pueblo Food Project's Community Food Pantry is open to all hunger relief organizations in Pueblo County who wish to provide locally sourced, nutrient dense, culturally relevant food to the community.**



## Community Garden Sustainability Project

**The Community Garden Sustainability Project is working to grow Pueblo's network of community gardens, support local gardeners, and share fresh produce.**



## Food Skills Education

**PFP facilitates classes in cooking, nutrition, food preservation, gardening and more. These classes are designed to develop cooking skills and food literacy of participants to encourage cooking at home, using local ingredients in ways that work for them.**



## Entrepreneur Development Program

**This course is a pathway for existing and aspiring entrepreneurs to develop skills, receive mentorship, and participate in a community of learning to help grow their business.**



## Sun Soil Water Summit

**Sun Soil Water Summit gathers community members and organizations to learn, share, inspire, and catalyze community food systems change.**



## Community Partnerships

**Pueblo Farmers Market, CSU Extension Pueblo County, United Way, RMSER, City of Pueblo, Pueblo Arts Alliance, and more**



## Community-Led Coalition

**PFP is a coalition of community members and organizations who hold diverse interests and roles in our local food system. PFP works to bring the needs of our community to the forefront of our work.**

A close-up photograph of a wooden basket filled with fresh green chili peppers. The peppers are vibrant green and appear to be of various types, including some that are long and slender and others that are more rounded. The basket is made of light-colored wood with visible grain and is lined with a red fabric. The text "PUEBLO FOOD ACTION PLAN" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

# PUEBLO FOOD ACTION PLAN

# WHAT IS A FOOD ACTION PLAN?

**A collaborative roadmap to guide the efforts of organizations and community leaders working to create a more resilient and equitable food system in Pueblo**

**It's intended use is to shape public policy, inspire program development, strengthen and establish partnerships, inform local funding priorities, and provide strong support for grant proposals**



# INFORMED BY COMMUNITY



## Community Engagement Sessions

Hosted on the Eastside, Westside and Bessemer



## Partner Interviews

Interviewed 14 different organizations in Pueblo



## Coalition Meetings

Received input and feedback from over 40 PFP coalition members

# HOW WILL IT BE USED?

The implementation of the Food Action Plan does not fall upon one single entity or organization. PFP is the orchestrator of this plan, and the lead on several goals, but not all of them.

Each Goal will have an Action Team to move the work forward. Action Teams will have a lead who reports progress to PFP Directors and works with PFP to secure resources for implementation.



# FOOD ACTION PLAN GOALS

- 1. Increase availability of high quality, nutritious, affordable foods in Pueblo neighborhoods.**
- 2. Increase food literacy and food skills knowledge in the community.**
- 3. Support the development and success of locally owned food and agriculture enterprises in Pueblo.**
- 4. Strengthen and build community networks around food.**
- 5. Increase the financial health and sustainability of the Pueblo Food Project.**
- 6. Develop a comprehensive communications plan to build sustained engagement with the Pueblo community around food systems work.**

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## **HEALTHFUL FOOD ACCESS**

All people are able to safely and consistently access high quality, nutrient dense, culturally comforting foods in a dignified manner. Neighborhoods have a variety of touch points for residents to access fresh foods. Our charitable food system is strong, well resourced, and able to meet the immediate needs of the community.

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## **FOOD SKILLS EDUCATION**

Our community increased comprehensive food skills. People are able to identify and engage with local food, cook healthy meals for themselves and their families, grow food successfully, save foods effectively, share knowledge with their neighbors, and preserve food history and culture.

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## **THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY**

Working age residents have access to meaningful employment opportunities and upward economic mobility in the food and agriculture sectors. Food and agriculture businesses are starting up, moving to, and thriving in Pueblo.

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## **VIBRANT FOOD CULTURE**

Members of our community feel a sense of connection to the unique food culture and agricultural history of Pueblo. Cooking meals at home is an intergenerational practice that brings families together, neighbors share recipes and meals with each other, and people feel a sense of pride and connection to Pueblo's food ecosystem.

# HEALTHFUL FOOD ACCESS



## What we're working on

- **Orchard planting at fire stations**
- **Library Gardens & Edible Landscapes**
- **Pueblo Food Map**

## What's possible

- Develop map of neighborhood and community gardens and edible landscapes
- Plant urban food forests in neighborhoods currently off the food grid
- Support existing efforts on the West and East side to open locally-run food markets
- Identify opportunities and address barriers in opening produce stands in neighborhoods
- Identify partnership opportunities
- Map existing transit routes and food outlets to identify underserved areas
- Explore ideas for hub and spoke models of food distribution: CSA's, farm stands, mobile markets
- Identify and collaborate with existing mobile food programs, identify opportunities to strengthen existing programs

# FOOD SKILLS EDUCATION



## What we're working on

- **Filling the Cooking Matters Gap**
- **GenWild Partnership for kids gardening education**

## What's possible

- Collaborate with existing youth-centered programs to offer culinary, gardening, food budgeting, and nutrition education and hands-on experiences
- Identify classes/schools that already offer food skills education (through curriculum, clubs, extracurricular activities, academic programs, etc)
- Implement best practices of existing programs and foster collaborative efforts to offer food skills education in more K-12 settings
- Offer tours of edible landscapes and community gardens in Pueblo
- Host cooking, gardening, food preservation and nutrition classes to the public
- Conduct a food waste assessment
- Survey restaurants and institutions to measure interest in composting and edible food waste rescue

# THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY



## What we're working on

- **Local food hub for restaurant**
- **Farmers Market partnership & promotion**

## What's possible

- Compile existing resources for food and agriculture enterprises
- Identify and collaborate with partners working in this space to streamline resources and identify gaps
- Engage with city-wide rezoning efforts to advocate for local food and agriculture enterprises
- Identify barriers in existing zoning and local policy
- Identify willing farm hosts and schools for farm field trips
- Identify alignment with curriculum, organizational missions, etc to shape field trip experiences
- Survey farmers and producers to identify agritourism activities currently being offered

# ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY

- **Build and strengthen networks among organizations with shared goals and overlapping missions in food systems work. Identify opportunities for PFP to collaborate in current programming and activities**
- **Synergize, collaborate and streamline resources and programs among community organizations.**



# YOUR FOOD SYSTEM



**Be apart of this work.**



**THANK YOU!**

**PUEBLO FOOD**

**PROJECT**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
**OF PUEBLO COUNTY**

Presentation to City Council  
Out-of-School Time Childcare Contract  
2027 Budget Year

# City of Pueblo's 2026 agreement

**\$50,000 CONTRACT:** for 25 full-service, year-round slots available at our two largest service sites and our teen-only Clubhouse, at no cost to constituents.

## **LOCATIONS INCLUDE:**

East Side Clubhouse (at Risley Middle School)

Sprague Clubhouse (south side of Pueblo)

Ray Aguilera Teen Center at Central High School

## **THESE SITES OPERATE:**

Afterschool until 7 p.m. M-Th, and at least 8 hours on Fridays, 36 weeks during the school year.

9 hours per day M-F for 8 weeks during summer (closed for 2 weeks for training and cleaning).

# CITY INVESTMENT-SUPPORTED SERVICES



1. Safe afterschool programming
2. Teen programming
3. Youth violence prevention
4. Academic support
5. Workforce readiness
6. Summer programming
7. Family engagement

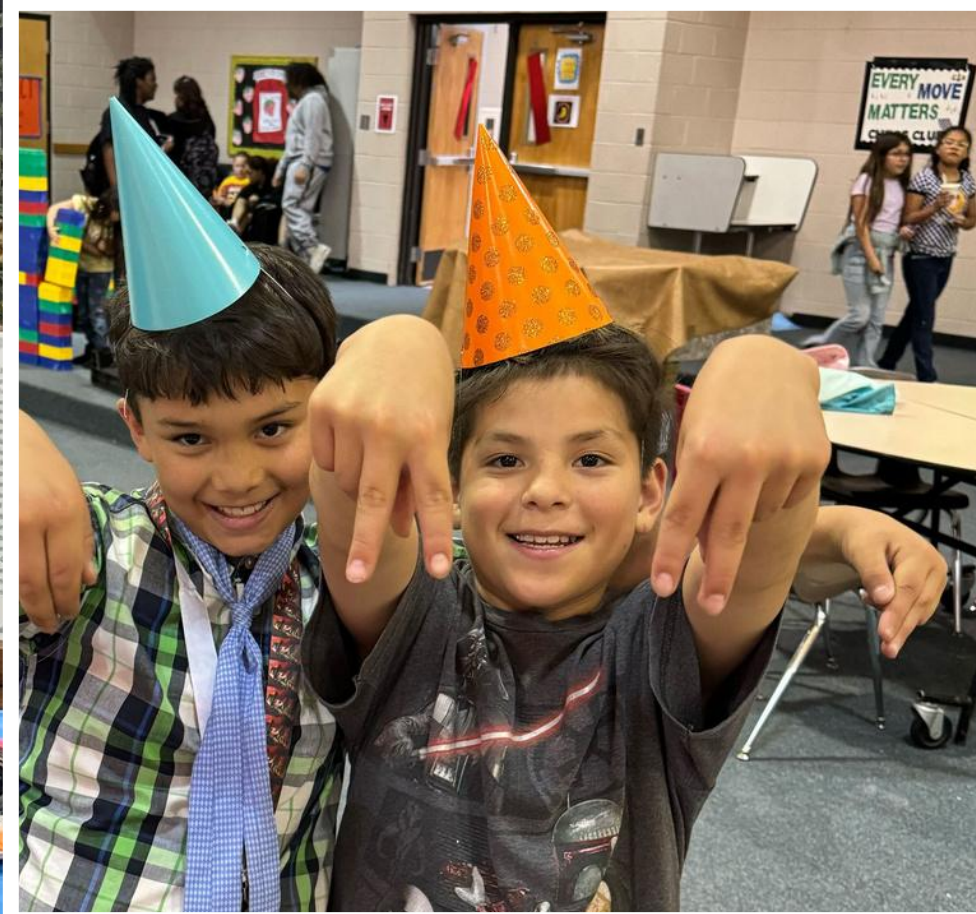
# COMMUNITY NEEDS



**Parents insist:**  
Boys & Girls Clubs are  
transformative and  
irreplaceable

# CLIENT PERSPECTIVE

Hunter C., East Side Clubhouse  
and  
Parent, Mary Beth Cavendar



# MORE TO FAMILIES THAN CHILDCARE SAVINGS

- Hours for working parents
- Full-day summer programming
- Meals
- Transportation
- Family engagement



# 2026 OUTCOMES THROUGH MAY 31 AT CITY-CONTRACTED SITES

- 722 youth served, 265 of whom are teens
- 179 youth per day average
- Members participated in 17,879 hours of academic programs
- Members completed 2,791 hours of community service
- 12,473 meals and 9,339 snacks served

# PUBLIC SAFETY & PREVENTION ALIGNMENT

- After-school supervision
- Violence prevention
- Positive mentors
- Safe spaces
- Reduced risk behaviors



# ECONOMIC IMPACT

- 75 employees
- \$2.3M annual payroll
- \$2.5M brought into Pueblo from outside funders
- \$32.5M economic impact



# THE CLUBS' 2027 PRIORITIES

- Expanding teen services
- Mental Health training for staff
- Career pathways for members
- Gun violence prevention programming
- Family engagement focused on Family  
Disconnecting to Reconnect (middle school)
- Bessemer Community Hub

# FUNDING REQUEST

**\$50,000** contract renewal for 2027 for 25 dedicated slots at the same three sites:

- East Side Clubhouses
- Sprague Clubhouses and
- Ray Aguilera Teen Center at Central

## QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU