

MINUTES  
THORNTON CITY COUNCIL  
1601ST REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER – By Mayor Jan Kulmann at 7:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Thornton City Hall and by way of an electronic meeting through Zoom software.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. MOMENT OF SILENCE
4. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL – Those Present were: Mayor Jan Kulmann; Mayor Pro Tem Karen Bigelow; and Councilmembers Roberta Ayala, Kathy Henson, Justin Martinez, Chris Russell, and Tony Unrein. Virtual – Councilmember David Acunto. Councilmember Jessica Sandgren arrived late due to technical issues.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT – Tansy Hayward, City Manager; Tami Yellico, City Attorney; Joyce Hunt, Deputy City Manager; Robb Kolstad, Deputy City Manager; Randy Grant, City Development Director; Chris Molison, Executive Director of Management Services; Brett Henry, Executive Director of Utilities and Infrastructure; Doug Romig, Parks, Recreation and Community Programs Director; Greg Reeves, Interim Police Chief; Stephen Kelley, Fire Chief; Kim Newhart, Finance Director; Adam Krueger, Economic Development Director; Mike Garrott, Planning Director; Erika Senna, Budget and Operations Director; Kira Stoller, Senior Planner; Jessica Whitney, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Warren Campbell, Current Planning Manager; Jay Ruchti, Senior Planner; Matthew Koenig, Project Manager; Ernie Anderson, Deputy Fire Chief; Patti Ellis, Administrative Specialist; Erika Delaney Lew, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Keith Evans, Deputy Police Chief; Kristen Rosenbaum, City Clerk; and Lori Leppek, Assistant City Clerk.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Acunto requested to add a resolution declaring November 19, 2024 as International Men's Day in the City of Thornton, Colorado, to the Agenda as Item 6D.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- A. A resolution declaring the week of November 18 through November 22, 2024 as Crash Responder Safety Week in the City of Thornton, Colorado.

COUNCILMEMBER UNREIN INTRODUCED, READ IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18 THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2024 AS CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK IN THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ACUNTO, DISCUSSED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- B. A resolution declaring the month of November 2024 as Transgender Awareness Month in the City of Thornton, Colorado.

COUNCILMEMBER AYALA INTRODUCED, READ IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024 AS TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENSON, DISCUSSED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- C. A resolution declaring the month of November 2024 as American Diabetes Awareness Month in the City of Thornton, Colorado.

COUNCILMEMBER HENSON INTRODUCED, READ IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024 AS AMERICAN DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO BIGELOW, DISCUSSED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- D. A resolution declaring November 19, 2024 as International Men's Day in the City of Thornton, Colorado.

COUNCILMEMBER ACUNTO INTRODUCED, READ IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 19, 2024 AS INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY IN THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER UNREIN, DISCUSSED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

Councilmember Sandgren joined the meeting virtually at 7:26 p.m.

## 7. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Pat Soderberg, 1002 E. 133<sup>rd</sup> Way, spoke about the Thornton Community Chorus; expressed appreciation for the City's partnership with the chorus; and provided information on the upcoming performances at the Colorado Christmas Craft Show this weekend and the Retreat at Church Ranch and the "Sing Joy" performance on December 7 at 3 and 6 p.m.

Jessie Myers, Ward 3, addressed Council regarding Council behavior.

Jeffrey Gonzales, 3935 E. 123<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, addressed Council regarding speeding near East 123<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Colorado Boulevard and Code enforcement regarding yard and home upkeep and vehicles on residential streets.

Danny "MAGA" Kulmann, no address provided, addressed Council regarding Council behavior and the City's ballot initiative.

Steven Mathias, 2076 E. 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, requested Council direct the City Manager to file a complaint with the Colorado Division of Housing on behalf of the residents of Friendly Village of the Rockies and provided a handout.

Kathy Hill, 10585 Clermont Way, addressed Council regarding Item 12B on the Agenda this evening and provided alternative language.

Jacque Phillips, Ward 1, spoke about her election to State House District 31 and the City's ballot initiative and stated she is looking forward to working with Council, Adams County Commissioners, and the residents of District 31.

Jessica Troy, Ward 3, addressed Council regarding honoring veterans and acknowledging different feelings towards Veterans Day.

Paul Gurien, 13909 Jackson Street, addressed Council regarding Item 12C on the Agenda this evening.

Karen Baker, no address provided, addressed Council regarding Council behavior and presented slides.

Cherish Salazar, Ward 1, spoke about getting ADA compliant sidewalks in her neighborhood, thanked Brett Henry for all he did as Interim City Manager, congratulated Councilmember Henson on her newly elected position, and requested the leaf clean-up program be extended for the entire month of November.

Tom Lampo, no address provided, congratulated Jacque Phillips and Councilmember Henson on their newly elected positions, read from the Bible, and prayed for the community.

Shelly Whiteloni, 9417 Huron Street, thanked the City and Adams County for the work they do with Anythink Libraries and the community and for the construction and opening of the new Thornton Community Center and spoke about the grand opening event. She also thanked Adams County for partnering with Anythink Libraries to host voting service and polling centers at four of their branches and shared information on Anythink resources and services.

Evan Krech, 13042 Harrison Drive, was not present.

Dawn Brown, 10151 Milwaukee Street, addressed Council regarding concerns with addresses not being located on GPS maps nor being easily accessible on commercial and residential buildings and the need for landlines.

Lyndsey Collins, 14641 Garfield Street, addressed Council regarding the City's prairie dog ordinance.

## 8. COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Martinez reported on events he attended, thanked everyone who provided public comments during Audience Participation this evening, and stated he looks forward to future discussions.

Councilmember Henson reported on events she attended, addressed public comments made during Audience Participation this evening, provided information on the upcoming meeting tomorrow night at the Community Connections building from 6 to 7:30 p.m. regarding mobile homeowner rights, and spoke about her recent election to Adams County Commissioner and her time on City Council.

Councilmember Ayala reported on events she attended and addressed a public comment made during Audience Participation this evening.

Councilmember Sandgren reported on events she attended, provided information on the upcoming Winterfest on December 13 through 15, addressed a public comment made during Audience Participation this evening, spoke about her perspective of the meeting this evening, thanked everyone who came out to the meeting this evening, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Unrein congratulated Jacque Phillips and Councilmember Henson on their newly elected positions, provided information on the upcoming Thornton Community Meeting this Thursday at Trail Winds Recreation Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the Ward 3 Meeting on December 12 at Trail Winds Recreation Center, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Acunto reported on events he attended, addressed public comments made during Audience Participation this evening, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Russell reported on events and meetings he attended and thanked everyone who makes all the events possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Bigelow thanked everyone who attended the meeting this evening, congratulated Councilmember Henson and Jacque Phillips on their newly elected positions, addressed a public comment made during Audience Participation this evening, provided information on donating to families in need this holiday season through Community Connections, and wished everyone an enjoyable holiday.

Mayor Kulmann reported on a board and commission vacancy, City employment opportunities, and events and meetings she attended and thanked everyone who provided public comment during Audience Participation this evening.

The Council meeting recessed at 8:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

9. STAFF REPORTS

A. Police Department Public Safety Report.

Greg Reeves, Interim Police Chief, presented slides and information and answered questions from Council on this item.

B. Fire Department Public Safety Report.

Stephen Kelly, Fire Chief, presented slides and information and answered questions from Council on this item.

C. Monthly Financial Report for September 2024.

Kim Newhart, Finance Director, and Erika Senna, Budget and Operations Director, presented slides and information on this item.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER UNREIN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

The City Clerk read into the record the titles of the ordinances contained on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL DOCUMENTS WERE APPROVED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. A Motion approving the Minutes of the October 22, 2024 Regular and October 29, 2024 Special City Council meetings.
- B. An ordinance making appropriations for the City of Thornton, Colorado, for the fiscal year 2025 for all operating funds and making appropriations for all capital improvement projects for the City of Thornton, Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, and continuing for each project until that project is completed or cancelled, and regulating the payment of money out of the City treasury. (Second Reading)
- C. An ordinance providing for the tax levy upon all taxable property in the City for municipal purposes. (Second Reading)
- D. An ordinance repealing Ordinance 3591 and enacting a new ordinance prescribing stormwater rates and charges for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater system for the City. (Second Reading)
- E. An ordinance repealing Ordinance 3678 and enacting a new ordinance revising and prescribing sewer rates and charges and solid waste charges for 2025. (Second Reading)
- F. An ordinance repealing Ordinance 3677 and reenacting an ordinance revising and prescribing water rates and charges for the operation and maintenance of the water system for the City of Thornton, Colorado. (Second Reading)
- G. An ordinance amending certain sections of the Thornton City Code with regard to temporary connections to the water system. (First Reading)
- H. A resolution approving a Colocation Agreement between the Northern Integrated Supply Project Water Activity Enterprise and the City of Thornton, Colorado.
- I. A resolution terminating a 2019 Intergovernmental Agreement and authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the City of Northglenn for traffic signal operation and maintenance.
- J. A resolution approving surplus declaration of a portion of Thornton's Farm 76 and grant of a Permanent Easement to Poudre Valley Co-Operative Association, Inc.

- K. A resolution adopting the 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule for the City and changing the dates for certain regular City Council meetings.
- L. A resolution appointing a member to the Thornton Arts, Sciences and Humanities Council Board of Directors.

## 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

At this time, individuals wishing to provide testimony during the Public Hearing were sworn in by the City Clerk.

Mayor Kulmann reminded everyone of the Rules of Order and Procedure.

- A. A public hearing concerning the Annexation, Findings of Fact, Zoning Amendment, and Conceptual Site Plan for land generally located south of East 152<sup>nd</sup> Parkway and east of Interstate 25 at 15165 Washington Street and assigning the annexed property to Ward 4 (15165 Washington Street – Interstate Innovation Center Annexation).
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The Public Hearing was opened at 9:29 p.m.

Kira Stoller, Senior Planner, stated she was previously sworn. The notice of the hearing published in the Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel, on the City's official website, and in four physical locations as required by City Code, and the notice mailed to property owners within 1,500 feet were previously submitted electronically to the City Clerk to be made part of the record and marked as City's Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively. The Notice of the Affidavit of Posting were entered into the record and marked as Applicant's Exhibit A.

Ms. Stoller presented slides and information on the proposed development, which were later marked as City's Exhibit 3.

Greg Meeter, Confluent Development, 2215 Market Street, stated he was previously sworn, and Brian Mazetti, Powers Brown Architecture, 2150 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated he was previously sworn, presented slides and information on the proposed development, which were later marked as Applicant's Exhibit B.

Ms. Stoller presented additional slides and information on the proposed development, which were included as part of City's Exhibit 3.

Ms. Stoller and Mr. Meeter answered questions from Council regarding buffering, sustainability, and access points.

No one signed up to speak nor spoke in support of the proposed development.

The following individuals signed up to speak or spoke in opposition to the proposed development and expressed concerns regarding access points, fencing, and noise and dust during construction.

Jeff Sisson, 15155 N. Washington Street, stated he was previously sworn.  
Terrell Sisson, 15155 N. Washington Street, stated he was previously sworn.

The following individual signed up to speak but did not indicate support of or opposition to the proposed development.

Randall Strutz, 2395 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Place, stated he was previously sworn and expressed concerns regarding residents being pushed out of the area, quality of the fencing during and after construction, and residential access and requested Council give the developer specific requirements.

H McNeish, Confluent Development, 2215 Market Street, stated he was previously sworn, responded to public comments regarding fencing and access points.

Ms. Stoller; Mr. McNeish; Mr. Meeter; and Randy Grant, City Development Director, stated he was previously sworn, answered questions from Council regarding fencing, noise and dust mitigation during and after construction, and access points.

The Public Hearing was closed at 10:20 p.m.

- 1) An ordinance approving the Annexation of approximately 9.9 acres of land situated in the northeast quarter of Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 68 West of the sixth Principal Meridian, County of Adams, State of Colorado, generally located south of East 152<sup>nd</sup> Parkway and east of Interstate 25 at 15165 Washington Street and assigning the annexed property to Ward 4 (15165 Washington Street - Interstate Innovation Center Annexation).

MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH APPROVES THE ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 9.9 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 68 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST 152<sup>ND</sup> PARKWAY AND EAST OF INTERSTATE 25 AT 15165 WASHINGTON STREET AND ASSIGNING THE ANNEXED PROPERTY TO WARD 4 (15165 WASHINGTON STREET - INTERSTATE INNOVATION CENTER ANNEXATION).

Councilmember Henson raised a Point of Information.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL, DISCUSSED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- 2) A resolution adopting certain Findings of Fact for the annexation of certain unincorporated territory of approximately 9.9 acres of land situated in the northeast quarter of Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 68 West of the sixth Principal Meridian, County of Adams, State of Colorado, generally located south of East 152<sup>nd</sup> Parkway and east of Interstate 25 at 15165 Washington Street and assigning the annexed property to Ward 4 (15165 Washington Street - Interstate Innovation Center Annexation).

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF APPROXIMATELY 9.9

ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 68 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST 152<sup>ND</sup> PARKWAY AND EAST OF INTERSTATE 25 AT 15165 WASHINGTON STREET AND ASSIGNING THE ANNEXED PROPERTY TO WARD 4 (15165 WASHINGTON STREET - INTERSTATE INNOVATION CENTER ANNEXATION). MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- 3) An ordinance approving a Zoning Amendment for approximately 9.9 acres of land generally located south of East 152<sup>nd</sup> Parkway and east of Interstate 25 at 15165 Washington Street (15165 Washington Street - Interstate Innovation Center Annexation).
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MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH APPROVES A ZONING AMENDMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 9.9 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST 152<sup>ND</sup> PARKWAY AND EAST OF INTERSTATE 25 AT 15165 WASHINGTON STREET (15165 WASHINGTON STREET - INTERSTATE INNOVATION CENTER ANNEXATION). MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL AND PASSED BY A MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Ayala, Bigelow, Henson, Kulmann, Russell, and Unrein  
Nays: Martinez

- 4) A resolution approving a Conceptual Site Plan for an industrial development on approximately 9.5 acres of land generally located south of East 152<sup>nd</sup> Parkway and east of Interstate 25 at 15165 Washington Street (15165 Washington Street - Interstate Innovation Center Annexation).
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MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSSEL AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN FOR AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ON APPROXIMATELY 9.5 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST 152<sup>ND</sup> PARKWAY AND EAST OF INTERSTATE 25 AT 15165 WASHINGTON STREET (15165 WASHINGTON STREET - INTERSTATE INNOVATION CENTER ANNEXATION). MOTION WAS DISCUSSED.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER HENSON TO TABLE THIS FOR TONIGHT AND CONTINUE UNTIL A DATE CERTAIN AND LET THE DEVELOPER AND THE OWNERS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH WORK OUT THESE ISSUES.

Mayor Kulmann raised a Point of Clarification.

The City Attorney clarified Robert's Rules of Order.



Alternative motion was restated as follows:

MOTION TO REOPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND CONTINUE IT TO A DATE CERTAIN TO ADDRESS ACCESS, WALL OR FENCE FOR SOUND MITIGATION AT THE END OF CONSTRUCTION, DUST MITIGATION DURING CONSTRUCTION, STORMWATER CONSIDERATIONS, AND NORTHERN ACCESS.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER AYALA.

MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND PASSED BY A MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Ayala, Bigelow, Henson, and Russell

Nays: Kulmann, Martinez, and Unrein

The Public Hearing was re-opened at 10:30 p.m. and continued to January 14, 2025.

- B. A public hearing concerning a resolution approving a Conceptual Site Plan for the construction of a church on approximately nine acres of land generally located on the southwest corner of East 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Detroit Street (Tract B, Fallbrook Subdivision Filing No. 1).

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:30 p.m.

Warren Campbell, Current Planning Manager, state he was previously sworn. The notice of the hearing published on the City's official website and at four physical locations as required by City Code, he notice mailed to property owners within 1,500 feet, and correspondence received after packet distribution were previously submitted electronically to the City Clerk to be made part of the record and marked as City's Exhibits 1, 2, and 3, respectively. The Notice of the Affidavit of Posting was previously submitted electronically to the City Clerk to be made part of the record and marked as Applicant's Exhibit A.

Mr. Campbell presented slides and information on the proposed development, which were later marked as City's Exhibit 4.

Dale Sanders, 730 17<sup>th</sup> Street, was sworn in by the City Clerk, and Brandon Wilson, SM Rocha, 730 17<sup>th</sup> Street, was sworn in by the City Clerk, presented slides and information on the proposed development, which were later marked as Applicant's Exhibit B.

Mr. Campbell presented additional slides and information on the proposed development, which were included as part of City's Exhibit 4.

The following individuals signed up to speak or spoke in support of the proposed development due to the community need and the need for a larger space for the congregation.

John Shanely, 2511 E. 163<sup>rd</sup> Place, stated he was previously sworn.

April Sweat, 16576 Lafayette Street, stated she was previously sworn.

Ed Godlewski, 15837 Valentia Street, was sworn in by the City Clerk.

Harlan Krusemark, 15865 Willow Street, was sworn in by the City Clerk.

Colleen Duncan, 2243 E. 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated she was previously sworn.  
Peter Williams, 13235 Kearney Street, stated he was previously sworn.  
Barbara Hepp, 872 E. 133<sup>rd</sup> Place, was not present.  
Beverly Hester, 7452 E. 130<sup>th</sup> Circle, did not address Council.  
Marion Mike, 15105 Rosemary Street, stated she was previously sworn.  
Sidney Duncan, 2243 E. 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue, did not address Council.  
Kit Sanders, 10912 East 109<sup>th</sup> Place, was not present.  
Barbara Kearns, 13536 Clermont Street, was not present.

The following individual spoke in opposition to the proposed development:

Lara Mellette, 2606 E. 142<sup>nd</sup> Place, was sworn in by the City Clerk, expressed concerns regarding prairie dogs being pushed onto their property and causing property damage, communication, and construction fencing.

Mr. Campbell and Jarrett Laraway, Archdiocese of Denver, 1300 S. Steele Street, was sworn in by City Clerk, responded to public comments regarding prairie dogs, communication, and construction fencing.

Mr. Laraway and Mr. Campbell answered questions from Council regarding prairie dog mitigation and how the City monitors the mitigation ordinance is adhered to by the developer.

The Public Hearing was closed at 11:18 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHURCH ON APPROXIMATELY NINE ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EAST 144<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND DETROIT STREET (TRACT B, FALLBROOK SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 1). MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

## 12. ACTION ITEMS

- A. An ordinance amending the City Council Policy regarding the Rules of Order and Procedure to include a Land Acknowledgment in the Order of Business for regular meetings.

Joyce Hunt, Deputy City Manager, presented information and answered questions from Council on this item.

There was discussion among Council.

COUNCILMEMBER AYALA INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON SECOND READING, WHICH AMENDS THE CITY COUNCIL POLICY REGARDING THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE TO INCLUDE A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENSON, DISCUSSION, AND PASSED BY A MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Ayala, Bigelow, Henson, Martinez, and Russell  
Nays: Acunto, Kulmann, Sandgren, and Unrein

B. A resolution adopting the City of Thornton Land Acknowledgement.

Joyce Hunt, Deputy City Manager, presented a slide and information and answered questions from Council on this item.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER AYALA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENSON TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF THORNTON LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. MOTION WAS DISCUSSED.

AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER UNREIN AND SECONDED BY MAYOR KULMANN TO AMEND THIS TO REMOVE THE THIRD PARAGRAPH IN ITS ENTIRETY. MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND FAILED BY A MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Acunto, Kulmann, Sandgren, and Unrein  
Nays: Ayala, Bigelow, Henson, Martinez, and Russell

ORIGINAL MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND PASSED BY A MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Ayala, Bigelow, Henson, Martinez, and Russell  
Nays: Acunto, Kulmann, Sandgren, and Unrein

C. A resolution amending the bylaws of the Businesses of Thornton Advisory Commission.

Joyce Hunt, Deputy City Manager, presented slides and information and answered questions from Council on this item.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE LANGUAGE IN SECTION 6 THAT STATES, "THAT CITY COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT THIS IS DESIREABLE TO HAVE A BOARD REPRESENTATION IN THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO SERVE IN THORNTON BUSINESSES, THEREFORE, DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR THIS SHALL BE THE SOLE LEADERSHIP POSITION HELD TO ENABLE THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TO DEVOTE THEIR SERVICES TO THE THORNTON DURING THEIR TERM IN OFFICE." MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

D. A resolution establishing an Environmental Sustainability Task Force.

Robb Kolstad, Deputy City manager, presented information on this item.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENSON TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE. MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- E. An ordinance amending Section 74-119 of the Thornton City Code regarding private wastewater disposal system maintenance and to require private water system data to be provided to the City.

Erika Delaney Lew, Senior Assistant City Manager, presented slides and information on this item.

Councilmember Unrein left the Chambers at 11:58 p.m. and returned at 12:02 a.m.

COUNCILMEMBER HENSON INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH AMENDS SECTION 74-119 OF THE THORNTON CITY CODE REGARDING PRIVATE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND TO REQUIRE PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM DATA TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, DISCUSSED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- F. An ordinance amending certain sections of the Thornton City Code with regard to the Property Tax Refund Program and the Food Sales Tax Refund Program.

Erika Senna, Budget and Operations Director, presented slides and information on this item.

COUNCILMEMBER HENSON INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH AMENDS CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE THORNTON CITY CODE WITH REGARD TO THE PROPERTY TAX REFUND PROGRAM AND THE FOOD SALES TAX REFUND PROGRAM. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, DISCUSSED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- G. An ordinance adopting the sixth amendment to the 2024 Budget amending section one of Ordinance 3670, making appropriations for the City of Thornton, Colorado for the fiscal year 2024 for all funds except that appropriations for certain individual projects shall not lapse at year end but continue until the project is completed or canceled.

Erika Senna, Budget and Operations Director, presented a slide and information on this item.

Councilmember Ayala left the Chambers at 12:10 a.m.

The City Attorney provided clarification on the attorney fees.

COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH ADOPTS THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 BUDGET AMENDING SECTION ONE OF

ORDINANCE 3670, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR ALL FUNDS EXCEPT THAT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS SHALL NOT LAPSE AT YEAR END BUT CONTINUE UNTIL THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED OR CANCELED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENSON.

Councilmember Ayala returned to the Chambers at 12:14 a.m.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- H. An ordinance amending City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure to allow Council to increase an individual's speaking time during Audience Participation or a public hearing to accommodate unique or exceptional circumstances, and establishing a City Council Code of Conduct.

Tami Yellico, City Attorney, presented information on this item.

MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH AMENDING CITY COUNCIL'S RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE TO ALLOW COUNCIL TO INCREASE AN INDIVIDUAL'S SPEAKING TIME DURING AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OR A PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCOMMODATE UNIQUE OR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ESTABLISHING A CITY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HENSON AND DISCUSSED.

AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR KULMANN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER UNREIN TO AMEND THE CODE OF CONDUCT SECTION 4(B) TO INCLUDE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY INSTEAD OF A SIMPLE MAJORITY. MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND FAILED BY A MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Acunto, Kulmann, Sandgren, and Unrein  
Nays: Ayala, Bigelow, Henson, Martinez, and Russell

ORIGINAL MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND PASSED BY A MAJORITY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Ayala, Bigelow, Henson, Martinez, and Russell  
Nays: Acunto, Kulmann, Sandgren, and Unrein

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM BIGELOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:21 A.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOICE VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori Leppek, Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Mayor at time of approval

Approved at the December 3, 2024 City Council meeting.