

MINUTES
THORNTON CITY COUNCIL
1610TH REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER – By Mayor Jan Kulmann at 7:00 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. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
5. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL – Those Present were: Mayor Jan Kulmann and Councilmembers David Acunto, Roberta Ayala, Justin Martinez, Chris Russell, and Cherish Salazar. Virtual – Councilmember Jessica Sandgren. Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Karen Bigelow and Councilmember Tony Unrein.

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; Justin Nielsen, Plans Examining Supervisor; Stephanie Harpring, Deputy Fire Chief; Kristen Rosenbaum, City Clerk; and Crystal Sergent, Deputy City Clerk.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

7. PRESENTATIONS

- A. A resolution recognizing May 9, 2025 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in the City of Thornton, Colorado.

COUNCILMEMBER ACUNTO INTRODUCED, READ IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 9, 2025 AS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, DISCUSSED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jesse Myers thanked City staff for the Eggcessible Eggstravaganza this past weekend and those who contributed to the success of the basket fundraiser, spoke about City staff's response to community concerns regarding shade at Woodbridge Station Park and a community meeting being held next Friday, and congratulated Councilmember Salazar on her election.

Shonee Lesh and Louis Iantorno stated they are members on the Thornton Tennis Association (TTA), addressed Council regarding additional lighted tennis courts within the City, and shared a story about the impact of the TTA on the community.

Steven Mathias spoke about an incident in Idaho involving an autistic teenager and police and addressed Council regarding the proposed Council Code of Conduct.

Tom Lampo addressed Council regarding the City's land acknowledgment and Juneteenth.

Lisa Jansen Thompson stated she is with Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County, thanked Council for recognizing May 9 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, and spoke about child care providers.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Russell reported on events he attended and reminded everyone about the 2025 NAIOP Rocky Mountain Challenge taking place next Wednesday.

Councilmember Acunto spoke about Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Councilmember Sandgren reported on events she attended and spoke about National School Bus Drive Appreciation Day, National Jelly Bean Day, and Earth Day.

Councilmember Ayala reported on events she attended, thanked City staff for moving the Eggcessible Eggstravaganza indoors, and presented a slide on and spoke about a mural in one of the City's underpasses.

Councilmember Salazar reported on events she attended.

Councilmember Martinez reported on an event and meeting he attended, thanked Colorado Poverty Law Project for continuing to assist residents of the City residing in mobile home parks and City staff for the Eggcessible Eggstravaganza and moving it indoors, and spoke about the 2025 NAIOP Rocky Mountain Challenge taking place next Wednesday.

Mayor Kulmann reported on City employment opportunities, the Environmental Sustainability Task Force vacancy, a board and commission vacancy, and events and meetings she attended; thanked staff for the Eggcessible Eggstravaganza; and wished everyone a Happy Earth Day.

11. STAFF REPORTS

A. Fire Department Public Safety Report.

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

B. Police Department Public Safety Report.

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

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ACUNTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL DOCUMENTS WERE APPROVED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. A motion to approve the Minutes for the April 8, 2025 Regular City Council meeting.
- B. Monthly Financial Report for February 2025.
- C. A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the E-470 Public Highway Authority and the City of Thornton regarding the Washington Street Overpass Expansion.
- D. A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Thornton and the City and County of Broomfield for the Interim Mobility Hub Pedestrian Railing Project.
- E. A resolution authorizing the grant of a perpetual drainage easement for storm sewer and an outfall over City property located on the west side of Big Dry Creek within the Thorncreek Golf Course property, generally located southwest of the East 136th Avenue and Washington Street intersection.
- F. A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Colorado Boulevard Bike Facility from 88th to E-470 Project.

13. ACTION ITEMS

- A. An ordinance amending Thornton City Code Section 2-55 pertaining to adoption of Codes by reference and Section 10-34 to clarify that City employees may not serve on the Building Code Advisory Board; repealing and reenacting various sections in Article IV to adopt by reference, with local amendments thereto, the 2024 Editions of the International Building Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Residential Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Existing Building Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, and the 2023 Edition of the National

Electrical Code; and repealing and reenacting Sections 10-160 and 10-161 of the Thornton City Code to adopt by reference the 2024 International Fire Code and local amendments thereto.

Justin Nielsen, Plans Examining Supervisor, presented slides and information on this item.

COUNCILMEMBER AYALA INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH AMENDS THORNTON CITY CODE SECTION 2-55 PERTAINING TO ADOPTION OF CODES BY REFERENCE AND SECTION 10-34 TO CLARIFY THAT CITY EMPLOYEES MAY NOT SERVE ON THE BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD; REPEALING AND REENACTING VARIOUS SECTIONS IN ARTICLE IV TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, THE 2024 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, AND THE 2023 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE; AND REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTIONS 10-160 AND 10-161 OF THE THORNTON CITY CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- B. An ordinance adopting the first amendment to the 2025 Budget amending section one of Ordinance 3710, making appropriations for the City of Thornton, Colorado for the fiscal year 2025 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 slides and information and answered a question from Council on this item.

COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH ADOPTS THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 BUDGET AMENDING SECTION ONE OF ORDINANCE 3710, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 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 RUSSELL AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

- C. An ordinance establishing a City Council Code of Conduct.

Tami Yellico, City Attorney, presented slides and information and answered a question from Council on this item.

COUNCILMEMBER SALAZAR INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, AND MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE, ON FIRST READING, WHICH ESTABLISHES A CITY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ AND DISCUSSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR KULMANN TO MOVE THE LANGUAGE IN ITEM 4(B) FROM "MAJORITY" TO "TWO-THIRDS." MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDGREN.

There was discussion between the City Attorney and Council regarding clarification of the motion.

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

Ayes: Acunto, Ayala, Kulman, Russell, and Sandgren
Nays: Martinez and Salazar

ORIGINAL MOTION WAS DISCUSSED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Leppek, Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor at time of approval

Approved at the May 13, 2025 City Council meeting.