

**EDGEWATER CITY COUNCIL  
BUSINESS MEETING & WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
July 16, 2024**

**ITEM 1. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Conklin called the Business Meeting to order at 6:30pm

**ITEM 2. Roll Call**

Present: Mayor, Steve Conklin, Council Member Joie Iten, Council Member John Thomsen, Council Member, Kali Janda, and Council Member, and Mercedes Valdez (arrived at 6:34pm)

Absent: Council Member Bill Berg, and Council Member, Lilly Steirer

Also Present: City Manager, Dan Maples, Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director, Jocelyn Mills, Police Commander, Melvin Berghahn, and City Attorney, Carmen Beery (attended virtually).

**ITEM 3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**ITEM 4. Consent Agenda**

1. Agenda
2. Minutes – June 4, 2024

Council Member Janda made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Gay Keau and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5. Public Comment**

None

**ITEM 6. Communications from the City Manager, and Staff**

Police Chief, Eric Sonstegard informed Council that Sergeant Eric Young resigned and will be going to the town of Castle Rock. He was an incredible officer and leader and will be greatly missed.

City Manager, Dan Maples reported 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. project is just about complete. Street closures for spray coating throughout the City. Leadership Retreat Porch Light Family Justice Center, great organization. Please reach out if you would like a tour of the facility. Council Member Gay Keao asked if the street spray was the same material that was used last year and asked about the Revenue report. Concerned that we are below the City's projection. City Manager Maples stated the numbers in the report are 2 months behind and the highest tax revenue month of the year is December. Believes we are on track for the year.

**ITEM 7. Communication from Boards, Commissions and Membership Organizations**

Mayor Conklin mentioned at the next DRCOG meeting they will have a Public Hearing on non-discrimination program, fiscal year 2023 transportation improvement program and informational briefings on land use policy and legislation, regional housing needs assessment and north-west rail peak service study project. Jeffco Middle Housing group finished the blueprint and will be asking the City for an endorsement of that document. Wheat Ridge Mayor, Bud Starker, will come to the August meeting to present it to Council and ask for endorsement. Metro Mayor's Caucus will be going axe throwing this Friday.

Attorney Nick Klein introduced himself to Council and is stepping in for City Attorney Beery tonight.

**ITEM 8. Presentations**

1. Parks and Recreation Proclamation – Steve Conklin
2. Urban Land Institute (ULI) Presentation – Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director, Jocelyn Mills gave a brief introduction of Rodney Milton, Director of the Urban Land Institute of Colorado and Hannah King, with ULI, who shared their recommendations on the Sheridan Blvd. Commercial Corridor. City of Edgewater and the Edgewater Redevelopment Authority received a grant from DRCOG to partner with ULI on this project.

**ITEM 9. Resolution 2024-10**

Council Member Thomsen made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ELECTION SITE USE AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF A VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER (VSPC) AT THE CIVIC CENTER

FOR THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Iten and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 10. Resolution 2024-11**

Council Member Gay Keao made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LAW ENFORCEMENT RECRUIT TRAINING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Janda and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 11. Ordinance 2024-05**

Mayor Conklin opened the Public Hearing at 7:54 pm  
Council Member Janda made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-05, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TRASH UTILITY FUND, CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND for PURPOSES OF ADJUSTING THE 2022 BUDGET, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Iten and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 12. General Business**

None

**ITEM 13. Public Comment**

None

**ITEM 14. Mayor and Council Comments**

Council Member Iten – 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. project looks good and the presentations tonight were great.  
Council Member Thomsen – The cycling community is excited to hear about the 25<sup>th</sup> St. project and the armadillos being installed along the bike lanes. Was told Edgewater is the first to use that type of barrier.

Council Member Janda – Gave a shoutout to the summer events happening around the city and thanked staff for their work on those events. Attended the Blues and BBQ for Habitat for Humanity. Her children participate in the Rec. Center activities, like t-ball and dance. Will be attending the summer concert in the park. Mentioned the Blood Drive at the Police Department. All slots were full and they were very busy. Used the Rec. Center childcare center while she observed Judge Hickman in court. Childcare was awesome and a great deal for those looking

for physical and mental health time while keeping their kids close. Tonight's presentation was great.

Council Member Gay Keao thinks the childcare pilot program is such a huge service to the community. Welcomed Nick and is happy to have him there tonight. Loves that the City hosted a blood drive for Children's Hospital. Heart goes out to the loved ones of Donald Jones, who was an Edgewater resident and a pedestrian who was killed in a hit and run last week. Spoke about how the Council is serving the Edgewater Police Department. Feels they are not acting accountably to the community or staff. Staff has been accused of coverups and they are letting them manage that narrative. There is a time and a place for the Council members to serve both staff and the community. Spoke on the current organizational chart and how it has failed the Council, the community and staff. Feels like the structures currently in place are very risky and tenacious.

Council Member Valdez agrees with Council Member Gay Keao regarding the Police Department topic. Council does not manage/supervise the Police Department and it gets a bit tricky. Attended the Blues and BBQ event and had the opportunity to attend CML and it was a wonderful experience. Congratulated Mayor Conklin for the CML University award he received at CML. Apologized for being virtual, just not feeling well.

Mayor Conklin was thrilled that Council Member Valdez was able to attend the CML Conference. It was good connecting with her and with staff. The 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. ribbon cutting was fantastic. The Edgewater neon sign miraculously came back on, not sure how, but it was awesome. Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate the opening of 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Edgewater Music Festival was awesome and the turnout was good. A lot of cool things going on in the City. With the rising temperatures, please look after your neighbors. There are a lot of older residents in the community

**ITEM 15. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas**

**ITEM 16. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Conklin adjourned the Business meeting at 8:16 pm

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**ITEM 17. WORK SESSION CALL TO ORDER 8:16 pm**

**ITEM 18. General Business**

1. 2023 Appropriations 8:17 pm

Mayor Conklin requested a break at this time to rearrange the room set up for the Comp. plan discussion.

2. Comprehensive Plan – Joint Mtg with P&Z
3. ~~Code Review – Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6 & 10 - Pushed~~

**ITEM 19. Mayor and Council Comments**

**ITEM 20. WORK SESSION ADJOURNMENT 9:53 pm**