

**EDGEWATER CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING & WORK SESSION
MINUTES
October 1, 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, Council Member Hannah Gay Keao, and Council Member, Mercedes Valdez

Absent: Council Member Lilly Steirer

Also Present: City Manager, Dan Maples, Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director, Jocelyn Mills, Community Services Director, Kit Lammers, Parks and Recreation Director, Amber Magee, Police Chief, Eric Sonstegard, and City Attorney, Nick Klein

ITEM 3. Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4. Consent Agenda

1. Agenda
2. Minutes – September 17, 2024

ITEM 5. Public Comment

ITEM 6. Resolution 2024-15

Council Member Janda made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GINA N. EDWARDS-HICKMAN AS THE PRESIDING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND APPROVING THE ASSOCIATED JUDICIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Iten and passed unanimously.

1. Official Swearing In - Oath of Office of Judge Gina N. Edwards-Hickman by Judge Gary M. Jackson

INTERMISSION

ITEM 7. Communications from the City Manager, and Staff

City Clerk Pedroza clarified the process of filling City Council vacancy. The vacancy notice will be sent to the Wheat Ridge Transcript on October 15th to publish on October 24th. It will also be posted on the Edgewater's required posting places for 30 days and will close on November 21st. Interviews and possible appointment will be performed on December 3, 2024.

ITEM 8. Communication from Boards, Commissions and Membership Organizations

Mayor Conklin – Metro Mayor's Caucus is very active. 4 Metro Mayors met with four representatives of a delegation the State Department brought to the United States from Kosovo. They will be in Edgewater tomorrow looking at various parts of the community. It is very interesting in terms of talking about regional cooperation. He will be attending the regular meeting for Metro Mayors tomorrow morning. The Denver Regional Council of Governments is having a special session tomorrow to consider a Resolution recommending approval on RTD revenue retention.

ITEM 9. Presentations

1. West Metro Fire Updates – Fire Chief, Don Lombardi, gave an update on West Metro Fire. Talked about the deployment of a 40 member team Colorado Task Force One to Asheville, North Carolina. Twenty-one of twenty-eight FEMA teams are deployed. Touched on the Jeffco Community Response Team pilot program. Currently going through ISO certification (Insurance Service Office). West Metro is currently a class one, which is the very best you can get. Currently West Metro has 16 recruits out of 27, in the 19 week Academy. They have also been involved in Wildland deployments outside of Colorado in Western US, and have been very active with local fires. Touched on budgeting process, and mention his retirement.
2. Community Development Department Update Presentation - Jocelyn Mills
3. Parks and Recreation Department Update Presentation - Amber Magee

ITEM 10. Resolution 2024-17

Council Member Iten made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-17, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY, THE JEFFERSON COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE CITIES OF ARVADA AND GOLDEN TO ESTABLISH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY REGIONAL SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM (“JCRS”), as presented. Seconded by Council Member Thomsen and passed unanimously.

ITEM 11. Resolution 2024-18

Council Member Valdez made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-18, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) CONCERNING THE JEFFCO COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Gay Keao and passed unanimously.

ITEM 12. Ordinance 2024-08

Council Member Iten made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-08, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING EASEMENTS FOR ROUND-ABOUT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES WITHIN A PORTION OF THAT PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2598 HARLAN STREET, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Janda and passed unanimously.

ITEM 13. General Business

1. Police Chief Recruiter Contract

Council Member Thomsen wanted to confirm that there will be community involvement in making the selection for the Police Chief. City Manager Maples stated this organization did a lot of public engagement in the last Chief recruitment.

Council Member Gay Keao would like to retouch base on the process, as she saw community engagement once in the proposal. Multiple checkpoints might make more sense in the process.

Council Member Valdez wanted to clarify that this is to initiate the process to hire the consultant to help run the process. City Manager Maples confirmed.

Council Member Thomsen made a motion to approve the Chief of Police Executive Search Contract with Public Sector Search & Consulting, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Iten and passed unanimously.

2. Planning and Zoning Rules of Procedure

Council Member Gay Keao made a motion to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission revised Rules of Procedure, as amended allowing staff to make non substantive edits. Seconded by Council Member and passed unanimously.

3. Board of Adjustment and Appeals Rules of Procedure

Council Member Gay Keao made a motion to approve the Board of Adjustment and Appeals revised Rules of Procedure, as amended allowing staff to make non substantive edits. Seconded by Council Member Iten and passed unanimously.

ITEM 14. Public Comment

None

ITEM 15. Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Iten – Congratulated Judge Hickman and thaned staff for their hard work on everything they do.

Council Member Thomsen – Congratulated Judge Hickman, thanked Chief Lombardi and staff for their presentations. Hometown Festival was great.

Council Member Janda - Congratulated Judge Hickman and thanked everyone for their presentations tonight. Hometown Festival was a blast and a beautiful community building experience for everyone of all ages. Sees a theme of innovation and thoughtfulness from Edgewater City Staff. It is very much appreciated.

Council Member Gay Keao - Welcomed Judge Hickman to the City. Great seeing Judge Cahn again. Thanked City Staff for the presentations. It is nice seeing the love staff have for the work they do and the love they have for the work that Council does. Leshanah Tova Jewish New Year starts tomorrow. Noted the one year anniversary of October 7th Monday and it will be a very emotional day for a lot of affected people. Sending a lot of love and faith to that all affected locally and around the world and holds a spot in her heart for those in pain.

Council Member Valdez - Congratulated Judge Hickman. It was the highlight of the evening to watch her with her family, friends and colleagues. It was exciting to

see. Thanked City Staff for their presentations. Also glad to have the consultant contract to help choose the next Police Chief. Also notes that two attendees of the City Council Meeting were from the Denver Justice Projects and would like to see them present at a future meeting and have them collaborate with the City of Edgewater.

Mayor Conklin - Jefferson County Economic Development Authority has their retreat tomorrow. Edgewater is joining the Jefferson County EDC and will benefit the City moving forward. Appreciates Chief Lombardi and notes how good it was to work with him and is happy that he is retiring but sad for the long time Edgewater connection fade away. It was awesome having a full house tonight to recognize Judge Hickman. Due to the separation of powers, the City Council will likely not interact with Judge Hickman more than this meeting, but the support shown by her family was much appreciated, and Mayor Conklin is glad they could welcome her into the position. Thinks the new History postcards are the coolest things in the world. Hometown festival was very well done and thanked staff for their involvement in that. Thanked Council Member Gay Keo for her comments on October 7th.

ITEM 16. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas

ITEM 17. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Conklin adjourned the Business meeting at 8:53 pm

ITEM 18. WORK SESSION CALL TO ORDER 8:59 pm

ITEM 19. General Business

1. Natural Medicine Business Regulation 8:59 pm

ITEM 20. Mayor and Council Comments 9:26 pm

ITEM 21. WORK SESSION ADJOURNMENT 9:26 pm