

Inside the city

Information on latest happenings, items of interest.

City-led Events – Save the Date

- Tuesday, March 3 – Thursday, March 12: Federal Advocacy Meetings and National League of Cities Conference, Washington D.C.
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5: Youth Commission Meeting, Civic Center, Room 2108
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10: Board of Adjustment Meeting, Civic Center, Council Chambers
- 2 p.m. Friday, March 13: Construction Site Tour, Neighborhood Park in Fronterra Village, East of Joplin St on 101st Way, Construction Trailer

Third-Party Events – Please RSVP to Lysa Gallegos, lgallegos@c3gov.com to attend

- 10 a.m. Saturday, March 7: Town Hall Meeting w/State Legislators, Civic Center, Council Chambers

To see events posted on the city wide calendar please visit our [website](#).

MEMMO

To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Michelle Halstead, director of communications & government affairs

Subject: 2015 General Assembly Week 6 Legislative Report

Date: March 2, 2015

With a Monday snow day, last week was a busy day at the state capitol as the general assembly sought to catch up before legislative deadlines. There were several bills that received their first committee hearing, including many the City and Colorado Municipal League opposed. Both HB 15-059 (regarding the use of unmanned aerial systems by law enforcement) and SB 15-006 (regarding civil asset forfeiture) were postponed indefinitely in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 15-1197, which limits the way municipalities can use “duty to defend” clauses in their public works contracts, was unanimously approved by the committee following testimony from architecture and engineering firms that claims they cannot secure insurance to cover “duty to defend” requirements. We oppose shifting the burden to defend against lawsuits to the municipality as the use of this clause is common and retaining our ability to keep it in the mix during contract negotiations is important. This bill is expected to come before the full House for a vote the week of March 9.

HB 15-1098, which would prohibit municipal use of red light camera and photo speed radar, passed House Transportation Committee last week and was sent to House Appropriations. Law enforcement officials from the nine municipalities – including Commerce City – testified at the committee hearing and shared statistics showing fewer traffic accidents and reduced violations resulting from photo enforcement. They were joined in opposition by citizen groups and Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey.

CML’s legislation sponsored by Rep. Jonathan Singer that allows local input into on-premise salesrooms for distilleries, wineries, and breweries passed its first committee unanimously. The bill has the support of the Brewers Guild, Distillers Guild, Colorado Restaurant Association, and the Tavern League of Colorado

To date, 427 have been introduced; the Commerce City is actively tracking approximately 67 bills for possible direct or indirect impacts on the city, its employees, businesses and residents.



MEMO CONTINUED

Learn more about monitored legislation [online](#), including summaries and full text of the bill. Summaries of key bills, ordered by city council's priority areas, are listed below. The city's position, consistent with its [approved legislative principles](#), is in parentheses. Thanks to the [Colorado Municipal League](#), [Axiom Strategies](#) and other cited media sources for providing legislative information.

SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **Owner-Occupied, Multifamily Housing:** SB 15-177 was introduced Feb. 10 and has yet to be calendared. The city will need a council member to testify on this bill when it is heard in committee.
- **Urban Renewal & Tax Increment Financing:** SB 15-135 passed out of committee 6-1 on Feb. 10. During committee, the sponsors stated their willingness to have a meeting among the parties to consider amendments and those have been ongoing with stakeholders.

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

- **HB 15-1007, County Special Marijuana Sales Tax (Formerly Opposed)**

The house committee adopted the bill with an amendment that clarifies that counties can collect county special sales taxes only from businesses in unincorporated areas, unless the city and the county establish an IGA. This is consistent with the spirit and intent of Amendment 64 as implemented by HB 13-1318 - and is absolutely necessary to prevent double-taxation and tax inequity. An IGA is the only way counties would be able to collect a tax from a business in a municipality, since the county lacks any business relationship with municipal businesses.

While the City and CML supports the legislation with the amendment, we will oppose the legislation without it for reasons that go beyond marijuana taxation. Establishing a precedent of allowing any county special sales tax to encroach on municipal businesses without any intergovernmental agreement is not a tax policy for Colorado that CML can ever support. Local governments should tax what they license and work with each other on addressing local impacts. However, the bill is now stalled on the House 2nd reading calendar.

Please contact Michelle Halstead at 303-289-3719 or mhalstead@c3gov.com with questions on these or any other legislative issues.



City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
March 2, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION	15-04	Quality Community Foundation Grant Awards	FD	0:15
	15-12	GFOA Award Recognition	FD	0:10
CONSENT	1998	Grant Recognition - CDBG Sidewalk Repair & Replacement - \$166,670 (1st Reading February 2)	FD	0:05
	Ord 2044	Ordinance authorizing the refunding of the 2005 and 2006 bonds, series 2015 (1st Reading February 2)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2045	Grant Recognition - CDOT DUI - \$8,500 (1st Reading February 2)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2046	An ordinance amending the commerce city revised municipal code regarding the commerce city liquor authority (1st Reading February 2)	CA	n/a
	AN-231-14-15	An Ordinance Amending the Legal Description To Ordinance AN-231-14 Regarding Property Located at 10730 Potomac Street (1st reading Feb 2)	CD	n/a
	Res 2015-15	Approving Grant of Easement to South Adams County Water and Sanitation District	PR&G	n/a
	Res 2015-16	Boards and commissions Reappointments	CCO	n/a
PUB HEARING	Z-915-15	Os Rosemary LLC; Rezone from I-1 to I-2; 8350 Rosemary St. (2nd reading Apr 6)	CD	0:15
	Z-918-15	J. Connie McWhirt; Rezone from I-2 to R-2; 5360 Monaco St. (2nd reading Apr 6)	CD	0:45
RESOLUTION	Res 2015-14	Adoption of Youth Master Plan	COMM	0:15
	Res 2015-04	Resolution to Approve an IGA with CDOT for the Highway 2 Devolution RAMP Program	PW	0:20
ORD 1ST READING	Ord 2004	Safe routes to school grant (2nd reading Apr 6)	FD	0:05
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	3:25
March 9, 2015		Cancelled - NLC		
March 16, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PRESENTATION	15-119	Cub Scout Pack 607, presentation of Colors	CMO	0:15
PROC & RECOGNITION	15-05	Proclamation recognizing John Howard's service to Commerce City	CM	0:10
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING	Z-911-15	D&L Leasing; annexation zoning to Commerce City C-3 ;10655 E. 120th Court (2nd reading April 6)	CD	0:15
	AN-233-15	An ordinance approving Annexation AN-233-15 (2nd reading April 6)	CD	0:05
RESOLUTION	Res 2015-09	Resolution making findings of fact for AN-233-15	CD	0:05
ORD 1ST READING				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	2:05
March 16, 2015				
URA MEETING		Call to Order, Roll Call, Minutes	CMO	0:05
			Total Meeting Time	0:05
March 16, 2015				
NIGID MEETING		Call to Order, Roll Call, Minutes	CMO	0:05
PUBLIC HEARING	Ord NIGID 157	Lotis Short Inclusion Ordinance (2nd reading April 6)	CD	0:15
			Total Meeting Time	0:20

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
March 23, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION	15-70	Council Retreat Update	CMO	0:30
	15-80	Tower Road Lighting and Landscaping Review	PW	0:30
	15-81	Flashing Yellow Arrows Implementation	PW	0:30
	15-85	Noxious/Common Weeds	CD	0:30
	15-110	IGA - Brighton and Commerce City establishing a Shared Special Weapons and Tactics Team	PD	
	15-112	Ice Cream Trucks	PD	
	15-113	Benefits for Variable Hour Employees (Part-Time)	HR	0:45
		Total Meeting Time		3:00
March 30, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
		Total Meeting Time		0:15
April 6, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION	15-13	Recognition of Commerce City's Nominees for Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards	PR&G	0:15
	15-06	Child Abuse Prevention Month	COMM	0:05
CONSENT	AN-233-15	An ordinance approving Annexation AN-233-15 (1st reading March 16)	CD	0:05
	Ord 2004	Safe routes to school grant (1st reading Mar 2)	FD	n/a
	Z-915-15	Os Rosemary LLC; Rezone from I-1 to I-2; 8350 Rosemary St. (1st reading March 2)	CD	n/a
	Z-918-15	J. Connie McWhirt; Rezone from I-2 to R-2; 5360 Monaco St. (1st reading March 2)	CD	n/a
	Z-911-15	D&L Leasing; annexation zoning to Commerce City C-3 ;10655 E. 120th Court (1st reading March 16)	CD	n/a
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
		Total Meeting Time		1:40
April 6, 2015				
NIGID MEETING		Call to Order, Roll Call, Minutes	CMO	0:05
CONSENT	Ord NIGID 157	Lotis Short Inclusion Ordinance (1st reading March 16)	CD	0:05
		Total Meeting Time		0:10
April 13, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
		Total Meeting Time		0:15
April 20, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
		Total Meeting Time		1:15

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
April 27, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION	15-86	5 Year CIPP	CMO	1:00
	15-114	Buffalo Run Golf Course Presentation	PR&G	1:00
	15-115	Youth Sports Presentation	PR&G	1:00
		Total Meeting Time		3:15
May 4, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION	15-04	Proclamation declaring May 10 - 16, 2015 as Commerce City Police Week	PD	0:10
	15-07	Kids Park Day	COMM	0:05
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION	15-87	Capital Program Update	CMO	0:30
	15-89	2015 1st Quarter Work Plan Update	CMO	0:30
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
		Total Meeting Time		2:30
May 11, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION	15-131	2014 Comprehensive Plan Indicators Report	CD	0:30
		Total Meeting Time		0:45
May 18, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION	15-03	Proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2015, as Commerce City Public Works Week	PW	0:10
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
		Total Meeting Time		1:25
May 25, 2015	No Meeting - Memorial Day			
June 1, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION	Proc 15-02	Recognition of Memorial Day Parade winners	COMM	0:15
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
		Total Meeting Time		1:30

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
June 8, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
			Total Meeting Time	0:15
June 15, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION	15-99	ED Update	ED	0:30
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	1:45
June 22, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
			Total Meeting Time	0:15
July 6, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	1:15
July 13, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
			Total Meeting Time	0:15
July 20, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	1:15
July 27, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
			Total Meeting Time	0:15

City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
August 3, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION	15-88	2015 2nd Quarter Work Plan Update	CMO	0:30
	15-90	Capital Program Update	CMO	0:30
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	2:15
August 10, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
			Total Meeting Time	0:15
August 17, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	1:15
August 24, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION	15-93	Annual Budget Retreat	CMO	4:00
			Total Meeting Time	4:15
September 7, 2015	No Meeting - Labor Day			
September 14, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
			Total Meeting Time	0:15
September 21, 2015				
REGULAR		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
PROC & RECOGNITION				
CONSENT				
PUB HEARING				
RESOLUTION				
ORD 1ST READING				
PRESENTATION				
ADMIN BUSINESS				0:15
			Total Meeting Time	1:15
September 28, 2015				
STUDY SESSION		Reports	CMO	0:15
DISCUSSION				
			Total Meeting Time	0:15