



City of Woodland Park

March 10, 2025 at 10:30 AM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The time being 10:30 AM, Mayor Case called the City Council Special Meeting to order. The following Councilmembers were in attendance: Mayor Case, Mayor Pro-tem Nakai, Councilmember Baldwin, Councilmember Geer, Councilmember Harvey, Councilmembers Jones and Councilmember Smith.

The following Staff were in attendance: City Manager Vassalotti, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq, City Attorney Wiley, Utilities Director Wiley, Operations Manager Felts, Chief of Police Deisler, IT Technician Barnes, and Communications Manager Higginbotham.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (1)

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Public comment may be heard)

- A. Approval of Emergency Ordinance 1493, Series 2025, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO, REPEALING THE PORTION OF THE CITY SALES TAX THAT SUPPORTS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THEREBY REDUCING THE CITY SALES TAX BY 1.09%.
(Presenter City attorney Geoff Wilson)

Mayor Case announced that the Council would be moving into Executive Session and asked for a motion. The following motion was made.

Motion: to move into Executive Session pursuant to subsection C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b): Conference with the City attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(I): Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations. Additional details: Discussion with attorney re: parliamentary and other issues, and potential negotiation positions. Nakai/Geer.

Mayor Case called the Executive Session to order at 10:39 AQM with the following individuals in attendance: Mayor Case, Mayor Pro-tem Nakai, Councilmember Harvey, Councilmember Geer, Councilmember Baldwin, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Smith, City Manager Vassalotti, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq and City Attorney Wilson.

The recorder was turned on.

The Executive Session concluded at 11:06 and Mayor Case reopened the Public Meeting at 11:08 with the following announcement.

The time is now 11:08 AM and the Executive Session has concluded. Will all participants in the executive session please state their names for the records? The following individuals stated their names; Mayor Case, Mayor Pro-tem Nakai, Councilmember Harvey, Councilmember Geer, Councilmember Bladwin, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Smith, City Manager Vassalotti, deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq and City Attorney Wilson.

Mayor Case continued with her announcing stating if any person who participated in the Executive Session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I ask that you state your concerns now.

Mayor Case shared that she'd like to give a brief update on what was discussed in the Executive Session; Case shared that the Council discussed various options for negotiation or other council action this morning, as well as related parliamentary matters with our attorney.

Mayor Case opened the Public Comment portion of the public hearing and the following individuals spoke:

Laura Gordon
Jeralee Gonzalez (via zoom)
Mary Sekowski
Erin O'Connell
Dana Kramer
Lorraine Merl
Stephanie Merl
Kelly Hunsaker
Patty Schad
Shawn Maddox
Nicole Brauchi
Brian Bosse
Seth Bryant
Denise Ackart
Tim Seeker
Gail gerig
Kathryn Dombrowki
Nicole Waggoner
Logan Ruths
David Rusterholta
Mike Perini
Colton Montgomery
Jameson Dion (via zoom)
Amy Jones
Bruce Krofron
Amy Wolin

Mick Bates
Paul Saunier

Following the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public meeting, Mayor Case closed the public comment portion and asked for Council discussion.

The entire Council, including the Mayor, voiced their concerns and frustrations with the school tax and shared that they felt that they could no longer trust the School Board to administer this tax.

Mayor Pro-tem asked for some technical amendments to be made to the ordinance and a motion to accept the amendments was made.

Motion: to accept the technical amendments to Ordinance No. 1493, Series 2025. Nakai/Geer. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 1493, Series 2025 an Ordinance of the City Council of Woodland Park, Colorado repealing the portion of the City Sales Tax that supports the School District, thereby reducing the City Sales Tax by 1.09% as amended. Geer/Smith. Motion carried 7-0.

6. REPORTS

(Public comment not necessary)

A. Mayor's Report

None.

B. Council Reports

None.

C. City Attorney's Report

None.

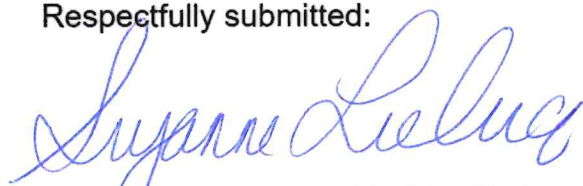
D. City Manager's Report

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further City business, Mayor Case adjourned the Special City Council Meeting at 12:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Suzanne Leclercq MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF April, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kellie Case". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kellie" and the last name "Case" clearly distinguishable.

Kellie Case, Mayor