



City Council 101

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Denver City Charter

Home rule municipality

- Affords certain autonomy from state
- Non-home rule municipalities can only have specific power enumerated to them by the state

Powers outlined in Article III, Part 2

- Ordinances
- Zoning/plats
- Appropriations
- Contracts
- Temporary permits
- Referred measures

Council Powers

Ordinances

- Make laws, impose fines*

Zoning

- Quasi-judicial authority on land use

Appropriations

- Budget and appropriation bills

Contracts

- \$500k threshold

Temporary permits

- Encumbrances in to the public domain

Referred measures

- Allows the electorate to decide

Strong Mayor Form of Government

Specific Administrative powers enumerated in Charter
Council cannot supersede charter authority

- EG Right of Way

Most of the city run by Administrative agencies

Airport Enterprise

Other enterprise funds

City-ish organizations

Council structure

11 Districts, 2 at large

<https://www.denvergov.org/maps/map/councildistricts>

By Charter, meets 48 week per annum

Council abides their own rules

Three term limit, 50% threshold to avoid run-off

Offices run autonomously

Aides hired by Councilmember

Council Organization

President elected each July – two years by tradition

President decides the committee structure and chairs

Most legislation is generated by the administration

Consent / committee hearing

Public Comment in Committee

4-week process typically

President is ex officio to all committees

Council Meetings

Public Comment at 5:00 PM

Gavel-in at 5:30

Public hearings cannot start before 6 PM

Courtesy/required public hearing

Council power to introduce on the floor



Land Use, Infrastructure, and Transportation

Tuesdays at 10:30a – 12:00p

LUTI Membership

- Chair – Councilmember Chris Herndon, CD8
- Vice Chair – Councilmember Amanda Sandoval, CD1

- Kendra Black, CD4
- Candi CdeBaca, CD9
- Paul Kashmann, CD6
- Jamie Torres, CD3
- Stacie Gilmore, CD11

LUTI Topics

- Community Planning and Development
- Department of Public Works
- Denver Parks & Recreation
- Denver Water
- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Denver Regional Council of Governments
- Regional Transportation District



Finance and Governance

Tuesdays at 1:30p – 3:00p

FinGov Membership

- Chair – Councilmember Kendra Black, CD4
- Vice Chair – Councilmember Robin Kniech, At-large
- Chris Hinds, CD10
- Jolon Clark, CD7
- Debbie Ortega, At-large
- Candi CdeBaca, CD9
- Stacie Gilmore, CD11

FinGov Topics

- Dept. of Finance
- General Services
- City Auditor
- Denver Clerk and Recorder
- Technology Services

- City Attorney's Office
- City lobbyists and lobbying team
- Office of Human Resources
- Denver Employees Retirement Program
- Board of Ethics
- Marijuana Policy



Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

Wednesdays at 10:30a – 12:00p

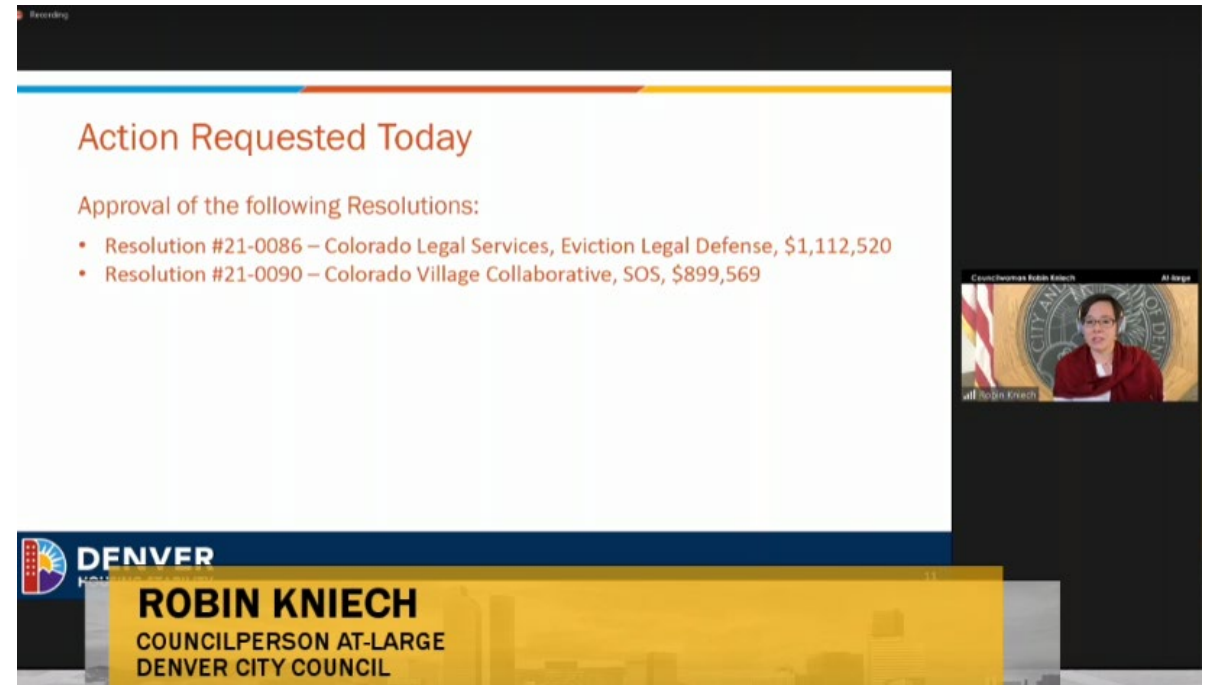
Safety Membership

- Chair – Councilmember Paul Kashmann, CD6
- Vice Chair – Councilmember Jaime Torres, CD3
- CM Robin Kniech, At-large
- CM Amanda Sandoval, CD1
- CM Kevin Flynn, CD2
- CM Amanda Sawyer, CD5
- CP Stacie Gilmore, CD11

Safety Topics

- Dept. of Safety
- Denver District Attorney
- Denver Human Services
- Denver Public Library
- Dept. of Public Health and Environment
- Denver Health & Hospital Authority
- Office of Children's Affairs
- Office of the Independent Monitor
- Denver Municipal Courts
- Office of Human Rights and Community Partnerships

- Typically receives agency briefings
- Currently receiving a lot of briefings on affordable housing and homeless services
- COVID-related action items and contracts



Recording

Action Requested Today

Approval of the following Resolutions:

- Resolution #21-0086 – Colorado Legal Services, Eviction Legal Defense, \$1,112,520
- Resolution #21-0090 – Colorado Village Collaborative, SOS, \$899,569

Councilperson Robin Kniech At Large

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ROBIN KNIECH
COUNCILPERSON AT-LARGE
DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Business, Arts, Workforce & Aviation Services (BIZ) Committee

Wednesdays at 1:30p – 3:00p

Biz Membership

- Chair – Councilmember Kevin Flynn, CD2
- Vice Chair – Councilmember Chris Hinds, CD10
- CM Debbie Ortega, At-large
- CM Amanda Sawyer, CD5
- CM Jolon Clark, CD7
- CM Chris Herndon, CD8

Biz Topics

- Denver International Airport
- Department of Excise & Licenses
- Arts & Venues
- Office of Sustainability
- Office of Economic Development

- Visit Denver
- Downtown Denver Partnership
- Scientific & Cultural Facilities District
- Denver Art Museum
- Denver Botanic Gardens
- Denver Zoo
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Recent Biz Legislation



- Great Hall
- Flagship Airport Services contract
- Airline use and lease agreements



DENVER
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

- Denver Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs
- Flyway Project - Montbello



DENVER
ARTS & VENUES

- Convention Center expansion project
- Convention Center medical facility
- DCPA Rent Abatement



DENVER
EXCISE & LICENSES

- Short Term Rentals



Budget and Policy Committee

Thursdays at 9:30a – 11:00a

Budget & Policy Committee

- Committee of the Whole

- Chair - Council President Stacie Gilmore, CD11
- Vice Chair – Councilmember Jamie Torres, CD3

- Purpose of the Committee

- Ensure CMs are briefed on short-term and long-term budget planning.
- Receive status updates from various city agencies.
- Discuss and evaluate Council policy priorities.