



SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARVADA CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 19, 2026

1. Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.
2. Moment of Reflection and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Councilmembers

Those Present: Mayor Lauren Simpson, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Moorman, Councilmember Shawna Ambrose, Councilmember Sharon Davis, Councilmember Bob Fifer, Councilmember Michael Griffith, Councilmember Rebecka Lovisone.

Councilmember Fifer moved to excuse Councilmember Griffith from the meeting.

Also Present: Don Wick, City Manager, Rachel Morris, City Attorney, Linda Haley, Deputy City Manager, Bryan Archer, Chief Financial Officer, Jacqueline Rhoades, Director of Infrastructure, Jessica Garner, Director of Community and Economic Development, Jessie Bauters, Communications Manager, Department of Community and Economic Development and Kristen Rush, City Clerk.

4. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2026 and May 5, 2026

The minutes stand approved.

5. Recognition and Communication

- A. Recognition of Deborah Pearson for Design Review Committee

Councilmember Ambrose read the recognition and said that tonight we recognize Deborah Pearson for her years of service to the Design Review Committee. As an advisory committee to the City Council, the Design Review Advisory Committee (DRC) reviews applications for land use activities within the Olde Town Zoning District to ensure compliance with the Design Guidelines for Olde Town Arvada. The Committee also provides input on updates and refinements to the Design Guidelines as needed. Membership is intended to reflect a range of expertise, including history, architecture, landscape architecture, architectural history, and prehistoric or historic archaeology, as well as a strong interest in the character and preservation of Olde Town Arvada.

Ms. Pearson was re-appointed to the Committee in 2013 as an Olde Town Resident Representative after already serving terms previously. Ms. Pearson was one of the original community members that worked with staff to create the Olde Town Guidelines. She has shown her love for Olde Town through dedication, years of service and thoughtful discussions about developments.

- B. Recognition of Steven Hannan for Planning Commission

Councilmember Griffith read the proclamation and said that tonight, we proudly recognize Steven Hannan for his remarkable and dedicated service to the Arvada Planning Commission. The Planning Commission serves as a vital advisory body to the City Council, carefully reviewing annexations, rezonings, subdivisions, planned unit developments, and shaping the long-range vision for our community. The work of this Commission directly influences the growth, character, and future of the City of Arvada.

Mr. Hannan served with distinction on the Planning Commission for 13 years, from April 2013 to April 2026. During that time, he thoughtfully reviewed countless development proposals and played an integral role in guiding the evolution of our city. His contributions have left a lasting imprint, and he can truly take pride in helping shape Arvada's future.

His commitment was not only measured in years, but in consistency and reliability. With an outstanding 91% attendance rate over the past five years, Mr. Hannan demonstrated a deep sense of responsibility and dedication. Staff and fellow commissioners alike knew they could depend on him not just to be present, but to engage thoughtfully and contribute meaningfully to every discussion.

Among the many impactful efforts he helped guide are several notable projects and initiatives, including the Comprehensive Plan Update in 2014, the Walmart development, the Arvada Triangle Redevelopment, the Candelas Master Plan, the Whisper Creek Final Development Plan, multiple fire and police stations, the Apex Field House, the Hilton Garden Inn, Olde Town Residences, and the Land Development Code rewrite in 2020.

For 13 years, Mr. Hannan has brought leadership, insight, and a genuine passion for public service to every Planning Commission meeting. His dedication to both the Commission and the Arvada community has been extraordinary. We extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. Hannan for his years of service, his thoughtful leadership, and his lasting contributions to the City of Arvada.

C. Recognition of Cheryl Cheney for Building Code Advisory Board

Councilmember Davis read the recognition and said that Tonight we recognize Cheryl Cheney for her years of service to the Arvada Building Code Advisory Board, which serves as an advisory body to the City Council. The Building Code Advisory Board plays a vital role in supporting the integrity of the community's built environment. Its duties include advising the Building Official on the adoption of ordinances affecting buildings, building regulations, and other related matters. The Board also hears and decides appeals regarding written interpretations, decisions, notices, or orders issued by the Building Official, as well as written disapproval of requests for alternate materials, designs, or methods of construction.

Over the course of Ms. Cheney's tenure, she brought her expertise in the building world, professionalism, to our meetings in an effort to advance safe and effective building practices within the community. During this time, Ms. Cheney has contributed to the review of two major building code updates, helping ensure that adopted regulations reflect current standards, safety considerations, and industry best practices. In addition, the member has thoughtfully participated in the review and decision-making process of one appeals case, applying sound judgment and expertise to support fair and consistent outcomes.

D. Recognition of Cyndi Stovall, Terri Binder & Jon Girand for Transportation Committee

Councilmember Fifer read the recognition and said that tonight we recognize Cheryl Cheney for her years of service to the Arvada Building Code Advisory Board, which serves as an advisory body to the City Council. The Building Code Advisory Board plays a vital role in supporting the integrity of the community's built environment. Its duties include advising the Building Official on the adoption of ordinances affecting buildings, building regulations, and other related matters. The Board also hears and decides appeals regarding written interpretations, decisions, notices, or orders issued by the Building Official, as well as written disapproval of requests for alternate materials, designs, or methods of construction.

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E. Proclamation for National Preservation Month

Mayor Pro Tem Moorman read the proclamation and said that City Council proclaims the month of May 2026 as National Preservation Month. A representative from the Arvada Historical Society was present to accept the proclamation.

F. Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Councilmember Lovisone read the proclamation and said that City Council proclaims June 5, 2026 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Bradford St. Matthew, representing Be SMART, Moms Demand, Action, Colorado Ceasefire, Brady United, Giffords Gun Owners for Safety, and CFCU (Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence) were present to accept the proclamation.

6. Presentation –

A. 2026 State Legislative Session Wrap-Up

Bowditch and Cassell Public Affairs, the city's contracted lobbyists, provided a summary of the 2026 legislative session. The summary included an overview of legislation passed and failed and the impact on local government. It also included the overall themes of the session along with state-wide budget decisions. Also, the results of Arvada's positions and how our delegated state representatives and senators voted. The presentation concluded with what to expect in this year's upcoming election and next year's session.

The City of Arvada, in partnership with Bowditch and Cassell, said that they are committed to advocating for our community and organization's best interests during each state legislative session. Part of that commitment includes this end-of-session summary. This will help inform the City Council and our community of our current efforts along with intended plans for the next legislative session.

7. Public Comment

- A. Beverly Ely, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Climate and Sustainability Action Plan.
- B. Mike Rawluk, Golden resident, addressed council regarding data centers.
- C. Mike Schwitzer, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding data centers.
- D. Lynn Clemens, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding McIntyre Street speed limit sign.
- E. Hali Fieldman, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Climate and Sustainability Action Plan.
- F. Jessica Caoutte, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding Frontline Farming.
- G. Robert Slay, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the request for reconsideration for Avalon.
- H. Charles Grant Walker, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Climate and Sustainability Action Plan.
- I. Prakash Manley, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Climate and Sustainability Action Plan.
- J. Ted Smith, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding road conditions.
- K. Kristen Gerace, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use Permit public hearing.
- L. Ken Powell, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding Highway 72 and Hallet Drive
- M. Curt Gilman, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding Frontline Farming.
- N. Alena Weiher, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use Permit.
- O. Reid Bicknel, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use
- P. Pam Durkee, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use Permit
- Q. Patty Shannon, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use Permit.
- R. Alisa Chase, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use Permit.
- S. Mark Breese, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use Permit.
- T. Joanne Clevette, Arada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use Permit.
- U. Chuck Schultz, Arvada resident, addressed council regarding the Avalon Conditional Use Permit.

8. New Business

A. Consent Agenda –

- 1. R26-037 A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Arvada and Brannan Construction Company for Construction Services Related to the Pomona Water Main Replacement Project, Project No. 26-WA-01, in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,074,469.00
- 2. R26-038 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Arvada and the City of Westminster for Waterline Improvements in Connection with the City of Arvada's North Trunk Sewer Improvements – Sheridan & 76th – Project No. 23-SR-03
- 3. R26-039 A Resolution Granting a Non-Exclusive Public Utility Easement to the Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel Energy) to Service Utility

Lines and Related Fixtures and Devices at 6901 Wadsworth Blvd,
Arvada CO 80003

Councilmember Fifer moved that R26-037, A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Arvada and Brannan Construction Company for Construction Services Related to the Pomona Water Main Replacement Project, Project No. 26-WA-01, in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,074,469.00; R26-038, A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Arvada and the City of Westminster for Waterline Improvements in Connection with the City of Arvada's North Trunk Sewer Improvements – Sheridan & 76th – Project No. 23-SR-03; R26-039, A Resolution Granting a Non-Exclusive Public Utility Easement to the Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel Energy) to Service Utility Lines and Related Fixtures and Devices at 6901 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada CO 80003, be approved.

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Simpson, Moorman, Ambrose, Davis, Fifer, Griffith, Lovisone
The Motion was Approved

B. Resolutions –

1. R26-040 A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Arvada, Arvada Fire Protection District, and City of Golden for the Use of a Co-Responder & Mental Health Case Management System provided by the company "Julota"

Padraic Emerine, Senior Assistant City Attorney reviewed this resolution with council

Councilmember Davis moved that R26-040, A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Arvada, Arvada Fire Protection District, and City of Golden for the Use of a Co-Responder & Mental Health Case Management System provided by the company "Julota", be approved.

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Simpson, Moorman, Ambrose, Davis, Fifer, Griffith, Lovisone
The Motion was Approved

2. R26-041 A Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment #7 to a State of Colorado Behavioral Health Administration Contract #23 IBEH 174364 to Provide Grant Funding to the City for the Arvada Police Department CO-Responder Program

Padraic Emerine, Sr. Asst. City Attorney, reviewed this resolution with council.

Councilmember Lovisone moved that R26-041, A Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment #7 to a State of Colorado Behavioral Health Administration Contract #23 IBEH 174364 to Provide Grant Funding to the City for the Arvada Police Department CO-Responder Program, be approved.

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Simpson, Moorman, Ambrose, Davis, Fifer, Griffith, Lovisone
The Motion was Approved

C. Ordinances (First Reading) -

1. CB26-018 An Ordinance Amending Section 102-182, Water Surcharges, of Chapter 102, Utilities, of the Arvada City Code (Public Hearing to be set for June 16, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.)
2. PROJECT: Barber-Nichols Plant Expansion #2, for an Annexation and a Rezoning. A 1.793 Acre Parcel of Land approximately located at 6290 W 56th Ave
 - A. CB26-019 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Land into the City of Arvada, Barber Nichols Plant Expansion #2, a 1.793 Acre Parcel of Land Located 6290 W 56th Ave, in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado (Public hearing set for June 16, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.)
 - B. CB26-020 An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Land within the City of Arvada, Barber Nichols Plant Expansion #2, from Jefferson County R-2 to City of Arvada IL (Light Industrial) and Amending the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Arvada, Colorado, a 1.793 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 6290 W 56th Ave, in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado (Public Hearing to be set for June 16, 2026 at 6:15 P.M.)

Mayor Pro Tem Moorman moved that CB26-018, An Ordinance Amending Section 102-182, Water Surcharges, of Chapter 102, Utilities, of the Arvada City; CB26-019, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Land into the City of Arvada, Barber Nichols Plant Expansion #2, a 1.793 Acre Parcel of Land Located 6290 W 56th Ave, in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado; CB26-020, An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Land within the City of Arvada, Barber Nichols Plant Expansion #2, from Jefferson County R-2 to City of Arvada IL (Light Industrial) and Amending the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Arvada, Colorado, a 1.793 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 6290 W 56th Ave, in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, be approved on first reading, ordered published in full and a public hearing set for June 16, 2026, at 6:15 p.m.

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Simpson, Moorman, Ambrose, Davis, Fifer, Griffith, Lovisone
The Motion was Approved

9. Other -

- A. Appointment to the Metro Water Recovery Board of Directors B. Appointment to Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Fifer moved to appoint Craig Kocian to the Metro Water Recovery Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028.

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Simpson, Moorman, Ambrose, Davis, Fifer, Griffith, Lovisone
The Motion was Approved

B. Appointment to Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Lovisone moved to Appoint Debra Putsay to the Housing Advisory Committee for an unexpired term ending 4/30/2027.

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Simpson, Moorman, Ambrose, Davis, Fifer, Griffith, Lovisone

The Motion was Approved

10. Public Hearings –

A. PROJECT: Candelas Parcels 1-2, 1-5, and 1-6 Rezoning, generally located at the northeast intersection of Highway 72 and Highway 93 (TO BE CONTINUED TO JULY 7, 2026)

1. CB26-012, An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Land Within the City of Arvada, Candelas Parcel 1-2, from City of Arvada PUD (Planned Unit Development) to City of Arvada R-24 (Residential 24) and Arvada CG (Commercial General), and Amending the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Arvada, Colorado (Ordinance No. 4928) (Presenter: Rob Smetana, Planning Manager) (TO BE CONTINUED TO JULY 7, 2026)
2. CB26-013 An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Land Within the City of Arvada, Candelas Parcel 1-5, from City of Arvada PUD (Planned Unit Development) to City of Arvada R-13 (Residential 13), and Amending the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Arvada, Colorado, a 26.68 Acre Parcel of Land Located at the Northeast Corner of the Intersection of Highway 72 and Highway 93 (Ordinance No. 4929) (Presenter: Rob Smetana, Planning Manager) (TO BE CONTINUED TO JULY 7, 2026)

Mayor Simpson opened the public hearing on CB26-012 and CB26-013.

Councilmember Fifer moved that CB26-012, An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Land Within the City of Arvada, Candelas Parcel 1-2, from City of Arvada PUD (Planned Unit Development) to City of Arvada R-24 (Residential 24) and Arvada CG (Commercial General), and Amending the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Arvada, Colorado, be continued to July 7, 2026.

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Simpson, Moorman, Ambrose, Davis, Fifer, Griffith, Lovisone

The Motion was Approved

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Colorado, a 26.68 Acre Parcel of Land Located at the Northeast Corner of the Intersection of Highway 72 and Highway 93, be continued to July 7, 2026

The following votes were cast on the Motion:

Those voting Yes: Simpson, Moorman, Ambrose, Davis, Fifer, Griffith, Lovisone
The Motion was Approved

11. Other - None
12. Public Comment - Five Minute Limit –
13. City Council Reports –
 - A. Mayor Pro Tem Moorman said he will hold his monthly coffee chat on May 22 from 2-4 p.m. at Sweet Bloom Coffee Roasters, 7745 Wadsworth Boulevard.
 - B. Mayor Simpson discussed the Trees across America, Tree Planting Event yesterday at Foster Elementary School.
 - C. Councilmember Griffith congratulated the city team regarding the tree limb drop off event.
14. City Manager Reports –
 - A. Don Wick, City Manager, discussed the tree limb drop off event.
 - B. Mr. Wick reviewed the upcoming study session and workshop schedules.
 - C. Mr. Wick reminded council that the June 2 meeting is cancelled.
15. City Attorney Reports –
 - A. Rachel Morris, City Attorney, discussed the procedure of a possible motion to reconsider Avalon Conditional Use Permit.
16. Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Lauren Simpson, Mayor

SEAL:

Kristen R. Rush, City Clerk