



City of Arvada

City Council Agenda

AUGUST 11, 2026

Councilmembers:

Lauren Simpson, Mayor
Randy Moorman, Mayor Pro-Tem
Shawna Ambrose, District 2
Sharon Davis, At large
Bob Fifer, District 4
Michael P. Griffith, At large
Rebecka Lovisone, District 3

Staff Members Usually Present:

Don Wick, City Manager
Linda Haley, Deputy City Manager
Allison Scheck, Deputy City Manager
Rachel Morris, City Attorney
Jacqueline Rhoades, Director of Infrastructure
Jessica Garner, Director of Community & Econ. Dev.
Bryan Archer, Chief Financial Officer
Gabriella Bommer, Director of Human Resources
Ryan Stevenson, Director of Vibrant Community & Neighborhoods
Rachael Kuroiwa, Director of Communications & Engagement
Ed Brady, Chief of Police
Kristen Rush, City Clerk

Info: 720-898-7550

THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
EXECUTIVE SESSION (If Needed)
5:00 P.M.

WORKSHOPS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of Councilmembers
2. Workshops
 - A. Update to Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan
 - B. Staff Updates
3. Adjournment



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

AGENDA ITEM
2.A.

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Update to Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan

Report in Brief

This workshop will provide City Council with an overview of the Parks Master Plan update process, including a recap of the existing 2016 Parks Master Plan, key findings from the initial gap analysis, and emerging trends impacting parks, recreation, open space, urban forestry, golf, trails, and community amenities. Staff will also present the proposed project timeline, anticipated public engagement approach, and coordination efforts with related City plans and strategic initiatives.

Background

The City of Arvada maintains a Parks and Open Space Master Plan to guide the long-term planning, development, maintenance, and stewardship of the City's parks, trails, open space, and recreation assets. The Master Plan serves as a policy document that establishes priorities for future capital investments, land acquisition, system enhancements, and operational decision-making while ensuring the park system continues to meet the needs of a growing and evolving community.

The current Parks and Open Space Master Plan was adopted by the City Council in 2016. Since its adoption, Arvada has experienced continued residential and commercial growth, evolving recreation trends, changing demographic needs, increased emphasis on environmental sustainability and resilience, and significant investments in the City's park system. In addition, the City is currently updating several guiding documents, including the Comprehensive Plan, creating the need to ensure the Parks and Open Space Master Plan remains aligned with the City's overall vision and strategic priorities.

The proposed Master Plan update will evaluate existing parks, trails, open space, natural resources, and recreation amenities; assess current and future levels of service; identify community needs and priorities; and establish a long-range implementation strategy for future investments. The updated plan will provide a framework for prioritizing capital improvements, improving equitable access to parks and recreation opportunities, enhancing environmental stewardship, and supporting the City's continued growth.

Development of the Master Plan update includes a comprehensive public engagement process involving residents, community organizations, user groups, City advisory boards and commissions, City Council, partner agencies, and City staff. Stakeholder input, technical analysis, and industry best practices will be used to develop recommendations that reflect community values and position the City's parks and open space system to serve future generations.

City Council consideration is requested to authorize the Parks and Open Space Master Plan Update, allowing staff to proceed with the planning process and develop a comprehensive, community-informed master plan that will guide future policy decisions, capital investments, and park system improvements.

Strategic Alignment

The Parks and Open Space Master Plan Update advances the City Council Strategic Result of Quality of Life by establishing a long-term vision for an accessible, inclusive, and sustainable parks, trails, and open space system that enhances the health, well-being, and quality of life of Arvada residents. The Master Plan will provide the policy framework for future capital improvements, land acquisition, resource stewardship, and recreation investments while ensuring the City's park system continues to meet the needs of a growing and changing community in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan.

Next Steps

Staff will continue refining the project scope, engagement strategy, and consultant support framework in preparation for launching the Parks Master Plan update process in 2026. Future updates and engagement opportunities will be brought forward to City Council and advisory bodies as milestones are reached.

Prepared by:
Jermel Stevenson, Director VCN

Reviewed by:

Approved by:

Derrick Kuhl, Deputy Director VCN	07/20/2026
Jermel Stevenson, Director VCN	07/21/2026
Bryan Archer, Chief Financial Officer	07/21/2026
Gail Walker, Legal Specialist-Contracts	07/21/2026
Janelle Strickler, Assistant City Attorney	07/21/2026
Rachel Morris, City Attorney	07/24/2026
Allison Scheck, Deputy City Manager	07/24/2026
Don Wick, City Manager	07/27/2026

Enclosure, exhibits & attachments required to support the report



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM
2.B.

TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Staff Updates

Report in Brief

The purpose of this workshop is for staff to provide City Council with brief updates on projects and issues that do not require a full workshop.

Prepared by:
Chris Koch, CCO Admin

Reviewed by:

Approved by:

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