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AGENDA

MISSION
The City of Durango and our employees provide efficient city services, effectively maintain city assets and manage growth, are accountable, ethical and fiscally responsible, and collaborate with regional partners to improve the quality of life for our entire community.

VISION
Durango is an authentic, diverse, multigenerational, and thriving community. Our residents value and enjoy our unique natural environment and benefit from the management of our city’s resources in a fiscally responsible, environmental, and socially sustainable manner.

VALUES
- Teamwork
- Dependability
- Professionalism
- Service
- Respect
- Innovation
- Well-Being

STRATEGIC GOALS
- Affordability & Economic Opportunity (AEO)
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)
- Effective Infrastructure Network (EIN)
- Enhanced Livability & Sense of Place (ELSP)
- Environmental Sustainability & Resilience (ESR)
- Financial Excellence & High Performing Government (FE)
- Engaged & Collaborative Governance (ECG)

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL AND IN PERSON, DURANGO CITY HALL, SMITH CHAMBERS
05/02/2023
5:30 PM

MAYOR
Melissa Youssef

MAYOR PRO-TEM
Jessika Buell

CITY COUNCILORS
Olivier Bosmans – David Woodruff – Gilda Yazzie

CITY MANAGER
José Madrigal

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
Erin Hyder

MANAGING DIRECTOR
Bob Brammer, Public Safety

CITY ATTORNEY
Mark Morgan

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Devon Schmidt, Acting

CITY CLERK
Faye Harmer

AIRPORT
Tony Vicari, Director

911 COMMUNICATIONS
Zeta Fail, Director

LIBRARY SERVICES
Luke Alvey-Henderson, Director

PARKS AND RECREATION
Ture Nycum, Director

TRANSPORTATION
Sarah Hill, Director

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Justin Carlton, Director

PUBLIC WORKS
Allison Baker, Director

HUMAN RESOURCES
Bonnie Kling, Director

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Scott Shine, Director
Hybrid Meeting Information

This meeting is being held in a Virtual/In Person format based on City of Durango Resolution R 2022-0017 adopted on April 5, 2022 by the Durango City Council.

The link to the virtual meeting is available here:

http://durangogov.org/zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM

2. CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL

3. INTRODUCTION OF TRANSLATOR

4. IDENTIFICATION OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

5. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS 5:45 PM

The City Council enjoys acknowledging those who contribute to and enhance the quality of life in Durango. Citizens may request to have the mayor present a proclamation or nominate exceptional members of the community who deserve special recognition at a City Council meeting only if someone will be present to receive the proclamation or recognition. The mayor will review and determine eligibility of all requests. Recipients will have 5 minutes to share information about the proclamation as well as any actions community members can take to provide support or recognition.

5.1. Proclamation Recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM) 6:00 PM

This section of the agenda is set aside for the public to provide 3 minutes of comments or ask questions regarding items that are not scheduled for a hearing or public testimony or that do not otherwise appear on this agenda. City Council will not respond to questions from the dais. Citizens should address their comments directly to the City Council.

As this is a virtual meeting, the avenues for public participation have been adjusted. (Please refer to the end of the agenda for additional information regarding public comment.) All written comments received by the City Clerk by noon today have been delivered to Council and will be summarized in the meeting minutes.

7. CITY OPERATIONAL UPDATES 6:20 PM

7.1. City Manager Updates

7.2. City Inclusive Entrepreneurship Program Update - AEO

7.3. Operational Update from Visit Durango for 2022 Year in Review

8. REVIEW OF THE CONSENT AGENDA 6:30 PM

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the City Council by a single motion to approve matters that are considered routine or noncontroversial. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an
item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered under Agenda Item 9.

8.1. Approval of Minutes April 17, 2023 City Council La Plata County Commission Joint Study Session

8.2. Approval of Minutes April 18, 2023 City Council Special Meeting

8.3. Approval of Minutes April 18, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting

8.4. Final Reading of Ordinance O-2023-0010 to Adopt an Increase to Durango Fire Protection District Impact Fees

9. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

10. REMOVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS - No Hearings Scheduled

The City Council previously directed staff to publish notice of public hearing for each hearing listed below. The following proposed ordinances, or topics, have been set for public hearing at this meeting. The issues dealt with in this section of the agenda are of a legislative or policy nature.

As this is a virtual meeting, the procedure for public hearings has been adjusted. To contribute to a public hearing, please refer to the instructions under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION above.

11.1. Legislative and Policy-related Hearings:

11.2. Quasi-judicial Hearings:

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - No Items

13. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS 6:45 PM

13.1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Establishment of Board and Commission Interview Teams and Assigning Council Liaisons

13.2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Resolution Supporting the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) 2023 Policy Statement Updates as a Member Community - ESR

13.3. Discussion and Possible Action Approving a Resolution to Amend the 2023 Budget for the Purpose of Budget Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Related to Energy Performance Contract (EPC) Expenses - ESR

14. COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS 7:15 PM

Each Council member is provided an opportunity to report on meetings recently attended and to discuss topics not otherwise appearing on the agenda.

14.1. Board and Commission Council Liaison Reports

14.1.1. Library Advisory Board Meeting April 19, 2023

14.1.2. Multimodal Advisory Board Meeting April 19, 2023

14.1.3. Durango La Plata County Airport Commission April 20, 2023

14.1.4. Creative Economy Commission Meeting April 25, 2023
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:30 PM

15.1. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning a Motion to Convene in Executive Session to Discuss the Purchase, Acquisition, Lease, Sale or Transfer of an Interest in Real Property Located at 1235 Camino Del Rio and 201 East 12th Street (Please See Agenda Document for Full Title)

15.2. Discussion & Possible Action to Convene in Executive Session to Discuss the Purchase, Acquisition, Lease, Sale or Transfer of an Interest in Real Property Located in Downtown Durango Currently Leased to the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (Please See Agenda Document for Full Title)

15.3. Discussion & Possible Action to Convene in Executive Session to Discuss the Purchase, Acquisition, Lease, Sale or Transfer of an Interest in Real Property Located at 1188 E. 2nd Avenue (Carnegie Building) & Buckley Park at 12th Street & Main Street (Please See Agenda Document for Full Title)

16. ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM

NOTE THAT ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATIONS

The public may view the meeting live on Zoom at durangogov.org/zoom or on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/@CityofDurango6512. An email link for public comment is located at DurangoGov.org/meetings at the top of the page as well as on the agenda itself under Public Participation. Comments must be submitted no later than noon on the Monday preceding the meeting. Each email should contain the corresponding agenda item in the subject line of the email if there is one. The sender’s full name and address should be included for the record. If comment by email is not possible, comments may also be placed in the drop box located in front of City Hall no later than noon on the Monday preceding the meeting. All written comments will be provided to the Council for review. Written comments may be read into the record and/or attached to the minutes of the meeting at the direction/discretion of Council. Email comments should be directed to: PublicComment@durangogov.org.

Members of the public who wish to provide verbal comments can use the Virtual Meeting Information at the top of this agenda to join the meeting. Please ensure you have the Zoom app installed on your computer or mobile device prior to the meeting (https://zoom.us/download). The mayor will provide additional details during the meeting when public comment is accepted.
Proclamation

54th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK
April 30 - May 6, 2023

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, ________________, Mayor of ______________________, do recognize the week of April 30 through May 6, 2023, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, ________________________________ and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this ___________________ day of _________________________, 2023

Mayor

Attest: ________________________________
TO: DURANGO CITY COUNCIL
FROM: TOM SLUIS, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL UPDATE FROM VISIT DURANGO

RECOMMENDATION:
None needed; informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:
Visit Durango is the city contractor responsible for allocating 55% of the lodgers’ tax collected for “tourism marketing, including advertising and attracting conferences, conventions and meetings.” Council in January 2021 also set guidelines for allocating the marketing funds between sustainable marketing uses (75% of dollars) and local events marketing (25% of dollars).

Rachel Brown, executive director of Visit Durango, will present an overview of 2022.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:
Financial Excellence and High-Performing Government

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:
n/a

FISCAL IMPACT:
Visit Durango has contracts to provide marketing services and to run the Welcome Center for $1.65 million.

POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS:
n/a

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE:
n/a
Durango City Council
Term of Four Years
(Vote for up to Three)

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**QUESTION 1-A: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE CITY LODGERS’ TAX FROM 2% TO 5.25%.**

(Vote YES or NO)

SHALL CITY OF DURANGO TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN $900,000.00 IN TAX COLLECTION YEAR 2021 AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE CITY LODGERS’ TAX FROM 2% TO 5.25% EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021 AND SHALL THE LODGERS’ TAX REVENUES RECEIVED ANNUALLY BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- 55% for sustainable tourism marketing, including advertising and attracting conferences, conventions, and meetings;
- 20% for transportation and transit services, equipment, and facilities;
- 14% for arts and cultural events, programs and facilities; and
- 11% for any of the above purposes or other purposes related to the impacts of tourism as council may determine;

PROVIDED THAT THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE TAX INCREASE AS PROVIDED IN THIS QUESTION AND MAY ADJUST THE RATE OF THE LODGERS’ TAX FROM TIME TO TIME SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT EXCEED 5.25%?

(Yes/FOR) (No/AGAINST)
LODGERS’ TAX POLICY

Background
In the April 2021 election, the voters of Durango approved an increase in the Lodgers’ Tax from 2% to 5.25% with specific allocations of tax collections and codified in Ordinance O-2021-3 as follows:

2% Administrative Fee with the remaining 98% distributed as indicated below:
- 55% to Sustainable Tourism Marketing, including advertising and attracting conferences, conventions, and meetings
- 20% to Transportation and Transit Services
- 14% to Arts and Cultural Events, Programs and Facilities, and
- 11% to be determined by City Council

Distribution of Proceeds

The intent of this policy is to provide direction on the distribution of funds in compliance with the ballot and ordinance.

Sustainable Tourism Marketing

Any of the 55% of lodgers’ tax dollars collected in excess of contracts for marketing & the welcome center would be held for next year budget. The agencies awarded a marketing contract would have use of the dollars above.

Allocation of marketing (allocation percentages to be reviewed annually):
Split marketing dollars between Sustainable Marketing and Local Event Marketing as follows:
- 75% to Sustainable Marketing – may have multiple recipients
  - Focus on year-round Regenerative Marketing
  - Adding to our community and making it even better
  - Contract for Welcome Center management
- 25% to Local Events Marketing
  - Focus on off-season events that are created/produced by local groups
  - Focus on youth events
  - Possible support for arts & culture events marketing

Transportation and Transit Services

20% for transportation and transit services, equipment, and facilities to be transferred monthly from revenue collected to the Transportation Services Fund.

City Multimodal staff to define actual projects with the Multimodal Advisory Board in line with recommendations below and conform applicable procedures and regulations.
- Transit
  - Traffic impacts
  - Reinstatement of transit routes
• Transportation
  o City wide design of transportation (ADA, pedestrian, and bike connectivity), ideally with various options and through strong community involvement such as detailed survey.
  o Address the missing 5% (refers to missing connectivity links in transportation system)
  o Connectivity outside of city limits including pedestrian and bike connectivity such as Edgemont, Twin Buttes etc. (part of MM Transportation Plan Update)
  o Mobility for FLC students (broader than just access to campus since a large % of FLC students are now living off campus due to high enrollment)

• Equipment and facilities
  o Potential additional equipment for clearing sidewalks and bike paths from gravel and snow during winter

• Out-of-the-box idea
  o Review and improve compatibility of MM projects with PR and CDOT
  o State and Federal grant and funding review and follow up
  o Hire consultant or facilitator to look at all issues including downtown bump outs.

• Already in place programs and comments
  o Small projects list (already exists with 30T budget)
  o Bike racks on buses for more than 2 bikes
  o Electric buses (already in planning for 2030)
  o Existing budget shortfall is funded through 2023

**Arts and Cultural Events, Programs and Facilities**

Arts & Culture definition from the City’s 2017 Comprehensive Plan for “Creative Economy”. An inclusive definition is employed, one that embraces human diversity and ways of life and the different ways people form community, learn, and express themselves. Included are the arts and cultures of Durango celebrated and supported through formal and informal nonprofit and for-profit organizations and individuals. They involve the creative arts, cultural traditions or practices, historical recognition, and scientific exploration and activities related to producing, presenting, learning/teaching, and preserving these forms. They include dance, music, theater, literature, visual arts, film and media arts as well as other forms of creative and cultural expression. Business enterprises in the creative sector also include advertising, architecture, crafts, design, games, fashion, publishing, research and development, software, toys, radio and TV. Additionally, and especially important to the culture of Durango, are activities in which people interact with, experience, celebrate, and steward the natural environment as well as practices and traditions related to production, preparation, and collective enjoyment of food. It is understood that individuals and groups of different ethnic, national, or cultural backgrounds make, experience, and share creative and traditional cultural forms, and explore the sciences differently. The City endeavors to recognize, accommodate, and support them through appropriate and equitable policy choices.

City Council to accept proposals/recommendations from the Creative Economy Commission for spending of the any of the 14% allocation of the lodger’s tax for arts and cultural events, programs, and facilities.
COMPONENTS FOR CEC TO ADDRESS/REMEMBER WHEN BRINGING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO COUNCIL:

1. Respond to challenges and opportunities with recommendations (e.g. municipal matching funds required for grants, ability to partner with an external entity to address DEI goals, partner with developer to fund artists housing and work spaces, etc.)

2. Funding for substantive projects, capital projects, seed money for feasibility studies, etc. we can utilize allocation to leverage additional funds for these projects to align with definition of Arts and Culture in Durango and the Cultural Plan such as:
   a. Goal #2 Expand Art Displayed in Public Spaces and Business Locations
   b. Goal #3 Create and Enhance Performance Venues, Creative Work/Live and Rehearsal Spaces
   c. Goal #7 Advance Civic and Community Dialogue on Creative Matters

3. Funding for local entities that fall into the Arts and Culture definition, enhance Durango’s quality of life, and services needs that our community values.

4. Consider robust, external peer review (volunteer basis) to evaluate and rank proposals and recommendations as needed to avoid potential or perceived conflicts of interests.

5. Financial support for grant writing, either staff member or consultant (within the City or Creative District) is essential. For cross-departmental grants such as “Space to Create” affordable housing grant, City funded as-needed contractor.

6. Cannot make long-term budget commitments that restrict future Councils to past council decisions.

7. Projects can be presented throughout the year for Council to consider allocating funding.

City Council Determination

Lodgers’ Tax collections in this allocation to be used for any of the above purposes or other purposes related to the impacts of tourism as Council may determine.

Appropriations and Fund Balance

In order to preserve fund balance, expenditures in the Lodgers’ Tax Fund shall not exceed the sum of fund balance plus 90% of budgeted revenues in the current year budget in the fund whereby fund balance will maintain a 10% reserve.

Revision History:

Adopted 1/4/2022
Present at this meeting were Mayor Noseworthy, Mayor Pro Tem Youssef, Councilors Baxter, Bosmans and Buell. Present on behalf of the county were Commissioners Church, Salka and Porter-Norton. Also present was Interim City Attorney William Tuthill, City Manager José Madrigal, Assistant City Manager Erin Hyder, Faye Harmer City Clerk and Chuck Stevens, County Manager and the County Attorney.

The Mayor read a personal land acknowledgement.

Discussion Items:

Wildfire and Watershed Protection Fund (WWPF) Update
The Mayor noted that this group was started in 2021 as a collaboration of the City, the Durango Fire Protection District and the County. Mayor Pro Tem Youssef noted that this is a great collaboration; Commissioner Porter-Norton agreed and gave a brief history of the project. Shawna LeGarza of the WWPF gave an update on fire adaptive community plans. Allison Leyman said the main component of resident outreach is education and that approximately 900 acres is set for wildfire mitigation.

Councilor Bosmans asked about Durango Trails and using the trail around the city for firefighter alternate access. Ms. LeGarza noted that grass growth will be high this year allowing for more dry grass fuels. Mayor Pro Tem Youssef asked for a map at the next meeting. Ms. LeGarza noted there are around 17,000 dead end roads in the county. Commissioner Porter-Norton outlined the budget. The Mayor noted that the Executive Team read the book Paradise about fires in smaller towns.

32nd Street and County Road 250-251 Update
Allison Baker, Public Works Director gave an update on this joint project. The Intergovernmental Agreement is being revised by the Interim City Attorney. Some property annexation by the City is included. The Mayor asked Ms. Baker to elaborate on the various modes of transportation included in the design. Ms. Baker noted the bike lanes, pedestrian safety and emergency vehicle access. A roundabout was not included due to the radius needed for fire trucks. The project is slated to start this year and anticipated to be finished by summer of 2024.

Library District Formation Update
Commissioner Church provided some opening comments followed by Mayor Pro Tem Youssef. Luke Alvey-Henderson, Library Director provided an update on this joint project. Any petition for a district question on a ballot would be driven by the County and could not happen until November of 2023 or 2024. The committee does not believe they could be ready by the 2023 date and prefers the 2024 date. Mayor Pro Tem Youssef asked about the size of the issue committee; Mr. Henderson said this would be decided by the committee itself as it determines the amount of outreach needed. Commissioner Norton asked who would set the amount of the mill levy; Mr. Henderson said a lower rate would be more likely to be successful. Ms. Norton also noted that both the City and County need to determine what would be done with the money no longer used for the Library if the district is approved.

Urban Renewal Authority (URA) Update
Scott Shine, Community Development Director, and Tommy Crosby, Business Development Coordinator provided a presentation on the URA midtown and north main gateway projects and thanked the outgoing Councilors for their support for the URA board. The Mayor noted
that the Community Development Department provides in kind donations with staff time. An update on the Animas City Park Overlook project with 22 townhomes, 6 of which are workforce housing, was also provided. Mr. Crosby noted that this project won a statewide award at a URA conference last week.

Commissioner Church noted that more people in the area may encourage more retail in the area. Commissioner Norton clarified how the funding is being distributed.

The Mayor asked about topics for the next meeting and suggested housing, transportation, and water usage. Commissioner Church suggested legislation regarding landfills. Commissioner Salka suggested broadband coverage. Councilor Baxter suggested an update on the senior center and childcare and elder care service data with alternative uses for joint sales tax.

Commissioner Norton thanked the outgoing councilors for their work.

Adjournment
Mayor Noseworthy adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

APPROVED: ____________________________

Barbara Noseworthy Mayor

ATTESTED: ____________________________

Faye Harmer, City Clerk
PROCEDURES
The Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present at this meeting were Mayor Noseworthy, Mayor Pro Tem Youssef and Councilors Baxter, Bosmans and Buell. Also present were City Manager José Madrigal, Assistant City Manager Erin Hyder, Interim City Attorney William Tuthill and Deputy City Clerk Ben Florine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Discussion And Possible Action Concerning A Motion To Convene In Executive Session For The Purpose Of Discussing A Personnel Matter, Specifically The Quarterly Check-In Of Annual Goals For The City Manager As Permitted In C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(F)(I)

State law requires that two-thirds of the quorum present must vote in the affirmative in order to convene in Executive Session.

Councilor Baxter moved to convene in Executive Session for the reason stated above. Councilor Buell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. Passed: For 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

The meeting convened in Executive Session at 2:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:06 p.m.

Council took a break at 3:07 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 4:04 p.m., as the Judge was unavailable until that time.

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State law requires that two-thirds of the quorum present must vote in the affirmative in order to convene in Executive Session. Deputy Clerk called roll again with all of Council present.

Councilor Baxter moved to convene in Executive Session for the reason stated above. Councilor Buell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. Passed: For 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

The meeting convened in Executive Session at 4:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.
APPROVED:

_____________________________  ATTESTED:

Barbara Noseworthy, Mayor  City Clerk
CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Noseworthy at 5:32 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL
Present at this meeting were Mayor Noseworthy, Mayor Pro Tem Youssef and Councilors Baxter, Bosmans and Buell. Also present were City Manager José Madrigal and Interim City Attorney William Tuthill, along with Deputy Clerk Ben Florine.

INTRODUCTION OF TRANSLATOR
Diego Pons of CLC provided translation.

IDENTIFICATION OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
None were identified.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS
Proclamation Recognizing Arbor Week
Mayor Noseworthy read the Arbor Day Proclamation. The presentation was accepted by Matt Besecker, City Arborist. Mr. Besecker gave an overview of the 11,445 trees maintained in Durango and said this proclamation supports the 33 year long standing “Tree City” designation for Durango.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Rick Cobb, city resident spoke regarding the reorganization of boards and commissions. He originally opposed the plan, but after learning about the totality of the plan and the expansion of community engagement, he now looks forward to the change.

John Gamble, city resident spoke in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.

Dick White, city resident and prior Mayor spoke in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.

Sweetie Marbury, city resident and prior Mayor spoke in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.

Christina Rinderle, city resident and prior Mayor spoke in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.

Leigh Meigs, city resident and former Mayor spoke in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.
Ellen Stein, city resident spoke in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.

Spencer Compton, city resident spoke in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.

Dean Brookie, city resident and former Mayor spoke in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.

Tim Thomas, city resident provided a hard copy letter of his comments to Council in opposition to the reorganization of boards and commissions.

REVIEW OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Clerk Ben Florine read the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of Minutes City Council Study Session March 21, 2023
Approval of Minutes City Council Special Meeting March 28, 2023
Approval of Minutes April 4, 2023 City Council Study Session
Approval of Minutes April 4, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting

Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Council Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Housing Solutions of the Southwest Relative to Administration of the City's Housing Program and Rent Restrictions - AEO

Request for a Public Hearing and Acceptance of Annexation Petition Regarding the Elk Grove Annexation, Initial Zoning and Conceptual Planned Development (455 and 589 High Llama Lane) - AEO (June 6, 2023)

Final Reading of Ordinance O 2023 0009 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Purchase Agreement and Other Documents Related Thereto in Connection to the Completion of Energy Performance Improvements for City of Durango Facilities.

Councilor Bosmans asked for the removal of the Housing Solutions item and the final reading of O 2023 0009. Councilor Baxter also asked for removal of the Housing Solutions item.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilor Baxter moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the Discussion of Professional Services with Housing Solutions of the Southwest Relative to Administration of the City's Housing Program and Rent Restrictions - AEO and the Final Reading of Ordinance O 2023 0009. Councilor Bosmans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Passed: For 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

REMOVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilor Bosmans asked several questions of Eva Henson, Housing Innovation Manager regarding the average median income listed in the professional services agreement. Councilor Baxter asked Ms. Henson to clarify the difference between rental and ownership opportunities in the housing program. Ms. Henson had broad answers to the questions and offered to provide specific numbers to Councilor Bosmans after the meeting.

Councilor Bosmans moved to approve the professional services agreement. Councilor Buell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.
Councilor Bosmans asked several questions of Mary Pool, Sustainability Manager regarding the direct construction costs under lease purchase agreement for the Energy Services Performance Contract (EPC). Mr. Pool said that until the definition of direct construction costs is agreed on, that number cannot be provided. Councilor Bosmans also asked about current fund balances and City Manager Madrigal pointed him to the presentation at the previous meeting. Councilor Bosmans indicated that he thought the City had adequate funds to fund the EPC without a lease. City Manager Madrigal noted that the costs associated with the Carnegie building are carved out of the contract pending the future of the building. Mayor Noseworthy noted that these questions had been answered multiple times in previous presentations and that the City does not have $9 million dollars to fund this project without a lease agreement.

Councilor Baxter moved to approve the Final Reading of Ordinance O 2023 0009. Mayor Pro Tem Youssef seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with Councilor Bosmans voting in opposition.

Passed: For 4; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS
Discussion and Possible Action to Repeal the Resolutions Creating the Multimodal, Parks and Recreation, Natural Lands Preservation, Infrastructure Advisory and Strategy & Long-Term Finance Advisory Boards, & Dissolving Said Boards, Effective July 31, 2023

Erin Hyder, Assistant City Manager, Ture Nycum, Parks and Recreation Director and Sarah Hill, Transportation Director provided a presentation on the transition plan to dissolve the above boards and transition to the Finance Advisory Board (FAB).

Mr. Nycum provided a timeline for the launch of the FAB with interviews in May and board orientation in June. He clarified that the FAB will not make recommendations on the Library or Airport as those entities are jointly funded with the County. Ms. Hill provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plan process for 2024. The process includes ranking of projects by current boards and presented to the FAB during orientation. FAB will provide a public input process and provide recommendations to Council by August. A cross functional team involving parks and recreation, transportation, media and others will help guide the community engagement process.

At the request of the Mayor, Ms. Hyder gave a historical view of the entire process starting with the Council retreat early in 2022. Councilor Bosmans suggested that the timeline for CIP discussions may not be long enough. Ms. Hill confirmed that discussions will revolve around the 5-year plan, so discussions won’t include much new information.

Councilor Buell confirmed that 15 boards will remain after this resolution. Mr. Nycum and Allison Baker, Public Works Director, gave examples of when working groups would be used.

Councilor Bosmans reiterated his reasons for voting in opposition to this resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Youssef said Council is trying to make the best decision for the City overall and has listened to all public comments. Youssef said this process is committed to robust and diverse public input and that change is hard for everyone. Mayor Noseworthy thanked Mr. Cobb for taking the time to learn more about the well-intentioned process and agreed with the comments on a more robust engagement structure. Council Baxter said the big challenge is change. Baxter also said this structure has great potential.
Mayor Noseworthy moved to approve Resolution R 2023-0020. Councilor Buell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with Councilor Bosmans voting in opposition.

Passed: For 4; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Councilor Baxter and Mayor Noseworthy made parting comments regarding their tenure on City Council. Both Councilors thanked staff and City Manager Madrigal for their great work and commented on the staff teamwork currently exemplified. Mayor Pro Tem Youssef thanked the outgoing councilors for their work during extremely tough times.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Certification of Election Results - ECG

City Clerk Faye Harmer read the certification of election results as follows:

Gilda Yazzie 2748
Dave Woodruff 2435
Harrison Wendt 2431
Carter Rogers 592
Douglas Snow 253

13,593 ballots were distributed with 4,675 returned for a 34.39% voter turnout.

Councilor Buell moved to approve the certification of election results. Councilor Baxter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Passed: For 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Administration of Oaths of Office - New Councilors

City Clerk Faye Harmer administered the Oaths of Office to Gilda Yazzie and Dave Woodruff.

Council took a break to reset the dais and thank the outgoing Councilors.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CONTINUED

Mayor Pro Tem Youssef thanked the other candidates for participating in the election process and welcomed the new councilors, as did Councilor Bull and Bosmans

Election of Mayor

Councilor Buell moved to appoint Councilor Youssef as Mayor. Councilor Yazzie seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Passed: For 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Youssef moved to appoint Councilor Buell as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilor Bosmans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Passed: For 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Administration of Oaths of Office - Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Deputy Clerk Ben Florine administered the oaths of office to the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.
ROLL CALL/IDENTIFICATION OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Present at the meeting were Mayor Youssef, Mayor Pro Tem Buell and Councilors Bosmans, Woodruff and Yazzie. No conflicts were identified.

CITY OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Library District Operational Update
Luke Alvey- Henderson provided a short update on the “whys” of a library district and how they operate, along with a short history of the discussion. A district would be its own taxing authority and would free up funds for other projects. Mr. Henderson also outlined the petition/ballot process that would be run by the county and a possible timeline which would not likely happen until November 2024. Henderson said there are 12 engaged community members currently interested in participating on the issues committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - No Items

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

First Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt an Increase to Durango Fire Protection District Impact Fees
Durango Fire Chief Hal Doughty provided a short presentation introducing the ordinance. Doughty said the Fire District serves from Coal Bank Pass to Bondad/State Line. Counsel Tuthill indicated this ordinance would be O 2023 0010.

Mayor Pro Tem Buell moved to approve O 2023 10. Councilor Woodruff seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Passed: For 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS - No items

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Board and Commission Council Liaison Reports
Creative Economy Commission Meeting March 28, 2023
Mayor Pro Tem Buell gave a short report on the Creative Economy Commission retreat and their ideas for working groups.

Buell also gave an update on the Alliance meeting she attended on behalf of Councilor Baxter as well as the Regional Housing Alliance meeting she attended. She gave an update on an additional meeting she attended regarding additional preschool opportunities.

Mayor Youssef asked Interim City Attorney Bill Tuthill to make a few comments on his tenure with the city. He said this is a great community with engaged and passionate elected officials and community members. He thanked the City Manager’s office for their assistance. Mr. Tuthill will assist the new city attorney Mark Morgan as long as he is needed for the transition. Council thanked Mr. Tuthill for his work.
ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Youssef adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

APPROVED: ____________________________

ATTESTED: ____________________________

Melissa Youssef, Mayor

City Clerk
ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-0010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-72 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DURANGO FOR THE PURPOSES OF MODIFYING RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL FIRE IMPACT FEES IMPOSED ON DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the provisions of C.R.S. §29-29-104.5 authorize the City to impose an impact fee on as a condition of issuing a development permit to fund expenditures by a fire and emergency services provider that provides fire protection, rescue and emergency services in the new development on capital facilities needed to serve new development; and

WHEREAS, the Durango Fire and Protection District (DFPD) is a fire and emergency services provider under the above referenced statute within the boundaries of its district; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the City Council adopted Ordinance O-2019-23 which allowed for a DFPD Impact Fee to be imposed on new development; and

WHEREAS, the DFPD on April 4, 2023, provided the City with a new DFPD Impact Fee study and schedule which study identifies future capital improvements needed to adequately provide service to new growth and development within areas in the jurisdiction of the City and recommends an increase in fire impact fees necessary to defray such impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Council, following a public hearing, has determined that the DFPD Impact Fee study and schedule presented by the DFPD establishes the reasonable impacts of proposed development on existing capital facilities of the Durango Fire Protection District and finds that the proposed DFPD Impact Fee is at a level no greater than necessary to defray such impacts directly related to proposed development in areas within the jurisdiction of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to adopt the DFPD Impact Fee schedule to assure that high levels of fire protection, rescue and emergency services will continue to be available within the City, thereby enhancing the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF DURANGO HEREBY ORDAINS:

...
Section 1. That Section 8-72 of Chapter 8, Article V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Durango, Colorado is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 8-72. Amount of Fee.

The DFPD Impact Fee shall be set at the following amounts:

a. For residential development, the DFPD Impact Fee shall be $1,317.00 per unit.

b. For commercial or other non-residential development, the DFPD Impact Fee shall be two dollars and thirty-two cents ($2.32) per square foot of enclosed floor area.

c. In cases where a residential use of property is approved to be converted to a non-residential use, then the DFPD Impact Fee shall be the amount of the commercial impact fee for the new commercial use, less a credit in the amount of the residential impact fee.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its passage and final publication as provided by law.
TO: DURANGO CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: FAYE HARMER  
CITY CLERK  

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEW TEAMS AND ASSIGNING COUNCIL LIAISONS  

RECOMMENDATION:  
No motion is required, however a consensus of Councilors is needed to fill the spots needed for the attached Board and Commission Interview Teams and Council Liaison spots.  

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:  
Each year Council appoints candidates to vacant and expiring board and commission member spots. In previous years, all of Council conducted 10 minute interviews with each of the applicants. On average Council would spend 2 – 3 days conducting these interviews and interview between 45 and 50 applicants for 35 to 40 positions.  

Along with the other changes in boards and commissions, staff recommended that interview teams consisting of 2 councilors (one being the council liaison, if applicable) and the current chairman of the board conduct the interviews to streamline the process and allow for more in depth interviews.  

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:  
Engaged and Collaborative Governance; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:  
All of council interviewing each applicant in a public meeting as in past years.  

FISCAL IMPACT:  
TBD  

POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS:  
None forseen  

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE:  
Once interviews are completed, an agenda item will be placed on the May 16, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Each Interview Team will provide their recommendations to all of council. Council can then discuss and vote on the appointments during the public meeting.  

The Clerk’s office will follow up with those candidates appointed.
AGENDA DOCUMENTATION
Item 13.2
Meeting Date: May 2, 2023

TO: DURANGO CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MARTY POOL, SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COLORADO COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION (CC4CA) 2023 POLICY STATEMENT UPDATES AS A MEMBER COMMUNITY - ESR

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council members review and consider the 2023 proposed updates to the CC4CA Policy Statement. Additionally, Council members should discuss and determine which Councilor would be interested in being listed as the CC4CA representative.

If a majority of Council members do not have objections to the 2023 proposed updates to the CC4CA Policy Statement, it is recommended that Council, by motion, adopt the resolution supporting the 2023 updates to the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Statement.

The City of Durango’s staff representative to CC4CA, Marty Pool, has reviewed the CC4CA Policy Statement updates and does not have any recommendation for changes or objections.

If a majority of Council reaches consensus on specific objections to the 2023 proposed updates to the CC4CA Policy Statement, it is recommended that Council discuss and draft a list of concerns and, by motion, request staff submit the drafted concerns to the CC4CA Policy Committee for consideration.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

On August 17, 2021, City Council adopted Resolution 2021-0042 supporting Durango’s membership of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA), a coalition of now 42 local governments across the state advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy. CC4CA is governed by a Board of Directors (the Board) representing all of the member communities – every member community has a seat and a vote on the Board.

On August 16, 2022, Jacob Smith, Executive Director of CC4CA, gave a presentation to Council about the organization, recent climate-related state legislative and other policy successes, how Durango benefits from its membership, and how Durango’s membership in turn supports the organization. Council engaged in question and answer with Jacob and expressed overall support of the impactful work that CC4CA performs.

CC4CA’s Policy Statement, which is fundamentally a collection of all of CC4CA’s formal policy positions, defines and guides the organization’s advocacy work. CC4CA goes through a formal process of updating the Policy Statement every other year, and a new round of proposed updates is slated for 2023. There are several key points to keep in mind regarding the Policy Statement and update process:

1. The process of crafting the proposed updates is extensive and thorough, so the proposed updates presented here have already gone through substantial vetting and baking from member communities across Colorado and from CC4CA staff.
2. The Policy Statement does not guide how CC4CA prioritizes among advocacy opportunities. CC4CA’s Policy Committee guides that separately. The Policy Statement simply identifies the organization’s positions on each of the relevant policy issues.
3. Under CC4CA bylaws, in order for the Policy Statement to be approved, not a single member community can object. So, it’s important for members to raise any concerns about proposed updates as soon as possible to give the Policy Committee time to understand and try to resolve the issue prior to the final vote in June. Any policy position that would receive an objection vote from a member community that cannot be re-worked to receive full support would be struck from the overall Policy Statement.
4. If any concerns are identified, communities are asked to offer specific feedback including:
   a. Which specific proposed language is of concern?
   b. What exactly is the concern as it relates to the policy reflecting Durango?
   c. What is the rating of concern - minor (e.g., grammatical edits), moderate (may require discussion but probably doesn’t require major changes to the proposed updates), or serious (requiring major re-work of proposed edits)
   d. Specific suggested changes to be reviewed by the CC4CA Policy Committee.
If a majority Durango’s City Council agree on specific objections to any given policy points, it is extremely
important that these concerns are clearly communicated to the CC4CA Policy Committee and overall Board
immediately. This will result in either incorporating the changes to the Policy Statement for consideration or
removing the contented item from the Policy Statement. As such, if any individual Councilor has concerns, they
should draft these up in writing prior to the regular meeting addressing the points outlined above so that all
of Council may consider these prior to taking action.

A simple majority vote from Council in support of the proposed CC4CA Policy Statement resolution signifies
no objection as a member community, even if individual Councilors have individual concerns.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:
This initiative applies to the Environmental Sustainability & Resilience (ESR) goal in the Strategic Plan:
1. Reduce the city’s carbon footprint
   1.1 Adopt and utilize a sustainability plan to guide greenhouse gas emissions reductions and climate
       action
2. Increase availability of renewable energy
   2.2 Coordinate and engage with LPEA and other key stakeholders on potential projects and beneficial
       policies to advance renewable energy generation within our community.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:
CC4CA has quickly become a highly influential climate advocacy organization in Colorado. The power of the
organization is its combined voice representing member communities to advocate for stronger climate policy at
the state and federal level. No other organization fills this role to the extent that CC4CA does. Furthermore, it is
widely recognized that climate action cannot be done in isolation, and effective advocacy to higher levels of
government is a key strategy in achieving Durango’s climate commitments.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no fiscal impact related to any of the possible actions related to the CC4CA Policy Statement.

Durango’s annual dues to CC4CA are currently $5,000. The 2023 dues have already been appropriated through
the 2023 budget process.

POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS:
There are no adverse impacts with approving the updates to the Policy Statement. Raising concerns could
require additional action from Council to respond in turn to the responses from CC4CA’s Policy Committee
regarding Durango’s concerns.

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE:
If the updates to the Policy Statement are approved by resolution. The identified representatives from Durango
are invited to attend the June CC4CA Board Retreat to complete the final round of voting to approve the
updated Policy Statement. If no representative can attend, the resolution directs Durango’s voting in the final
approval process.

If a majority of Council reaches consensus on objections to the 2023 proposed updates to the CC4CA Policy
Statement, then Durango’s CC4CA representatives will facilitate discussion with the CC4CA Policy Committee to
determine the best course of action to address these concerns. Updated language may be brought before
Council for approval at future meetings.
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2023 UPDATES TO THE COLORADO COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION (CC4CA) POLICY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, The Durango City Council recognizes the significant impacts to our community and many others that are already taking place, and the likelihood that these impacts will continue to intensify in the coming years, including additional infrastructure costs, health impacts to community members, economic impacts to businesses, water supply and water quality challenges, and others;

WHEREAS, The proposed updates to CC4CA’s Policy Statement are in alignment with the City’s adopted Strategic Plan and Sustainability Plan;

WHEREAS, Durango City Council recognizes that local policies and local action, while critical, will not alone be sufficient to meet our own climate, energy, and sustainability goals, nor will they alone be sufficient to reduce the severity of climate change and its impacts to our community;

WHEREAS, Durango City Council, along with forty-one other municipalities and counties in Colorado, have joined CC4CA, a coalition of local governments across the state which advocates for state and federal policies which support clean air, clean water, reduction of fossil fuel consumption, and other contributors associated with greenhouse gas pollution;

WHEREAS, An integral part of this system is the adoption of updates to CC4CA's Policy Statement, which guides the coalition’s work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durango desires to have an effective voice in the development of statewide energy and climate policies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURANGO, in regular meeting assembled,

Section 1: The City of Durango supports and approves the 2023 CC4CA Policy Statement updates as presented.

Section 2: City Councilor ______________________ shall be Durango’s Council Member Representative to the CC4CA Board and be empowered to represent Durango: throughout the year during regular Board meetings, through regular correspondence with CC4CA staff, and for any Board member responsibilities or votes.

Section 3: The City’s Sustainability Manager shall be Durango’s Staff Representative to the CC4CA Board, and Durango’s Council Member Representative may request the City Manager to delegate any representative responsibilities to the Staff Representative within the context of CC4CA membership.

Section 4: In the event that neither the Council Representative nor the Staff Representative can attend the annual CC4CA Board Retreat, Durango shall cast a vote in favor of any policy positions that are unchanged, or changed in only minor or grammatical ways, from that which has been presented to Council. Durango shall abstain on voting for any policy position that has changed substantially in content from that which was presented to Council during the May 2, 2023 regular meeting.

Approved and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2023.

By: ______________________________
Melissa Youssef, Mayor
CITY OF DURANGO, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By: _______________________________
Faye Harmer, City Clerk
CC4CA Policy Statement
Effective July 1, 2021
Adopted by the Board of Directors June 4, 2021

PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT UPDATES (REDLINE EDITS ACCEPTED)
FORMALLY PROPOSED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE 3/9/23
(and updated with new language for #18 on 4/13/23)

Colorado Communities for Climate Action is a coalition of local governments advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy. CC4CA’s policy positions reflect unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

CC4CA generally focuses on legislative, regulatory, and administrative action, supporting efforts that advance the general policy principles and the detailed policy positions described below, and opposing efforts that would weaken or undermine these principles and positions.

General Policy Principles

The following general principles guide Colorado Communities for Climate Action’s specific policy positions. CC4CA supports:

- Collaboration between state and federal government agencies and Colorado’s local governments to advance local climate protection and resilience.

- State and federal programs to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, including adequate and ongoing funding of those programs.

- Analyses, financial incentives, infrastructure, fiscal tools and enabling policies for the development and deployment of clean energy technologies.

- Locally driven and designed programs to support communities impacted by the clean energy transformation.

- Centering equity in decision-making by prioritizing policies that address systemic environmental and governance inequities based on race and socioeconomic status and that justly transition and grow the clean energy economy.
Policy Positions

Colorado Communities for Climate Action supports policies that:

Statewide Climate Strategies

1. Reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions consistent with or greater than the State of Colorado’s adopted, codified goals.

2. Secure accurate, actionable, useful, and regular state greenhouse gas inventories and forecasts for Colorado which are made accessible to local governments and incorporate alignment between state and local inventory data to the extent possible.

3. Adopt a comprehensive market-based approach to reduce Colorado’s greenhouse gas emissions that ensures the benefits accrue justly and equitably to impacted communities.

4. Treat the environmental and health costs associated with the use of fossil fuels as an important priority in making and implementing climate-related policy.

Local Climate Strategies

5. Remove barriers and promote opportunities that allow counties and municipalities to maximize deployment of local clean energy and climate-related strategies, including resilience-oriented strategies, while promoting affordable, accessible, and equitable delivery of reliable clean energy.

6. Enable local governments to obtain the energy use and other data from utilities and state agencies that they need to effectively administer climate and clean energy programs.

7. Support well-designed public processes for evaluating retail and wholesale energy choice options for communities, informed by a broad variety of stakeholders.

8. Provide for cost-effective and equitable policies, strategies, and practices that enable and accelerate energy efficiency in buildings, beneficial electrification, reducing building related GHG emissions, and improving quality of life.
Energy Generation, Transmission, and Distribution

9. Modernize energy infrastructure to strengthen grid reliability, enhance resilience (community-based and otherwise), improve transmission, and more fully integrate renewable energy, distributed generation, and energy storage resources.

10. Retire or discontinue the use of fossil fuel power plants while ensuring grid reliability.

11. Discourage construction of new fossil fuel power plants.

12. Expand the ability of electric cooperatives and municipal electric utilities to independently purchase local renewable electricity and take other steps to reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

Energy Efficiency

13. Expand demand side savings from efficiency and conservation for all energy types.

14. Support ongoing and sustainable funding for weatherization and renewable energy assistance to low-income households.

15. Provide counties and statutory cities and towns with the same authority held by home rule cities to implement local energy conservation policies and programs.

Transportation

16. Ensure effective implementation of Colorado’s vehicle emissions standards, GHG-related regulations, state and regional transportation-related plans, and other regulatory and programmatic activities designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from mobile sources.

17. Increase funding and policy incentives for multimodal transportation and mobility options, based on efficient use of resources.

Land Use

18. Encourage adoption and implementation of statewide policies that enable local governments to enact land use, zoning, and planning policies that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve resilience.

19. Encourage adoption and implementation of practices in the agriculture and forest sectors that durably reduce greenhouse gases, increase resilience, improve water
conservation, support ecosystem health, and promote a sustainable, low-carbon agriculture and forestry economy in Colorado.

**Resilience**

20. Proactively improve the resilience and adaptability of Colorado communities in the face of natural disasters and other challenges associated with climate change, including ensuring that disaster stabilization and recovery efforts result in reduced greenhouse gas pollution and improved resilience to future disasters.

21. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with water management, and increase water resilience, through water conservation, efficiency, reuse, adaptation, low impact development strategies, and other approaches.

**Fuel Sources**

22. Eliminate emissions from and achieve comprehensive, high accuracy monitoring of fossil fuel extractive industry activities.

23. Secure appropriate guardrails on the development/use of alternative energy technologies, such as hydrogen and biomass, based on their life cycle greenhouse gas emissions impacts, environmental and social impacts, and cost.

**Waste**

24. Ensure that CDPHE has adequate authority to implement plans and policies for meeting Colorado’s statewide and regional solid waste diversion goals.

25. Secure high levels of circular economy activities like reuse, recycling, composting, and reducing the carbon intensiveness of materials and products, including reducing and eliminating use of disposable/single-use products and construction and demolition waste.

26. Achieve significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions from solid waste, water treatment, and wastewater processing.

**General**

27. Support ongoing and sustainable funding for programs that assist communities in the transition from fossil fuel-dominated economies.

28. Support exploration and deployment, when appropriate, of well-regulated technologies and practices that retain currently sequestered carbon, capture
greenhouse gasses before they are emitted, remove greenhouse gasses from the atmosphere, and use or sequester this carbon.

29. Encourage investments that achieve climate-positive solutions, including policies that encourage entities investing public dollars to consider partial or full divestment in fossil fuel extraction and use as part of their investment strategies.

30. Maintain protections and authorities currently provided under environmental laws like the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, and Clean Water Act, and ensure that these laws are fully implemented and can be improved through stakeholder input when appropriate.
Proposed Updates to CC4CA’s Policy Statement - EXPLAINER
April 17, 2023

The Board is being asked to consider and potentially adopt updates to the current document (which is already adopted and will remain in its current form unless the Board makes changes to it). The Board is not adopting a new Policy Statement, in other words, but rather is considering a number of specific proposed changes to the current document.

The proposed changes are listed below. The vast majority of these proposed updates are minor, involving simple copy edits, clarifying edits, and reorganizing some sections (but without significant substantive changes to the positions themselves). A small number are more substantive in nature; those are marked below as “SUBSTANTIVE.”

Please note: The numbers below refer to the new numbering in the redline section.

General Policy Principles section
- **SUBSTANTIVE.** Insert “fiscal tools” in the third bullet to help clarify that this list may include fiscal policies.
- **SUBSTANTIVE.** Reword the fifth bullet to make clearer that the focus is on equitable decision-making (such that equity-oriented policies are a tool helping to achieve that outcome).

“Policy Positions” introductory sentence
- Grammatical edit (“Colorado Communities for Climate Action supports the following policy positions:” changed to “Colorado Communities for Climate Action supports policies that:”)

Statewide Climate Strategies
- #1 - Replace “2019” with “adopted” in referencing the state’s GHG goals, since they have already updated them and may do so again.
- #2 – Insert a comma.
- #4 – Clarify that our target isn’t simply to “expand” consideration of environmental and health costs but to make these considerations an important priority.

Local Climate Strategies
• #7 – Clarify that we support evaluation processes which serve this goal, which could be a single, comprehensive process but could also be multiple processes. The point is comprehensive evaluations and not that it all be done at once.
• #8 – Narrow the focus of this item to just buildings and move the “resilience” reference to the new “Resilience” section.

**Energy Generation**

• **SUBSTANTIVE:** Expand the title of the “Energy Generation” section to include “Transmission and Distribution.”
• **SUBSTANTIVE:** #10 and #11 - Make clear that CC4CA wants to both retire existing fossil fuel generation as quickly as possible and wants to discourage construction of any new fossil fuel generation.
• #9 – Move this from the end of this section (#12) to the beginning of this section (#9), and tweak the wording to more clearly capture grid modernization.

**Energy Efficiency**

• #14 – Keeps this policy position focused on low-income/disproportionately impacted communities and consolidates and relocates the ‘just transition’ language to a separate item exclusively focused on those issues (#27).

**Transportation**

• #16 – Replaces the reference to a very specific document (“2020 Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan”) with a reference to the full range of policies, plans, etc. related to transportation and GHG emissions.
• #17 – Focuses this item just on transportation/mobility, pulling out the ‘land use policy’ reference and consolidating and relocating it to a separate item exclusively focused on land use (#18). This also incorporates the core idea of the previously numbered #19 (i.e., consolidating two positions into a single position).

**Land Use [New Section]**

• **SUBSTANTIVE:** #18 – Encourage adoption and implementation of statewide policies that enable local governments to enact land use, zoning, and planning policies that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve resilience.
• **SUBSTANTIVE:** #19 – This is the new item focused exclusively on agriculture and forestry.

**Resilience [New Section]**

• Both of these items (#20 and #21) were already in the Policy Statement but are simply relocated into this new section.
• #21 – More explicitly references water resilience, which is captured in the existing language but not quite as clearly as it could be.

**Fuel Sources**

• **SUBSTANTIVE:** Renames/reframes this section from being strictly about fossil fuel extraction to being more broadly about fuel sources.
• **SUBSTANTIVE:** #22 – Shifts the policy position from simply “expanding” efforts related to reducing extraction-related activities to “eliminating” GHG emissions from
those activities.

- **SUBSTANTIVE**: #23 – This is a new position focused on evaluating alternative energy options.

**Waste**

- #24 – Clarifies that this policy position is about CDPHE having the authority it needs to achieve its solid waste goals instead of narrowly referencing a single document.
- #25 – Consolidates this and what used to be the subsequent policy position.
- #26 – Removes the reference to agriculture here so that this policy position is entirely focused on water. The agriculture point is relocated into a new agriculture-specific position (#19).

**General**

- Delete the previously numbered #25, which felt important to explicitly call out in 2021 when we last updated the Policy Statement but seems less so now. Support for climate positive innovation is embedded throughout the Policy Statement.
- Relocate the previously numbered #26 to the new Resilience section noted above (#20).
- #27 – This position was relocated from earlier in the document, and it now consolidates and focuses on just transition/community transition.
- #28 – Updates the language to clarify that this position is about the full range of sequestration/removal/CCUS/etc. technologies and methodologies, not just the two specific ones we had specifically named. This was the intent but the universe of these types of technologies and methodologies has expanded since 2021. This now also emphasizes the importance of these activities being “well regulated.”
- Relocate the previously numbered #28 on water management to the new Resilience section noted above (#21).
- #29 – This includes some new, clarifying language.
- #30 – This includes some new, clarifying language.
What CC4CA Does

- Policy Advocacy
  - Colorado General Assembly
  - State agencies & rulemaking commissions
  - Federal Congressional delegation
- Workshops & trainings
- Science & policy updates/briefings
- Other resources
CC4CA Members

- Adams County
- Aspen
- Avon
- Basalt
- Boulder
- Boulder County
- Breckenridge
- Broomfield
- Carbondale
- Clear Creek Cnty
- Crested Butte
- Dillon
- Durango
- Eagle County
- Edgewater
- Erie
- Fort Collins
- Frisco
- Gilpin County
- Glenwood Springs
- Golden
- Lafayette
- Longmont
- Louisville
- Lyons
- Mountain Village
- Nederland
- Northglenn
- Ouray County
- Pitkin County
- Ridgway
- Salida
- San Miguel County
- Snowmass Village
- Summit County
- Superior
- Telluride
- Vail
- Wheat Ridge
Passed 6 of 8 high priority bills (solid waste, air toxics, air quality investments, energy code, free transit, disaster preparedness and recovery)

Passed 12 additional bills (local gvt. wildfire/disaster funding, affordable housing and building efficiency, Colorado Resiliency Office, circular economy center, just transition funding, orphan well cleanup fund)

Defeated all 5 bills we opposed

Monitored 4 other bills
2022 Legislative Session – Highlights

- **Producer responsibility** – transform CO’s recycling system
- **Air toxics** – improved attention to pollutants not directly regulated by Feds
- **Air quality investments** - $47M for APCD, $125M for EV & EE grants, $7M for aerial pollution surveys, $124M for transportation
2022 Legislative Session – Highlights

- **Energy code** – 2021 IECC, electric- & solar-ready, low energy & carbon code
- **Free transit during peak ozone season**
- **Disaster preparedness and recovery** – new Disaster Rebuilding Office
Regulatory & Policy Advocacy: Recent Highlights

- Toughest-in-the-nation rules for finding and fixing oil & gas leaks
- COGCC adopted substantially stronger orphan well rules
- Limits on transportation GHG emissions
- New transportation enterprise funds
- Tri-State committed to 80% GHG reductions by 2030
- Xcel must accelerate coal plant retirement (including Comanche 3 by 2031) and no new gas plants
- Made federally enforceable 15 coal plant retirements by 2029
Member Engagement

- 118 local officials testified in 32 regulatory hearings and sessions
- 37 elected officials submitted written comments in regulatory proceedings
- 33 local officials testified in 17 separate legislative hearings
- 50 public officials in 12 meetings with state and federal lawmakers, and we have met with the governor’s team many dozens of times
- 240+ local officials joined letters to Colorado's federal delegation
- 42 elected officials in published op-eds and LTEs
- 65 of the people we supported were first-timers
Engagement Opportunities

- Legislative testimony
- Regulatory hearing testimony & public comment
- Written comments for regulatory hearings
- Outreach to & meeting with state and federal legislators
- Publish LTEs and guest editorials
Looking Ahead

- Inflation Reduction Act
- Producer Responsibility Organization
- Clean Trucks
- Implementing the Transportation GHGs rule + CDOT Ten-Year Plan
- AQCC – ozone, industrial rulemaking, benchmarking, etc.
- Clean Heat Standard/Plan
- Xcel ERP Phase II
- Just Transition Office programs, EV infrastructure programs
- Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL, aka IIJA)
- 2023 legislative session
TO: DURANGO CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: MARTY POOL, SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER  
DEVON SCHMIDT, ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (EPC) EXPENSES - ESR

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation that the City Council, by motion, approve the attached resolution authorizing the budgetary transfers and additional or reduced appropriations.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The budget impacts associated with the 2023 Adopted Budget are related to the energy performance contract (EPC). Council approved the EPC on April 4, 2023 by resolution R-2023-17. The funds to pay for the total EPC cost now require appropriation. Because the EPC covers multiple buildings across multiple funds, all funding will flow through the building maintenance fund (BMF) and be tied to a project code for tracking purposes. City staff and fund managers are establishing the necessary cashflows from the appropriate funds to the BMF for 2023 and beyond. Future inter-fund transfers as well as future payments on financing will be subject to annual appropriations.

A lease-purchase to fund the EPC was approved by City Council on April 18, 2023 by ordinance O-2023-0009. When finalized, these financed funds will be deposited as revenue into the BMF and be used to pay for the costs of the EPC. Payments will then be due on this financing (principle + interest) in subsequent years following an amortization schedule. Additionally, the BMF will see $1,000,000 reimbursement from the secured DOLA EIAF grant as well as an anticipated $1,128,604 reimbursement through federal incentives associated with the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) investment tax credit (ITC) program which funds solar and associated roofing.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Financial Excellence and High Performing Government and Environmental Sustainability and Resiliency

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of the energy performance contract (EPC) has be reviewed multiple times at previous council meetings. Material from these meetings can be referenced to give further background on the analysis that was performed on the fiscal impact of the EPC, including the decision to utilize a lease-purchase as a funding mechanism:

- October 4, 2022
- November 1, 2022
- March 21, 2023
- April 4, 2023
- April 18, 2023

The overall appropriation amount will be made out of the building maintenance fund (BMF) and is equal to $5,884,850. This value represents the full EPC not to exceed amount of $7,042,264 less the Carnegie HVAC removed from scope with an associated direct cost of $1,157,414. Carnegie HVAC is on a separate notice to proceed and is pending further discussions with 9R and pursuit of the Colorado Energy Office Beneficial Electrification grant. Appropriations for this scope will be brought before Council at a later date.

The following outlines the total contributions to cover the EPC from all sources. Not all inter-fund transfers will occur in 2023. These amounts to not include lease-purchase financing interest payments, which will be handled through a separate appropriations process once the lease-purchase has been executed.
POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS:

N/A

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE:

EPC pre-construction meetings are slated throughout May. Construction will commence in 2023 and continue through 2024.
RESOLUTION R-2023-____

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of Article V, Section 10 of the Durango City Charter, the City Council may make additional appropriations during the budget year for unanticipated expenditures required by the city not exceeding, however, actual revenues and unappropriated surplus;

WHEREAS, To accomplish the goals of City Council and foster a team oriented working environment resulted in budget impacts and incorporates several unanticipated budget adjustments increasing, transferring, or amending the appropriations for expenditures and revenues; and

WHEREAS, there exists sufficient funds within fund balance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURANGO, in regular meeting assembled,

Section 1. The 2023 budget shall reflect the following changes, and the appropriations for 2023 are increasing, transferring, or amending according to the tables below:

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Approved and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2023.

By: ________________________________
Melissa Youssef, Mayor
CITY OF DURANGO, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By: ________________________________
Faye Harmer, City Clerk
AGENDA DOCUMENTATION

Item 15.1
Meeting Date: May 2, 2023

TO: DURANGO CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MARK MORGAN
CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING A MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1235 CAMINO DEL RIO (RIVER CITY HALL) AND 201 EAST 12TH STREET (9R ADMINISTRATION BUILDING) AND TO DETERMINE POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION AND DIRECT NEGOTIATORS, AS PERMITTED BY C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) AND (e).

RECOMMENDATION:
There may be a need for City Council to meet in Executive Session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real property located at 1235 Camino del Rio (River City Hall) and 201 East 12th street (9R administration building), and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation and direct negotiators, as permitted by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) and (e).

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:
The City is the owner of real property known as River City Hall located at 1235 Camino del Rio. The Durango Fire Protection District is the owner of the 9R Administration Building and Big Picture School building located at 201 E. 12th Street. The City of Durango and Durango Fire Protection District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding River City Hall property negotiations.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:
Financial Excellence and High Performing Government

FISCAL IMPACT:

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE:
It is the recommendation that City Council, by motion, convene in Executive Session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real property located at 1235 Camino del Rio (River City Hall) and 201 East 12th street (9R administration building), and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation and direct negotiators, as permitted by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) and (e).
TO: DURANGO CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MARK MORGAN
CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT:
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING A MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN DURANGO THAT IS CURRENTLY LEASED TO THE DURANGO AND SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD COMPANY FOR PARKING, AND TO DETERMINE POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION AND DIRECT NEGOTIATORS, AS PERMITTED BY C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) AND (e).

RECOMMENDATION:
There may be a need for City Council to meet in Executive Session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real property located in downtown Durango that is currently leased to the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Company for parking, and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation and direct negotiators, as permitted by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) and (e).

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:
The City is the owner of real property consisting of approximately 62,000 square feet located at the corner of Camino del Rio and West College Drive. The City and the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad ("D&SNGRR") entered into a Ground Lease Agreement dated January 21, 2020 (the "Lease") for D&SNGRR's to lease the property which it uses as a parking lot for train customers. The Lease sets a termination date of February 6, 2023 unless the parties reach a written agreement to extend the term. The parties agreed to a short term extension of the Lease until April 16, 2023 which will provide more time for negotiating a long-term approach for the use of the property.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:
Financial Excellence and High Performing Government

FISCAL IMPACT:
The Lessee pays a monthly rent in the amount of $8,333.00 during the short term Lease extension.

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE:
It is the recommendation that City Council, by motion, convene in Executive Session
to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, sale, or transfer of an interest in real property located in downtown Durango that is currently leased to the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Company for parking, and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation and direct negotiators, as permitted by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) and (e).
TO: DURANGO CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: MARK MORGAN  
CITY ATTORNEY  

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING A MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, SALE, OR TRANSFER OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1188 E. 2nd AVENUE (CARNEGIE BUILDING) AND BUCKLEY PARK AT 12TH STREET AND MAIN AVENUE AND TO DETERMINE POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION AND DIRECT NEGOTIATORS, AS PERMITTED BY C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) AND (e).

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion and possible action concerning a motion to convene in executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, sale, or transfer of an interest in real property located at 1188 E. 2nd Avenue (Carnegie Building) and Buckley Park at 12th Street and Main avenue and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation and direct negotiators, as permitted by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) and (e).

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The City is the owner of real property known as the Carnegie Building located at 1188 East 2nd Avenue Durango. The Durango 9 R School District is the owner of Buckley Park located at Main Streeth and 12th Street.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Financial Excellence and High Performing Government

FISCAL IMPACT:

NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE:

It is the recommendation that City Council, by motion, convene in Executive Session

to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, sale, or transfer of an interest in real property located at 1188 E. 2nd Avenue (Carnegie building) and Buckley Park at 12th Street and Main avenue and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation and direct negotiators, as permitted by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) and (e).