



Fire Station Site, Community Housing Index and Proposed 2020 Budget Mixed In During Coffee with Council

Casual, Open Format Allows Discussion of Primary Topic or Any Area of Interest

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 7, 2019-The October edition of Coffee with Council will look at three community topics when the monthly event brews up discussion on Friday, October 11, 2019, from 7:30am to 9am.

Councilman Ford and other available councilors dive into the status of the Fire Station Site Selection along with the pros and cons of the various options; why and how the new Community Housing Index can be used by City Council and the proposed 2020 city budget recently presented to Council.

Council is scheduled to hear updates on the Fire Station Site Selection and Community Housing Index during its regularly scheduled [October 8 meeting](#).

Council directed the committee to investigate the 10th Street parcel, where City Hall currently is located, for both a fire station and a combination fire station/City Hall facility. The group will bring forth another option for consideration which involves the Mountain Fire Station and a smaller downtown possibility tomorrow evening.



A community housing index will guide and inform future housing strategies through a set of measureable indicators of success. Four indicators, along with weighting, were identified because they meet important criteria and include: Workforce Efficiency, Affordability & Single-Family/Duplex Dwelling Unit Vacancy Rate. Council is working to finalize the metrics this week.

During the [Oct 1 Budget Retreat](#), the City Manager presented the proposed 2020 budget. The city is taking a cautiously optimistic approach to 2020 based on a solid 2018/19 winter and overall strong economic signs, but mixed with national skepticism and volatility in consumer confidence. The first reading of the budget returns before council on Oct. 15; followed by a second reading in November

Coffee with Council sessions are typically held the second Friday of each month in the Crawford Room of Centennial Hall (124 10th Street). The goal is to provide an opportunity for community members to meet with city council members in a relaxed atmosphere and discuss any issues of interest to them. No RSVP is necessary, community members are welcome to drop by to discuss any issues of interest to them. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

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