



Councilor Ford Hosts Final Coffee with Council Friday

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

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-November 4, 2019-November signals a change in the council as election day results will be known this week and the term of Councilor Ford comes to an end, signaling the final carafe of the monthly Coffee with Council.

“As the Maxwell Coffee commercial says, it’s been good to the last drop,” said Councilor Scott Ford. “I appreciate the open discussion and that while we didn’t always agree, we were able to discuss these important issues together and in a respectable way.”

Councilor Scott Ford will host his 65th session and his final Coffee with Council this Friday, November 8, 2019, starting at 7:30am. Over the past six years, Ford only missed one event, for a fishing trip in August 2014. This Friday, the group will look at important events that have occurred as well as the challenges and opportunities facing the new council. The open conversational session runs until 9am in the Crawford Room of Centennial Hall, 124 10th Street.

Coffee with Council was started six years ago 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. The second Friday of the month early morning discussion has dived into everything from wildlife/recreation to funding to downtown improvements and the West Steamboat Annexation.

“Councilor Ford has made it his mission to make this council one of the most accessible,” commented City Manager Gary Suiter. “Coffee with Council is just one way he was able to engage citizens and provide an avenue for their voices to be heard. This engaging spirit is evident with the entire City Council, in large part due to his efforts.”

Councilor Ford is nearing the end of his second term on City Council, although in a different seat than when he was first elected. In 2013, Ford ran and won the four-year District II seat and then was reelected for the two-year At-Large seat in 2017. He will attend his final council meeting next week on November 12. After the new council is sworn in, a reception will be held to recognize Councilor Ford for six years of dedication to the community and its citizens before returning to the general council meeting.

With Coffee with Council running its course, Council is investigating new ways to interact with the community. In the new year, council will start hosting brown bag listening sessions to continue the open discussion found during the coffee sessions.

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