

### Three recall petitions received July 21

- Filed by a committee of registered electors
- Revised and approved by Clerk July 28
- Request recall due to STR policies

### Recall petition calls an election to do two things

- Remove a Council member prior to expiration of term and
- Elects a Council member to replace the recalled Council member

### Signature requirement

- Must be gathered in sixty day window, window expires Sept. 26
- 1207 signatures required
- Signatures must be from registered electors

## City Clerk responsible for reviewing petitions

- Number and validity of signatures
- Compliance with other rules

## Registered elector may protest recall petition

- Protest period is 15 days from submittal date

## Committee may cure any defects

- 15 day period to cure
- Cured petition may be protested

Clerk review, protest, and cure periods can add approximately three months to the process

## City Council sets special election date thirty to ninety days out

- Unless there is a regular election within one-hundred and eighty days
- Can be a coordinated election on Nov. 8, 2023 if ballot certification deadline is met
- Practical considerations dictate election would be set at end of ninety day window
- Last City special election cost \$54,300, costs most likely have increased

## Ballot Content

- Yes or no question whether Council member should be recalled
- List of candidates to replace Council member if majority votes for recall
- Candidates access the ballot by nomination
- Twenty-five signatures of registered electors, deadline 45 days prior to election

## GROUND FOR RECALL BASED ON STR POLICY DECISIONS

Steamboat Springs City Council member, \_\_\_\_\_, is not representing the interests of his/her/their constituents. The recent decisions made and action taken regarding Short Term Rentals – overlay zones and the STR tax – will be damaging to our economy and negatively impact the property rights of many homeowners. The Council has not even made an effort to develop data and analysis to support the conclusions and decisions made on this important issue.

## NO STATUTORY LIMITATION ON GROUNDS

- Recalls frequently approved in context of misconduct in office, criminal behavior, etc.
- Recall statute states voters are the sole judge of sufficiency of the grounds
- No court review is available