

## **2020-01-14 LAC Report**

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### Legislative Advisory Coalition Update

January 14, 2020

### **Durango City Manager Hiring Update**

- City Councilors on January 8th, 2020 met with the search firm Slavin Management Consulting to discuss desired criteria for the new City Manager's profile for recruiting purposes.
- Bob Slavin told the Council they would have a draft profile no later than January 20th. Once that is approved, the recruiting process will take no more than 90 days.
- Once a candidate is selected, it could be 30 to 45 days before the individual begins the position.

### **Durango Creative District Update**

- A 2 year effort culminated in the official establishment of Durango's Creative District in December, 2019.
- Proponents say having a Creative District in Durango will allow increased access to capital and grants, increased promotion for local creative industries and regional Creative Districts, increased public benefit projects, and a shared vision for the creative community.

### **Plastic Bag Ban Update**

- Durango Beyond Plastic (<https://www.facebook.com/Durangobeyondplastic/>) is proposing to ban single use plastic bags and impose a fee on paper bags in Durango.
- Leaders of the proposal have been collecting petition signatures and may ask the Durango City Council to consider an ordinance later this year.

### **Durango Public Survey**

- The City wants citizens' feedback on issues influencing quality of life and future livability in Durango. The city has posted an online survey at <https://www.durangogov.org/virtualcityhall>. Responses are due by Feb 10, 2020.
- The City is also seeking input on qualities for the new city manager. You can submit comments here: <https://www.durangogov.org/215/City-Manager>

### **Durango Sales and Use Tax Reports**

- Snapshot Report November 2019:

<https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/16405/November-2019-Monthly-Tax-Snapshot-PDF?bidId=>

- History Report December 2019:

<https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/16282/Sales-Tax-History-Report?bidId=>

### **Southern Ute Tribe Updates**

- The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has appointed Mrs. Kourtney Hadrick as the new Director of Energy for the Southern Ute Growth Fund. She began on January 6, 2020.
- Tribal Council is evaluating the status of the Southern Ute Detention Center. Rather than closing the facility, the Center will remain open while reviewing new solutions to offset operational expenses.

### **Ignacio Utility Rates Update**

- The Ignacio Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Abel F. Atencio Community Room located at 570 Goddard Avenue in Ignacio, Colorado. The purpose of the hearing is to establish potential rates for water, sewer, gas and irrigation services for 2020.
- A copy of the 2020 Proposed Rate Schedule is available for review at Town Hall.

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

- The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants to fill an alternate position on the Planning Commission. Members must be at least 18 years old and must be residents of La Plata County. For a complete job description and application, visit <http://co.laplata.co.us/cms/one.aspx?pageId=1633876> , or stop by the County Commissioners' office at the County Administration Building, 1101 E. 2nd Ave., Durango.

## 2020 Census Update

- Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. The population totals also determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.
- In December 2019, La Plata County adopted a resolution establishing a “Complete Count Committee” to enhance Census efforts. There are 25 people on the CCC, which is chaired by Tim Walsworth and Heather Otter.
- The Census begins this month in Alaska. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home either online, by phone, or by mail.

## La Plata County Commissioners Election Information

- Charly Minkler (I)
  - Website: [www.minklerforcommissioner.com](http://www.minklerforcommissioner.com) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/minklerforcommissioner/>
  - La Plata County Planning Commissioner, running for District 3
- Matt Salka (D)
  - Website: <https://www.mattsalka.com/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/salka2020/>
  - Mayor of Bayfield, running for District 3
- Marsha Porter-Norton (D)
  - Website: <https://www.marshaporternorton.com/> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MPNfortheWIN>
  - Meeting facilitator and consultant, running for District 2
- Jack Turner (I)
  - Website: <https://electjackturner.com/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JackTurner2020/>
  - Self employed writer and content producer, running for District 2

## La Plata County Projects Approved

- On Dec 17, 2019, the BOCC approved a proposal by Ed Lanal and Rochelle Williams to subdivide a 2.8-acre parcel into 2 lots of 1.1 and 1.7 acres. Location: 229 Hermosa Meadows Rd (CR 255).

## 2019 Building Permits Monthly Totals

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Durango	43	27	49	63	28	25	61	48	46	55	41	*
Bayfield	1	2	2	1	2	3	7	3	3	2	4	0
Ignacio	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	3
LPC	37	25	32	53	85	83	73	87	71	90	59	41

\* Durango's December permit data was not available at the time of this update.

### Meetings attended December 10 - January 14

12/10 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	12/24 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED
12/10 - 2 pm BOCC Work Session	12/24 - Durango Council Study Session CANCELLED
12/10 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	12/25 - Holiday
12/11 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	12/26 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission CANCELLED
12/12 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission CANCELLED	12/31 - 10 am BOCC Meeting CANCELLED
12/17 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	1/1 - Holiday
12/17 - 1:30 pm BOCC Work Session	1/2 - 6pm LPC Planning Commission CANCELLED
12/17 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	1/7 - 10 am BOCC Planning Meeting
12/18 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED	1/7 - 10:01 am BOCC Special Business Meeting
12/19 - 10 am BOCC Special Business Meeting	1/7 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
12/19 - 6 pm Joint Planning Commission CANCELLED	

12/23 - 6 pm Dgo Planning Commission  
CANCELLED

1/8 - 9:00 BOCC Discussion Time

1/9 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission  
Meeting

1/9 - 6:01 pm LPC Planning Commission  
Study Session

1/14 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting