

2019-11-12 LAC Report

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Legislative Advisory Coalition Update

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Election Results

- For full State election results, go to the Colorado Secretary of State website at: <https://results.enr.clarityelections.com/CO/97143/web/#/summary>
 - In unofficial results - Proposition CC failed. It would have allowed state government to keep and spend all revenue collected each year for public schools, higher education and transportation projects instead of being returned to taxpayers. CC would have passed in La Plata County 8,570 or 50.72% vs 8,326 against or 49.28%.
 - In unofficial results - Proposition DD passed. It legalizes and taxes sports betting at casinos to fund water projects.

Proposition DD would have failed in La Plata County 8,368 or 49.86% for and 8,414 against or 50.14%.

- La Plata county election results are here: https://results.enr.clarityelections.com/CO/La_Plata/97178/web/#/summary
 - In unofficial results, the Pine River Public Library District Ballot Issue 6A passed. It proposed to increase the property tax from 2.5 mills to 4 mills.
- Southern Ute Tribal 2019 Run-Off Election will be held on Friday, December 13th from 7am to 7 pm at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio. Four candidates will compete for two seats on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. The candidates are former chairman James Olguin, former council member Ramona Eagle, incumbent Adam Red, and tribal employee Marjorie Barry. More information is available at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/2019/11/04/southern-ute-tribal-2019-run-off-election/>

2020 Budget Updates

- The proposed 2020 La Plata County budget is now available for public review, after being presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Oct. 8. The Board will hold a hearing on the budget Dec 10 at 10 am. View the budget here: http://co.laplata.co.us/government/news/what_s_new/proposed_2020_budget_available_for_review
- The Durango City Council considered the 94 million dollar budget on November 5th. Budget adoption is set for Dec. 5th. The budget can be downloaded here: <https://www.durangogov.org/DocumentCenter/View/15752/2020-Proposed-Budget>
- The proposed 2020 Town of Ignacio draft budget is available for review at Town Hall (540 Goddard Ave, Ignacio) during regular business hours. You can download a copy here: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/ignacio/atom/192061>

Durango Fire Impact Fee Update

- Durango City Council gave preliminary approval on November 5th of an ordinance imposing a Fire Impact Fee on development that requires a city building permit. If adopted, the ordinance will become effective on January 1, 2020. For residential development, the DFPD Impact Fee would be \$819.00 per unit. For commercial or other non-residential development, the DFPD Impact Fee would be \$1.64 per square foot of enclosed floor area. City Councilors will consider the ordinance again on November 19th.

Durango Water and Sewer Rate Update

- Durango City Council gave preliminary approval on November 5th of a new water and sewer rate structure. Under the ordinance, sewer rates would increase 3% for city residents. The cost for out of town residents served by city sewer would decrease. For in-town residents, water rates did not increase. However for out of town residents served by city water, water rates would increase about 15%. City Councilors will consider the ordinance again on November 19th.

Bayfield Smoking Restrictions Update

- The Board of Trustees for the Town of Bayfield is considering raising the minimum age allowed to purchase tobacco and electronic smoking products within the Town limits. The Board of Trustees is also considering prohibitions on smoking in the Town parks. A public hearing of an ordinance will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall (1199 Bayfield Parkway) to provide for public comment before deciding on whether to approve new tobacco and smoking requirements. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available at https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/Tobacco%20Smoking%20Prohibition%20Ordinance_0.pdf.

La Plata County Water Regulations

- The La Plata County Planning Commission will consider proposed amendments to the La Plata County Land Use Code Chapter 82-186: Water Quantity and Quality Standards at its Nov. 21 meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 1101 E. 2nd Ave. The proposed amendments are listed here:

http://lpcds.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1323669/File/Government/Departments/Planning/LUC_documents/water/Attachment%20C.%202019_1121_Chart%20of%20Water%20Amendment

La Plata County District Plans Update

- On November 7th, the La Plata County Planning Commission certified and adopted 10 District Plans. Two years in the making, county officials say the district plans will help inform the planned overhaul of the land-use code in the months ahead. Next, the plans will go before the Board Of County Commissioners on Dec 17 at 10am at the County Administration Building (1101 E. 2nd Ave., Durango).

Training Opportunity

- La Plata County planning staff will hold a training to demonstrate online services on Tuesday, December 10th, from 5:30-7 p.m., in the Training Room of the County Administration Building (1101 E. 2nd Ave., Durango). This training is open to the public. Please contact Amber Lamb to sign up: (970)382-6260.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Durango’s Strategy and Long-term Finance Advisory Board has five vacancies. The Board focuses on financial and other issues that impact Durango’s economy, providing analysis on financial trends, risks and opportunities and reporting to City Council. This Board consists of five regular voting members appointed by the City Council to terms of three years. At the discretion of the City Council, Advisory Board members may also be selected from the unincorporated portion of La Plata County. For more information or to apply, visit DurangoGov.org/boards. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12.
- The city of Bayfield is looking for a volunteer to fill a vacant planning commission seat. Qualifications for the seat include residency in the Town of Bayfield. There is typically one meeting per month, on the second Tuesday of each month. The appointment is for a four year term. For consideration, letters of interest are due at Town Hall by 5:00 PM, November 12, 2019. Letters should be addressed to Mayor Matt Salka, Town of Bayfield, 1199 Bayfield Parkway, PO Box 80, Bayfield, CO 81122. Please contact Town Hall at (970) 884-9544 with any questions.

Durango Subdivisions Approved

- On October 15, Durango City Council approved the resubdivision of lot 1 of the Borrego subdivision located at 780 Hidden Valley Circle. The subject property is a large lot (38,333 sf) containing an existing single-family residence. The plan is to re-subdivide the property into two (2) single family residential lots.
- On October 15, Durango City Council approved a request from Jacob Bleth and Rob Middleton for a Preliminary Minor Subdivision for Lot 55 in Twin Buttes Phase 1 Filing 1B. The existing lot is 17,826 square feet and the subdivision would result in two smaller lots, with a single-family house planned for each lot.

Meetings attended October 8 - November 12

10/8 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda	10/23 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
10/9 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	10/24 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission
10/9 - 1:30 pm BOCC Work Session	10/28 - 6 pm Durango Planning Commission
10/10 - 7:30 am Joint City/County Work Session	10/29 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda CANCELLED
10/10 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission	10/30 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time CANCELLED
10/15 - 10 am BOCC Planning Agenda	11/5 - 10 am BOCC Planning Agenda
10/15 - 4 pm Joint City/County Work Session	11/5 - 3 pm Durango Council Special Meeting
10/15 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	11/5 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session
10/16 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	11/5 - 6:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
10/17 - 6 pm BOCC/Planning Commission Work Session	11/6 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
10/22 - 10 am BOCC Business Agenda	11/6 - 3:30 pm BOCC Work Session
10/22 - 4 pm Durango Council Study Session	11/7 - 6pm LPC Planning Commission
10/22 - 5:30 pm BOCC Budget Hearing	11/12 - 9:15 am LAC Meeting