

Central City Newsletter



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City Council

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CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

2009 has been an exciting and challenging year for Central City. July saw the implementation of new gaming enhancements in many of our City's casinos and the City hopes the enhancements will increase business in the coming months. Major water line breaks plagued the City a number of times throughout the year, and you, the City voters, rejected two ballot measures in November that would have changed publication requirements for official City notices and imposed a 5% Excise Tax on admissions. Even with all of the challenges this year has presented, we've seen many positive accomplishments, including the continuation of all services in an efficient and professional manner, improving regulations by lifting the height limitations to promote commercial development and relaxing the restrictions on our sign requirements. The City Council's evaluation of the 2010 Budget was very detailed in order to ensure that all programs and services will continue in 2010. We continue to work cooperatively with the developers of Prospectors Run to achieve a positive resolution on several ongoing issues. Numerous developers have come in to discuss new development concepts in the City and are confident that the City will see a turnaround in the economy next year which will spur new development into moving forward. The City Council also decided to purchase the Wells Fargo Building at 103 Eureka for the new home of our Visitors Center. The current Visitor Center will be relocated to the new building in December and we hope to have an Open House early next year. The Council is also considering the purchase of 114 Lawrence Street to expand our Fire Station. Both buildings would be beneficial to the City's current service levels and increase the City's historically preserved assets.

As with many municipal entities, the 2010 Budget holds employee salaries at the same level as 2009. As many of you have acknowledged, our City employees continue to do more with less without complaint and are professional and friendly. We are encouraged by the interest in Central City and work towards providing beneficial information in answer to many development inquiries. City Staff always strives towards improving the services we provide.

The City also continues to act as a reviewing entity for the State Income Tax Credit program. This State program provides tax credits to qualifying historic property for rehabilitation projects. This remains a valuable program for property owners. For information on this program visit the State's website at: http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/crforms/crforms_misc1.htm

The 2010 Colorado Census campaign has kicked off with an awareness program to motivate citizens to participate in the Census. It is vital for all of us to produce the best and most accurate count in Colorado on April 1, 2010, Census Day. The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) website address is: http://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/census2010/census_2010.html# or you can call the DOLA office at 303-455-1000 for more information.

In closing, Council and staff are all proud of the part we've played, along with our businesses, casinos and joint projects with Black Hawk and Gilpin County, in enhancing the quality of life in Central City. If anyone has suggestions on how you feel the City can improve our service levels, please contact this office because your suggestions and participation are always welcomed. The City Council, Staff and I encourage your continued involvement and participation in all city-wide issues and my door remains open to listen to your concerns and ideas on how we can improve our City for the betterment of all.

If you have any questions or comments about the information provided above or any of our services, please do not hesitate to contact your City Council or me at 303-582-5251 ext. 301 email address manager@centralcitycolorado.us.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lynnette Hailey, City Manager

Police Department Update by Chief Terry Krelle

The Police Department handled a lower call load versus the same time last year. So far for year to date, the Department has handled 6,154 calls for service and generated 419 crime reports. This is 1927 fewer calls for service and 128 fewer crime reports that have been taken this year versus the same time last year.

With the winter weather upon us, the Police Department wants to remind everyone of the city ordinance requiring people to shovel their sidewalks within 24 after snow has stopped falling. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season.

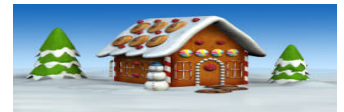
You can reach the Police Department by calling (303) 582-5519. If there is no one in the office, please leave a message and we will return your call. If you need to speak to an officer either in person or on the phone, please call our Dispatch Center at (303) 582-5500 and an officer will be dispatched to contact you.



Fire Department Update by Chief Gary Allen

With the winter months upon us, and the holiday season just around the corner, we would like to remind everyone to be fire safe with wood and pellet stoves this winter. Please be sure your chimneys are cleaned and creosote free by cleaning them twice a year. Also make sure you dispose of your ashes in a safe manner and do not place them on the wood pile or on a deck to cool. Ashes can remain warm enough, and even hot for days after removing them from the fire box or your fireplace or wood stove. And with Christmas coming please be careful with your

Christmas tree and holiday lighting. Do not use equipment that is not UL tested or listed, and use proper lighting for indoor and outdoor use. If you are going to use a real tree, it's always a good idea to use a bucket for a stand where the tree can be watered so as to keep the limbs moist and not drying out from the heat of the holiday lights. Our Fire Department wishes everyone a fire safe holiday season!



Planning Department Update by Brook Svoboda

Green Tip of the Month: XCEL Energy has a new program you can find on their website called *xcel-ervation* great ideas and programs available through XCEL1 to help lower your energy consumption. (<http://xcelenergy.com/MinnesotaCompany/Pages/Home.aspx>).

This year we have seen the AGE Casino project move through their preliminary entitlements and will most likely submit their final plans sometime this winter or early spring. At their preliminary approval hearing before the City Council, the project team announced a desire to break ground in 2010. Prospector's Run continues to develop, despite these economic times, and will most likely finish out Phase 2

sometime early next year. There has been a lot of interest expressed in the Morrone Ranch property, also known as the Highlands Annexation, to be possibly developed into a golf course with hotel, retail and residential. There is renewed interest in the core downtown commercial areas as well. Staff has been in discussions with the new property owners, of the old Nitro Club, Papone's and Central Palace, preliminary

meetings with the owners suggest that these properties may open for business sometime in the late spring or early summer of 2010. If you have any questions or need more specific detailed information regarding any planning and zoning related issues or projects please contact me at 303-582-5251 x207.



Finance Department Update by Shannon Flowers

The Finance Department would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. Over the past few months the Finance Department has dedicated much of our time to the 2010 Budget Process. Staff and City Council have met on a number of occasions to go through the budget in detail to ensure that all City services and programs will con-

tinue despite the current economic conditions. The 2010 proposed budget is reflective of these economic conditions and is extremely conservative in its revenue projections. However, there is good news on the horizon; both the local and national economies have shown some indications of recovery in the last quarter of 2009. Further, City staff and Council feel that the

gaming enhancements passed in the first quarter of 2009 will show a positive increase in business and in turn a positive impact on the City's major revenue sources. Council expects to adopt the 2010 Budget at the December 1st Council Meeting. After that time a copy of the budget will be available in

the City Clerk's office and on the website for your review. You may also purchase a copy of the budget for \$5.00. The Finance Department encourages you to review the budget and let us know if you have any questions. Happy Holidays from the Finance Department.



Public Works Department Update by Larry Wallerich

With two fairly heavy snowfall events in the past two months our Public Works Department is fully prepared for all that Mother Nature can throw at us this coming winter. The sand shed is full with over 250 tons of salt/sand in preparation for the next snowfall. On an average two day snowfall we use almost 200 tons through-

out the City and along the Central City Parkway. We are now working on placement of the City Christmas decorations and expect to have that project completed by the time the newsletter is published. The City Christmas tree has been put into place on the South end of Main Street and

awaits decorating by local children in early December. We are also looking at having the Boodle Mill fenced with ornamental iron fencing, a project that will begin upon Council approval. We have also rebuilt the road to the cemetery in order to allow easier access for residents and

visitors alike. Three of the billboards on the Central City Parkway have also been moved, as per the Young agreement, and are now lighted. We are always available for your calls at 303-582-5251 x201.

City Clerk's Office by Lynnette Hailey

We anticipate hiring a full-time City Clerk early next year and are currently going through that process. As a reminder to our businesses, Business License Applications for 2010 can be obtained by going to the City's website, www.centralcitycolorado.us or here at City Hall. Dog tags and other licenses can be obtained by stopping by City Hall early next year.

Regarding Parking passes, the City Council is evaluating the necessity of continuing this requirement so please watch for this issue to be on a future Council agenda for action. If anyone has any questions regarding licensing, fees or any other information please call 303-582-5251.

Water Department by Larry Wallerich

The Water Department has been working on the State requirements from our sanitary survey done this year.

- We had a discharge violation from the cistern at the plant. It has been corrected.
- We were discharging water with too much chlorine and we have resolved this issue.
- The Prospector's Run tanks needed to have hatches installed on all three tanks and this was done.
- We incorporated a new Cross Connection Control Plan.
- We installed overflow piping for Prospector's Run Tanks.
- We installed 24 inch stainless steel mesh screening on all vent tubes.
- Maintenance programs

were developed for all facilities. The erosion control was completed at Prospectors run tanks. When we had our water line break and was forced to shut off the City's water, the State required us to issue a boil order. The order required us to have a five parts per million solution of chlorine in the distribution lines for a twenty four hour period to disinfect anything that may have gotten into the lines. Our water plant only has chlorine at the plant. We had to bring the chlorine level up to five parts per million in our seven hundred and fifty thousand gallon storage tank which took two days just to treat the storage tank. We have recommended a plan to Council to correct the problem in the future.

Council Actions - Sept–Nov 2009

September 1, 2009 Meeting

- Ordinance 09-13, establishing a ballot question on reducing legal publication requirements for the November 3rd election.
- New Liquor License approved for the Central City Social Club at 112 Lawrence.
- Directed that a new Resolution/Ordinance for a fee schedule.
- Directed to continue work to finalize Elkhorn access.

September 15, 2009 Meeting

- Renewed Liquor Licenses for Famous Bonanza and Easy Street Casino.

- Passed Resolution 09-09 Agreeing to Act as a Reviewing Entity for the State Income Tax Credit Program or Qualifying Rehabilitation Projects under Colorado House Bill 90-1033.
- Passed Ordinance 09-14, adding a new Article VII to Chapter 1 titled "Fees and Charges, adopting a set fee schedule.

October 6, 2009 Meeting

- Renewed Liquor License for the Teller House.
- Passed Promise Keepers request for Kasey D. Mayle-Combs for tuition in the amount of \$2,689.27.
- Approved offer of \$725,000 for sale of

October 20, 2009 Meeting

- Passed Promise Keepers request for Valerie Spellman request for tuition in the amount of \$4,532.75.

November 3, 2009 Meeting

- Passed variance request for minimum lot width for proposed lot line

- Adjustment Subdivision (lots 11-14, Block 15)
- Denied demolition request for Knight's of Pythias building.
- Election results presented. Question 2A failed 104-18, Question 2B failed 73-50.
- Requested information on Boodle Mill fencing project for next meeting.

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2010 Summer Event Planning Update

Though it seemed to rain during most of the 2009 summer street events, that hardly dampened spirits as turnout remained comparable. Now we are in the process of planning for 2010 and are putting together events that will see the return of the Golden Cruisers Hot Rod Club and the Autism Speaks car and motorcycle show, the addition of an Antique Jaguar car show and several motorcycle runs.

Dates to remember would include the 36th Annual Madam Lou Bunch Day on June 19th, the Opera/Community Picnic on June 21st and our July 4th event.

We continue to strive for events that showcase Central City in a positive light and bring additional business to our casinos and retail establishments. Here's hoping for a very prosperous 2010!

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