

# Colorado Springs “Special Districts 101.5”

## Session No. 3

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# Session 3 Topics



- 1) Follow-up on Metropolitan Districts
- 2) Overall special district submittal, review and approval processes
- 2) GIDs (general improvement districts)

# Updates from Session 2



- 1) Statutory Criteria
- 2) As of now these are embedded in Model Service Plans (Section X- Conclusion)
  - Four required findings
  - Five additional findings that may be made
- 3) Required findings are now included in Section 2 of standard from Council resolution

# Updates from Session 2- Metro Districts



Criteria for which evidence must be presented- satisfactory to Council:

- (a) There is sufficient existing and projected need for organized service in the area to be serviced by the proposed special district.
- b) The existing service in the area to be served by the proposed special district is inadequate for present and projected needs.
- (c) The proposed special district is capable of providing economical and sufficient service to the area within its proposed boundaries.
- (d) The area to be included in the proposed special district has, or will have, the financial ability to discharge the proposed indebtedness on a reasonable basis.

# Overall Application Review and Decision Processes



# Committee and Council



- Staff-level Special District Committee reviews requests
  - Membership list attached
  - Most participation is electronic (staff-selected)
- City Council-only hearing process
- Typical process:
  - City Council Budget Committee
  - Work Session
  - Hearing(s)

# Most Common Requests



- New or amended metropolitan district service plan
  - New BID
  - BID inclusion or exclusions
  - Authorizations to issue formal debt
  - Annual actions on BID plans
- less common actions listed in attachments

# Other Key Roles



- Clerk
- Budget and Finance
  - GIDs
  - SIMDs
  - Tag Team with Planning on Annual BID Actions
- City Attorney's Office
- Parks Department
  - SIMDs



# Information in Attachments



- Special District Committee list
- Summary of post-2009 actions
- Lists and descriptions of submittal items

# GIDs (General Improvement Districts)



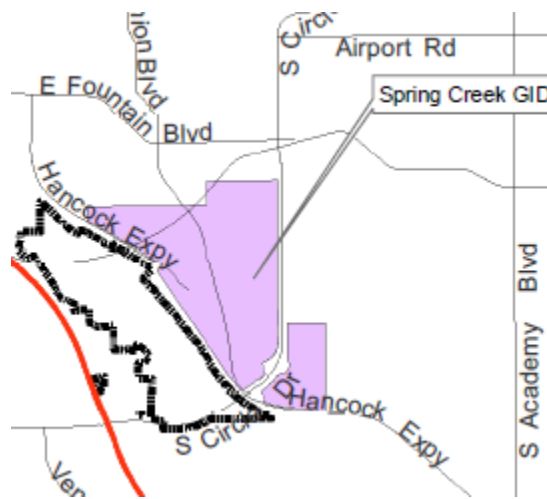
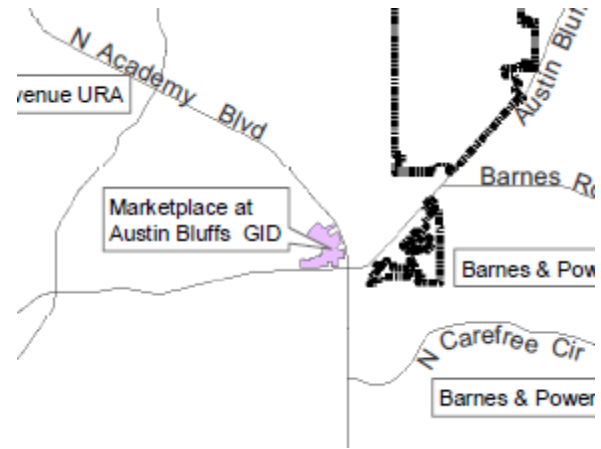
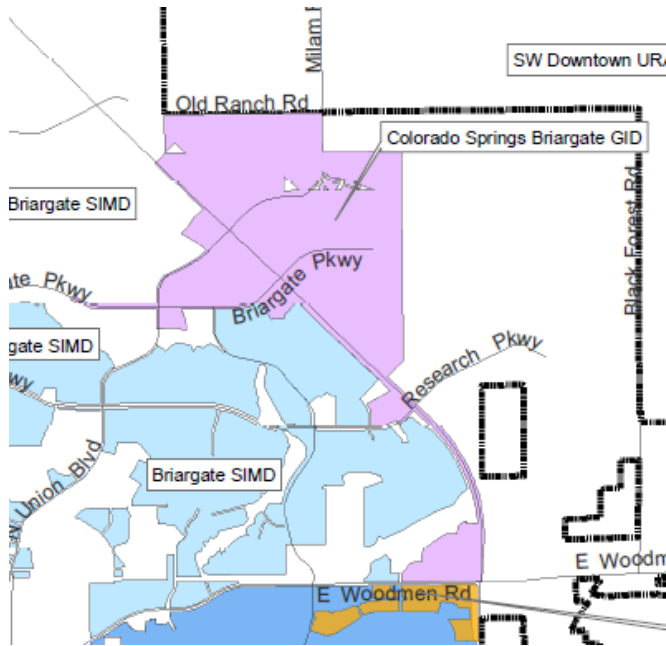
- Title 31 Statutory (§ 31-25-601)
- Created by Council Ordinance
- Only in municipalities
- Council acts as Board
- Now authorized to perform maintenance functions
- Available alternative for Colorado Springs developers prior to Metro Districts as an option
- Staff overview document attached

# GID Numbers



- 54 Statewide
  - 3 remaining in Colorado Springs
    - Briargate (2000)
    - Marketplace at Austin Bluffs (2005)
    - Spring Creek (1985)
  - at least 6 in Colorado Springs have been dissolved
  - 2 GIDs in Fountain

# GID Maps



# Future GIDs?



- SIMD (special improvement maintenance district) conversion option
- New special purpose City district (e.g. storm water in a redevelopment area)

# Updated Schedule- Future Sessions



## Session 4- November 25, 2019

- LIDs and SIDs
- Mill levies and Gallagher adjustments

## Session 5- December 9, 2019

- SIMDs
- Special district financial obligations, debt authorizations and debt issuances

## Session 6- January 13, 2019

- District powers and functions in addition to debt issuance
- District boards and elections/ TABOR

## Session 7- January 27, 2019

- Contacts, annual reports, audits, data and disclosure
- District dissolution, or conversion to resident boards