

CITY COUNCIL'S



Annual Report to the Citizens

April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

March 22, 2021

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Legislative History

City Charter and Council Rules

City Council adopts the Annual Report to the Citizens as required by City Charter Section 3-10(d), to ensure accountability to the citizens of the City of Colorado Springs

FORMAT

- Summary of City Council highlights from the previous year
- This edition is April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021
- Preliminary draft to City Council at the end of March. Approved by City Council at the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2021
- Hard copies provided and available online

City Council's Annual Report Process & Development

- Reviewed 2020-2021 City Council agendas and news clips
- Reviewed City Council calendars, town halls and other community events
- Received initial input from all Councilmembers (December 2020 to February 2021)
- Coordinated with Colorado Springs Utilities for highlights (December 2020 to March 2021)

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Farewell to Don Knight, Jill Gaebler, and Andy Pico



Highlights

COVID-19 Pandemic Response

- Implemented safety procedures and protocols for City Hall Staff and Councilmembers
- Installation of partition glass and safety procedures in City Council Chambers
- Implementation of virtual/hybrid meetings through Microsoft Teams
- Coordinated access for citizens to engage in virtual platforms for: City Council Meetings; Colorado Springs Utilities Meetings; and Boards, Commissions and Committees



Highlights

Law Enforcement Transparency & Accountability Commission (LETAC)

City Council established LETAC in June 2020 after listening to community concerns during the Black Lives Matter movement

- Received over 800 applications for appointment
- Interviewed and selected members and two alternates
- Commission serves as a conduit for the needs of both citizens and Police Department
- ¹¹ Provide feedback back to City Council with policy recommendations



Highlights

Land Use Advancements

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

City Council approved ADU legislation on June 23, 2020 after extensive Staff, City Council, and public review. City Council held two Town Halls, and the item appeared on five Work Sessions.

Public Arts Master Plan

Unanimously approved by City Council on November 24, 2020 this is the first Public Art Master Plan creating a sustained, permanent public art program in Colorado Springs

Panorama Park Renovation

On August 25, 2020 City Council adopted an ordinance to appropriate \$3,700,000 to the renovation of Panorama Park

- 13.5 acre neighborhood park
- Features based on resident led engagement and creative process
- Provide safe, accessible and quality community destination park



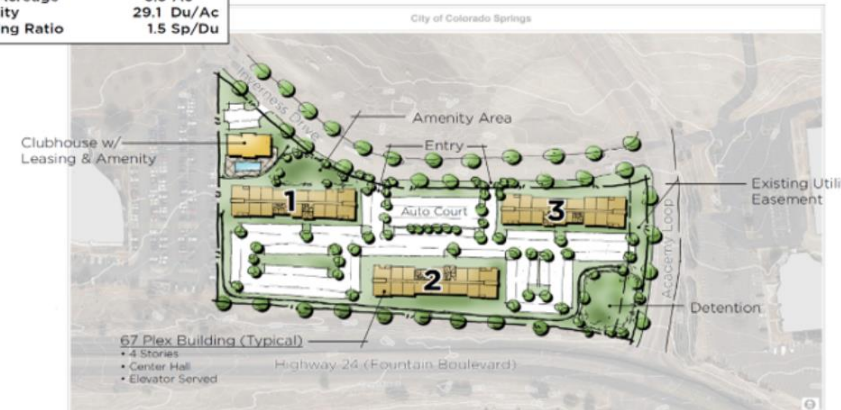
Highlights

Affordable Housing

Academy Heights

- Approved by City Council on July 1, 2020
- Provides 201 affordable apartment units in South Colorado Springs

Project Summary	
Total # of Units	201 Units
Site Acreage	6.9 Ac
Density	29.1 Du/Ac
Parking Ratio	1.5 Sp/Du



2021 Annual Action Plan

- Approved by City Council on February 9, 2021
- Plan describes the specific uses for HUD Program funds
- Outlines citizen participation plan

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Additional Accomplishments

- Strategic Plan Year One Update
- Rewrite and approval of City Council Rules and Procedures
- Approval of the 2021 Budget
- Boards, Commissions and Committees programmatic update
- Appointment of Jackie Rowland, City Auditor
- Appointment of Randy Royal, Fire Chief
- Resolution approving the acquisition of 341 acres in Mountain Shadows Open space and Trails
- Annexation of 887 acres of land known as Banning Lewis North into the City

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Next Steps

- Incorporate City Council feedback from Work Session
- Incorporate Council Rules and Procedures rewrite
- Incorporate Boards, Commissions, Committees updates
- Incorporate Colorado Springs Utilities highlights
- Provide final approval at April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Provide finalized printed version to City Council