



City Council Work Session

448 E 1st Street, Room 190 Salida, Colorado 81201
December 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Agenda

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Discussion Items

1. Chaffee County Building Department Energy Code presentation
2. Concept Design Review for the Affordable Senior Housing Project and Public Park located at 507 Scott Street
3. Overview of Administration and City Clerk Offices
4. Tour of Touber Building

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Department Administration	Presented By Sara Law - Sustainability Coordinator/PIO	Date December 15, 2025
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Agenda Item

Chaffee County Building Department Energy Code presentation

Background

On July 20th, 2021 City Council adopted Resolution 2021-27 adopting a Climate Action Plan for the City of Salida. In subsequent years, City Council began the implementation for an Energy Action Plan with our Partners in Excel Energy and codified our Sustainability Committee. As part of these steps, the Salida Municipal Code empowers the Sustainability Committee to both assist the City Council to implement its Climate Action and Energy Action Plans and update and advocate for the advancement of local guidelines and codes to lower energy consumption. § 2-18-40 (b) and (d), Salida Municipal Code.

Pursuant to this charge, the Sustainability Committee advised City Council to pass a Resolution supporting Chaffee County's adoption of electric preferred amendments to the County's Energy Conservation Code. Salida's Climate Action Plan specifically recommends the city adopt energy efficiency standards for new construction that exceed the minimum standards. In addition to this, the Committee determined that the electric preferred amendments to the Energy Conservation Code would be a modest and meaningful step the City should take towards achieving its overarching goal to reduce energy-related carbon emissions by at least 50% by 2030, but the amendments would also reduce the energy burden for homeowners and businesses, while preserving developer choice and options to meet energy efficiency goals. The City Council ended up passing Resolution 2024-35 supporting the electric preferred amendment.

Since the adoption of that Resolution, Buena Vista has adopted a similar Resolution supporting Chaffee County's adopted of electric preferred amendments to the County's Energy Conservation Code. The County is now ready to move forward with adopting the amendment and is meeting with municipalities to provide education on the 'to be adopted' code.



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Department Community Development	Presented By Kristen Hodges - Associate Planner	Date December 15, 2025
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Agenda Item

Concept Design Review for the Affordable Senior Housing Project and Public Park located at 507 Scott Street

Background

For the last few months, the City of Salida has been collaborating with the selected developer and architecture team, Northpointe Development and Shopworks Architecture, on a concept plan for the proposed Affordable Senior Housing Project and public park located at 507 Scott Street.

Before design began, Shopworks representatives met with several community members and groups to collect information. These included residents at Mt. Shavano Manor and Riverbend Apartments, and local providers such as Mountain Valley Transit and Upper Arkansas Agency on Aging, among others. In total, they have received feedback from over 50 community members.

There have also been two public engagement meetings on the project, held on October 8 and December 8, 2025. The first meeting focused on concept ideas and gathered feedback to help inform how the project should be designed. At the second meeting, the team presented the latest proposed concept design showing how feedback has been incorporated so far and again solicited feedback.

In addition to regular meetings with Community Development, several multi-department meetings have also been held with the design teams, including Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and Fire. As the design continues to evolve, we strive to ensure that all design requirements will be fulfilled for a successful and community-driven project.

Requested Direction from Council

The project intends to submit for the upcoming 9% Low-Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding cycle, which is at the beginning of February, 2026. City staff and the development team wish to review the latest concept design with City Council to determine whether the design is acceptable to submit for the LIHTC application.



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DEPARTMENT Administration	PRESENTED BY Christy Doon - City Administrator Kristi Keller – City Clerk	DATE December 15, 2025
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AGENDA ITEM

Overview of Administration and City Clerk Offices

BACKGROUND

This is first in a series of monthly department overviews for the City Council. The goal is to give Councilmembers a clear understanding of the responsibilities and functions within each department. This month we are giving an overview of the Administration and City Clerk Offices.