

Worksession Agenda Summary

March 8, 2022

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Title:

Special District Ordinance Review

Background:

Colorado State Statutes allow for the creation of "Special Districts" as an economic alternative to the development of municipal infrastructure (the Special District Act). These districts are generally formed for a specific purpose which is described by their title. Many such districts provide for the construction and operation of infrastructure, such as water and sanitation districts. Others provide for area wide delivery of a special service such as ambulance, fire protection, or health services.

Special districts are created with a specific boundary and improvements and services delivered to that area are funded by assessing a property tax mill levy to all property owners in the service area.

The first step to allow for such districts to be proposed in Greeley is to create the legislative framework to provide the criteria and process for consideration of a Special District and, specifically, a Parks and Recreation District. Council considered this tool at its January 25th Worksession and indicated its willingness to consider providing the authority to petition for such a district. An ordinance was drafted, modeled generally after the City's Metropolitan District standards and was introduced at the Council's March 1, 2022 meeting. Council also requested further review of the ordinance at its March 8th Worksession.

The attached material provides an overview of the key elements of the process and criteria to propose a Special District as described in the draft ordinance, which is scheduled for a public hearing at its March 22nd meeting.

Strategic Work Program Item or Applicable Council Priority and Goal:

Access & Connection to Recreational, Cultural, Educational, Natural Resources and Human Services.

Decision Options:

No decision or direction is needed other than to identify any additional information desired to consider the ordinance authorizing permission to petition for the establishment of a Special District for Parks and Recreation development.