

I was blind-sided upon learning the City of Salida annexed a portion of County Road 105. You would think the neighbors would have been notified that annexation was underway so they could weigh in. Does Salida think that all of us Chaffee County, non-Salida residents should be constantly searching Salida City Council agendas for potential negative impacts on our lives? 9/12 residential owners in this area have lived here 40+ years. Most do not have a computer. Should Salida overreach force us to adopt new technology against our will to protect ourselves? This is an unimaginably unfair expectation.

So, none of us knew about the CR 105 annexation beforehand. I decided to investigate. I sought out officials at the County Courthouse, and managed to meet with Finance, Assessor and 2 Commissioners. None had heard anything about CR 105 annexation.

Road and Bridge said they recently found out, but indirectly, through a city filing with the state defining who maintains the road. This report did not mention annexation.

What in the Sam Hill is going on here?

I spoke for 3 minutes about the Flour Mill Development on CR 105 at the last Council Meeting. I knew that despite major problems, passage was inevitable. I took a measured tone and asked for two things. First, construction traffic using Hwy 50 to Vandaveer Road, giving direct access to the Flour Mill build site. In the past, construction traffic destroyed both the road itself and our peace and quiet. Second, that extra parking be included since the parking from previous dense development in the area spills vehicles out onto the street.

What I got from Councilman Critelli was a snarky comment. Yes Justin, me being conciliatory towards this project is what dreams are made of. You would think after 6 years on Council Justin would have grown up. But Mayor Shore snickering along with him shows that wisdom is not gained with age and experience. Just curious, does that bullcrap civility pledge you preach at all of us before every meeting also apply to elected officials and staff? Because where I am sitting, I see you use it to bludgeon the public into silence while you abuse them from the bully pulpit. You ought to be ashamed.

If I am going to be treated with disrespect anyway, next time I will get my money's worth.

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