



**APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SALIDA  
COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS**

DATE Feb 10, 2024  
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APPLYING FOR:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment              | <input type="checkbox"/> Salida/Chaffee County Airport Board |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council          | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art Commission               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Board                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Committee            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROST                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

**Please fill out the following information about yourself and why you are applying for this position. (Attach resume or extra sheets if necessary)**

BACKGROUND AND/OR EXPERIENCE (Business and/or Personal):

College Degree in Municipal Recreation and 37 years experience in Federal, State and Municipal Government. The majority of my experience was with the City of Phoenix Arizona as a Parks Manager managing 10,000 acres of open space, developing over 100 miles of multiuse trails, supervising 15 Park Rangers and maintenance staff involved with daily operations. I was in involved in many multi agency committees dealing with issues from General Plans to land use zoning and enforcement. I was responsible for managing 1 \$1.5m budget annually, overseeing parks improvement projects and organizing and managing citizen special interest groups. I worked closely with the City Council members on their special projects. I wrote and managed many grant applications and developed the first Handicap Accessible Nature trail in Phoenix. I was active in the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association and

PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

Having spent the majority of my adult life in public service, I am very passionate about providing service to the public and take great pride in providing integrity and timely responses to citizen inquiries. I enjoy meeting constituents face to face to try to resolve their issues. In my spare time I am an avid river runner, having lead many Grand Canyon trips as well as other western river expeditions. I am so passionate that I even designed and built my own White Water Dory and ran it down the Grand several times. I have also enjoyed skiing since the 70's, and have enjoyed exploring the outdoors in Colorado. I have also been interested in historic preservation having restored several historic homes in the past. I also have interest in Urban Planning and sustainable design.

REASONS FOR APPLYING:

I have great interest in policy and follow Salida City Council meetings regularly and like to stay apprised of current issues. As stated previously, I pursue my interests with passion and

Thank you for applying, Salida City Council

Please return the completed application to:

City of Salida  
448 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 112  
Salida, CO 81201  
or email to:  
[Clerk@cityofsalida.com](mailto:Clerk@cityofsalida.com)

February 13, 2024

To: Salida Mayor and City Council Members

From: Mark Wisehart

RE: Open City Council Position

I would like to submit my name for consideration for appointment to the Salida City Council.

I have been a resident of Salida, Colorado, Ward 3 since March of 2017, residing at 845 Oak St Lot 41.

I have a lot to offer in many areas of experience having spent my professional career in Government service. I have a thorough understanding of public processes as well as an ability to communicate with the public, even when the outcome is not the desired end result.

I have spent a lifetime trying to better the human experience, starting in the early 80's organizing a citizens group in central Phoenix to help better a run down historical neighborhood that today is thriving and vibrant. I helped start a local whitewater club to assist the Forest Service with issues concerning an area Class 3 whitewater Run through the Salt River Wilderness in Arizona.

I began working for the Government in 1980 and continued my entire career working for the Federal, State and finally retiring from the City of Phoenix after 32 years of service. During my tenure with the City Of Phoenix I Managed Open Space in the Natural Resources Division of the Parks and Recreation Department. Many of my duties included but were not limited to: Personnel Management, Land and Trail Planning, Policy Development, working with outside agencies including County, State and the Federal Government. I was also a member of the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association for professional development.

One of my greatest achievements was reaching an Intergovernmental Agency agreement with Coconino County, Arizona over a land use agreement for a 32 acre parcel that Phoenix owned in Coconino County to run a Children's Camp.

I understand the intricacies of government bureaucracy and how to help the public understand their nuances. Having spent that much time in the profession, I am very passionate about the processes.

I also comprehend that policy made today will have long lasting impacts and must be made with a long term vision.

I am currently interested in a outlet to serve my community and continue my life of public service and feel that I could be an asset to the Citizens of Salida.

Lastly, I would like to assure you that I subscribe to listening to all points of view, as many times points can be made that were not previously considered and change an outcome with long term consequence.

Please find attached my application on the City of Salida form. I look forward to speaking with you in person to further discuss my qualification.

Thank you for your consideration. My contact info:

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