



NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PUEBLO CITY COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PUEBLO CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **JUNE 21, 2022** COMMENCING **AT 5:30 P.M.** IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL, ONE CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.

Executive Committee meetings are special meetings of the City Council and are informal Council meetings for the purpose of receiving information and discussion among Council Members; no official action is taken at such meetings. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.

Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to please notify the ADA Coordinator of their needs at (719) 553-2295 by noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.

THE AGENDA FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

- I. Call To Order And Welcome – City Council President
- II. Topics
 1. CITY UPDATE (5:30 PM - 5:40 PM)

PURPOSE:

Weekly update from the Mayor's Office.

CALL TO PODIUM:

Update: Ms. Laura Solano, Chief of Staff

TIME ALLOTTED:

10 Minutes

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

2. MT. CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER (5:40 - 6:05 PM)

PURPOSE:

Presentation to City Council.

CALL TO PODIUM

Robert McLaughlin, Executive Director

TIME ALLOTTED:

15 Minutes - Presentation

10 Minutes - Questions

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Presentation to City Council.

Documents:

[06-21-22 MT CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER.PDF](#)

3. MARIJUANA TAXES (6:05 - 6:30 PM)

PURPOSE:

Presentation to City Council.

CALL TO PODIUM

Mayor Nicholas Gradisar

Trevor Gloss, Assistant City Attorney

Dr. Malik Hasan

TIME ALLOTTED:

15 Minutes - Presentation

10 Minutes - Questions

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Presentation to City Council.

Documents:

[06-21-22 MARIJUANA TAXES.PDF](#)

4. BROADBAND STATE LEGISLATION OPT-OUT (6:30 - 6:55 PM)

PURPOSE:

Presentation to City Council.

CALL TO PODIUM

Bob Jagger, Deputy City Attorney

Lori Pinz, Director of IT

TIME ALLOTTED:

15 Minutes - Presentation

10 Minutes - Questions

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Presentation to City Council.

Documents:

[06-21-22 BROADBAND LEGISLATION SB05- 152 OPTING OUT \(FINAL\)_.PDF](#)

5. ARPA IMPACT REPORT - TRANCHE #1 (6:55 - 7:25 PM)

PURPOSE:

Presentation to City Council.

CALL TO PODIUM

Laura Solano, Chief of Staff

TIME ALLOTTED:

15 Minutes - Presentation

15 Minutes - Questions

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Presentation to City Council.

6. CONSTRUCTION FIRM CONTRACT FOR PROJECT CI2205 FIRE STATION 6, 8, AND 11 (7:25 - 7:40 PM)

PURPOSE:

Presentation to City Council.

CALL TO PODIUM

Andrew Hayes, Director of Public Works

TIME ALLOTTED:

10 Minutes - Presentation

5 Minutes - Questions

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Presentation to City Council.

7. ADDITION OF FIVE STAFF POSITIONS FOR SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (7:40- 7:55 PM)

PURPOSE:

Presentation to City Council.

CALL TO PODIUM

Mayor Nicholas Gradisar

Andrew Hayes, Director of Public Works

Jeff Hawkins, Director of Stormwater

Scott Hobson, Acting Director of Planning

TIME ALLOTTED:

10 Minutes - Presentation

5 Minutes - Questions

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Presentation to City Council.

Documents:

[06-21-22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POSITIONS .PDF](#)

III. Adjournment

Mt. Carmel Update

June 21, 2022



“Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference, Veterans don’t have that problem.” - Ronald Reagan

Pueblo Mayor & City Council Members

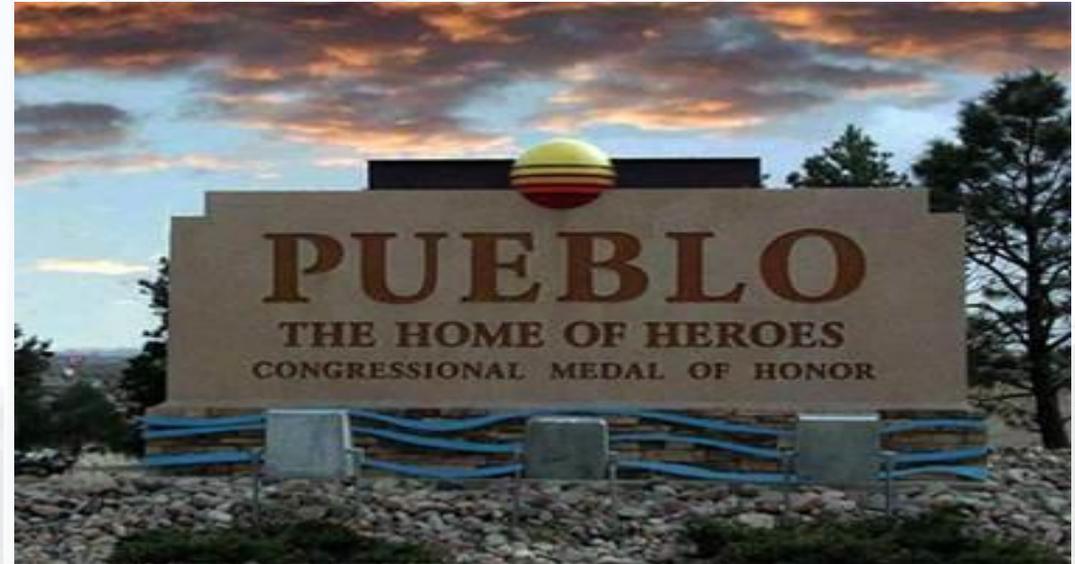


VISION

Mt. Carmel collaborates with community partners to provide health, wellness and transition services that nurture mind, body and spirit.

MISSION

To provide best practices for our Military, Veterans, and their Families through accessible programs, integrated resources, and collaborative partnerships that empower lives and strengthen our community.



“BOOTS ON THE GROUND SERVICES”

Bringing together public, private, and philanthropy under one roof.

Veteran One-Stop Center

Mt. Carmel's Pueblo Veterans Service Center

We're committed to serving Military, Veterans, and their Families in Pueblo and Southern Colorado. Our services are offered in-person and virtually to meet the needs of the Pueblo Veteran and Military Community.

MILITARY, VETERAN, & FAMILY SERVICES

- Non-clinical case management
- Financial counseling
- Utility and housing support
- Food assistance
- Legal assistance
- Medical insurance advisement

TRANSITION & EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- Peer navigator counseling
- Resume & interview workshops
- Career fairs & industry days
- Networking events
- Education assistance

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PARTNER SERVICES

- Individual, couples, & family counseling
- Support groups
- Alternative therapies

Our Pueblo Team

Operations Manager

Justin Verhulst

**Community
Coordinator**
Sal Katz

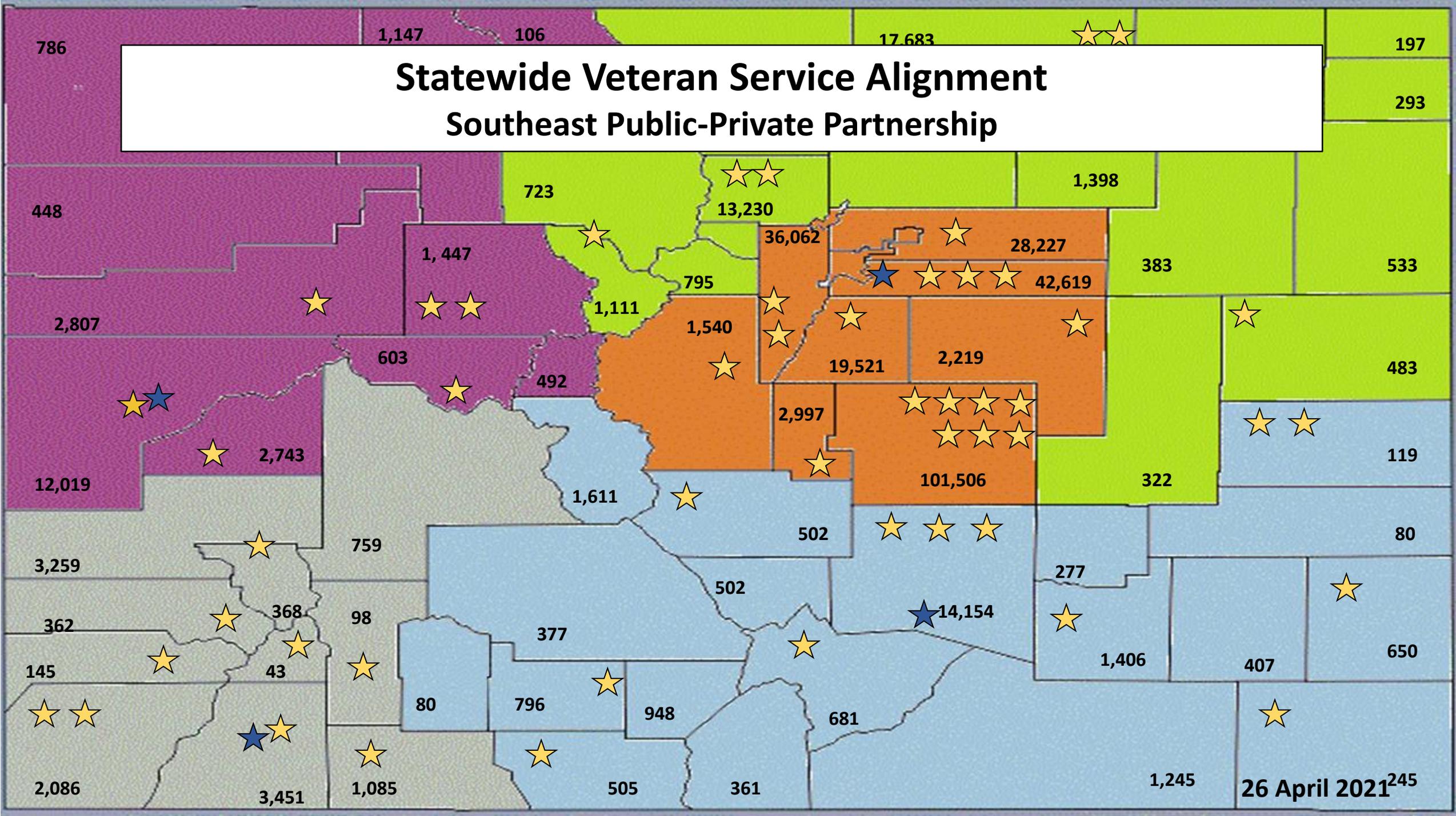
Case Manager
Christa Stone

Peer Navigator
TBD (Aug 2022)

Work Studies
3 Vets from CSU-P

Statewide Veteran Service Alignment

Southeast Public-Private Partnership



Partnerships

Services / Best Practices

- UVC
- DMVA
- St. Mary-Corwin Hospital
- Chamber
- MAC
- DHS
- Care & Share
- PCC, UC Pueblo
(Veterans Upward Bound)
- Pueblo Workforce Center
- County VSO's
- Medicate Mentors
- Amentum
- Pueblo Chemical Depot
- Xcel Energy
- Rocky Mtn. Human Svcs.
- Health Solutions
- Park View BH
- Family Support Center
- Avanza

Support

- City of Pueblo
- Comcast
- Economic Development
Director of Pueblo
- University and College
Administrators
- Local veteran service
organizations – VFW,
Legion
- Center for American Values

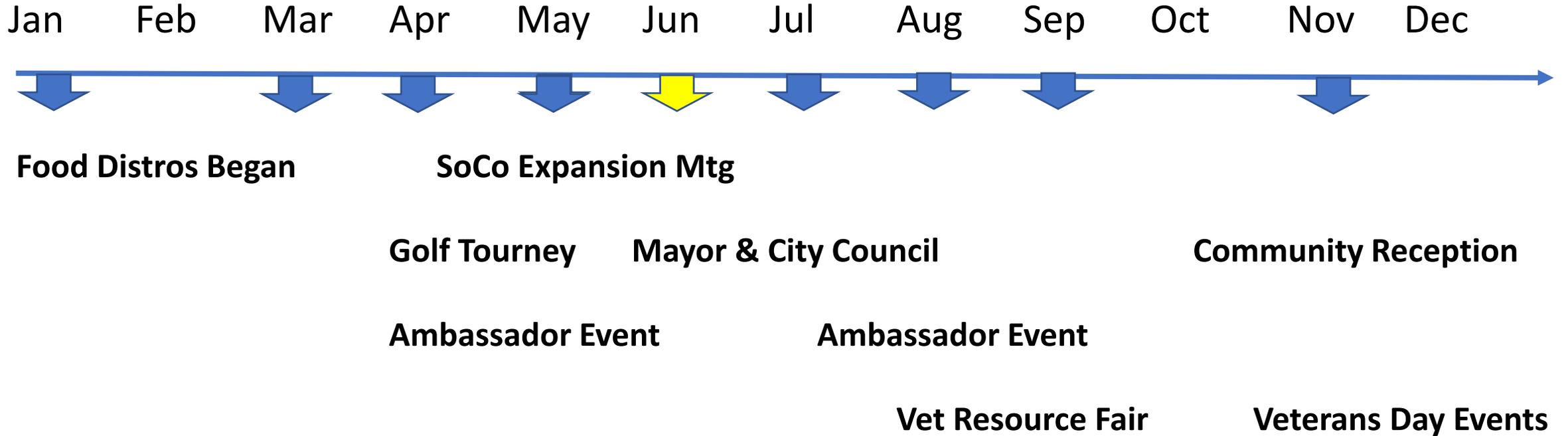
Resources

- Community FFE
- IT Support
- Signage
- Local foundations
- City, County grants
- 5 Star Bank
- 719 Heroes
- El Pomar SE Region

UVC Regional VPs	VSO
DMVA	VSO
VA	CNC

Mt. Carmel Veteran Services

2022 Milestones



Marijuana Taxes

Trevor Gloss

Assistant City Attorney

June 21, 2022

Taxes - State Level

▶ Medical Marijuana

- ▶ Sales Tax: 2.9% (regular state sales tax)

▶ Retail Marijuana

- ▶ Excise Tax: Up to 15% on unprocessed retail marijuana (cultivations)
 - ▶ Currently set at 15%
- ▶ Sales Tax: Up to 15%
 - ▶ Currently set at 15%
 - ▶ 10% of the collected revenue is distributed to local governments based on their percentage of marijuana retail sales.
 - ▶ Received \$379,790.25 in 2020
 - ▶ Received \$384,598.39 in 2021

*As of 2021, 18 states and the District of Columbia have legalized the sale of retail marijuana. The tax rates and tax structures vary. Washington state levies a 37 percent sales tax while Massachusetts levies a 10.75 percent special sales tax on top of the state's 6.25 percent general sales tax. Alaska does not have a sales tax but does collect \$50 per ounce of marijuana flower sold.

Municipal Taxes

▶ Medical Marijuana

- ▶ Special Sales Tax: 4.3% per PMC 14-11-3 and Ordinance No. 8208.
 - ▶ Received \$66,296.56 in 2020
 - ▶ Received \$48,262.82 in 2021

▶ Retail Marijuana

- ▶ Excise Tax: Up to 15% on unprocessed retail marijuana (cultivations) per PMC 14-12-8 and Ordinance No. 8903.
 - ▶ Currently set at 8% on first sale or transfer per PMC 14-12-2.
 - ▶ Received \$562,805.87 in 2020
 - ▶ Received \$797,702.76 in 2021
- ▶ Special Sales Tax: None. The City may enact a special sales tax only upon voter approval.

*Regular Sales Tax is also charged on all transactions, which is 3.7%.

County Excise Tax

- ▶ The County has a 5% Marijuana Excise Tax of the average market rate of unprocessed retail marijuana. This was phased up over four years and is the highest rate it can impose per statute.
- ▶ The City receives no portion of this County tax.

County Special Sales Tax

- ▶ The County collects a 6% special sales tax on all retail marijuana within its jurisdiction, including the eight (8) retail marijuana stores within the City. Per an amended Intergovernmental Agreement, the County has agreed to share some of that revenue.
- ▶ The City receives 58.33% of all special sales tax revenues collected from the eight (8) retail stores within the City, less a fifteen percent administrative fee. This equates to a 3.5% special sales tax (minus the fee) on those transactions for the City.
- ▶ The remaining 47.67% of the collected revenues are used by the County for law enforcement and detention related purposes, mainly centering on the creation of a new detention center.
- ▶ Marijuana Revenue received from the County:
 - ▶ \$676,277.17 in 2020
 - ▶ \$652,402.53 in 2021
- ▶ If the City were to impose its own special sales tax on retail marijuana (with voter approval), the County would no longer be able to collect its own special sales tax within the city (the eight (8) retail marijuana stores) per C.R.S. 29-2-115. The City could enter into an agreement with the County to allow it to keep collecting its special sales tax within the city. This may affect the County's plans for a new detention center.

Total Tax Revenue for the City

- ▶ **From Medical in 2020:**

- ▶ \$66,296.56

- ▶ **From Retail in 2020:**

- ▶ \$379,790.25 (Excise Tax from State) + \$562,805.87 (Municipal Excise Tax) + \$676,277.17 (County Sales Tax Agreement)

- ▶ = \$1,618,873.29 in Total

- ▶ **From Medical in 2021:**

- ▶ \$48,262.82

- ▶ **From Retail in 2021:**

- ▶ \$384,598.39 (Excise Tax from State) + \$797,702.76 (Municipal Excise Tax) + \$652,402.53 (County Sales Tax Agreement)

- ▶ = \$1,834,703.68 in Total

Opting Out of Broadband Legislation SB - 152

Presenters Name:

Bob Jagger – Deputy City Attorney

Lori Pinz – IT Director



What is Broadband?

Broadband is a high-speed/high-bandwidth internet connection usually running across fiber-optic, wireless, and/or microwave connections



Senate Bill 152

- One of the biggest impediments to local governments enhancing broadband infrastructure is a law passed in 2005, which has since been commonly referred to as “Senate Bill (SB) 152. SB 152 prohibits most uses of municipal money for infrastructure to improve local broadband service without first going to a vote of the people.
- SB 152 specifically requires that an election be held before a local government may “engage or offer to engage in providing” various telecommunication services. The term “providing” is given an expansive definition in the statute, which restricts both the direct and “indirect” provision of service (“indirect”, in turn, is given its own broadly restrictive definition.





Opting Out – What it Does and Doesn't Do



An affirmative vote to exempt the City from SB 152 does NOT require the City to enter the telecommunications business but does restore local authority and flexibility taken away by SB 152.

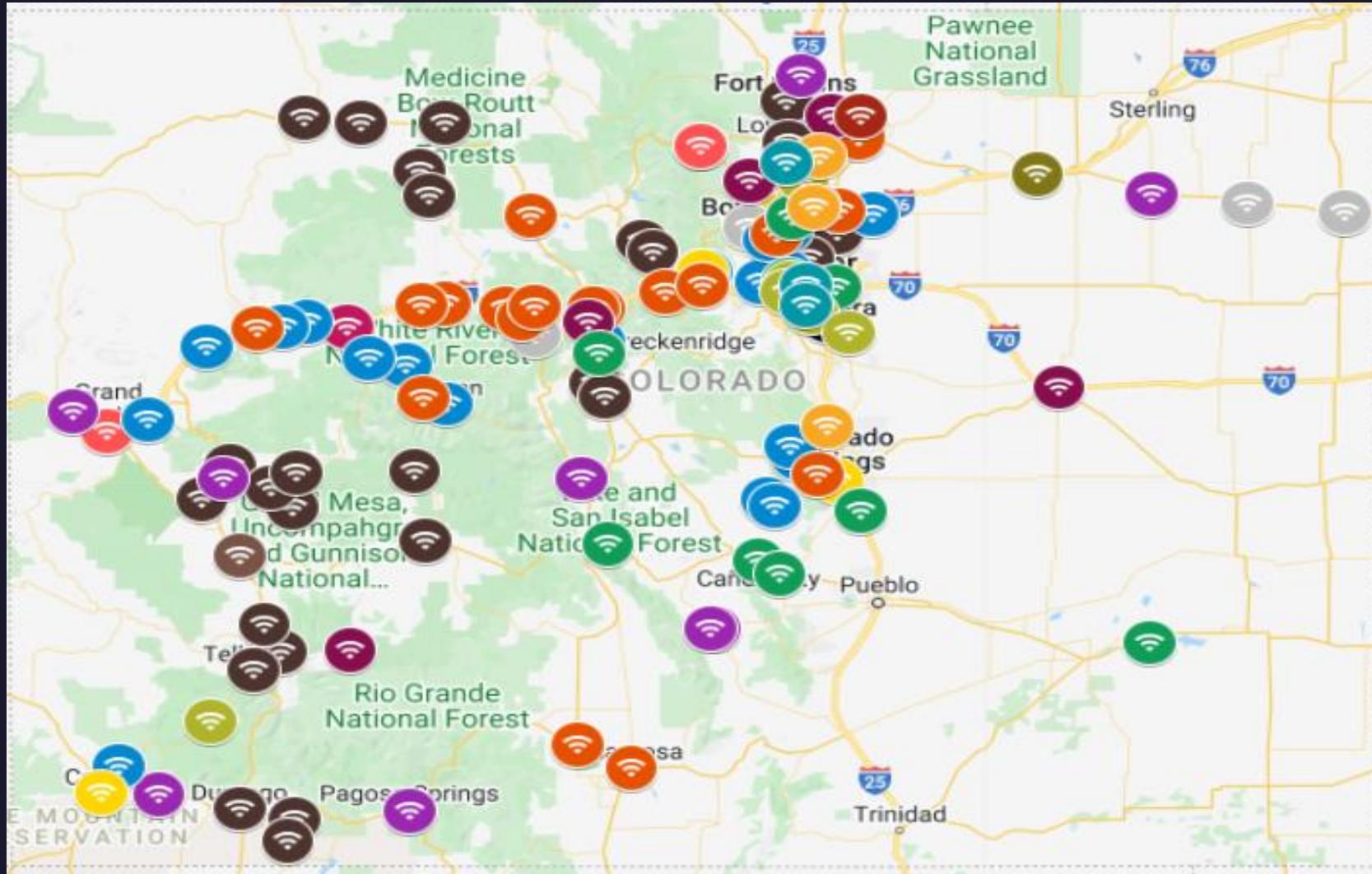


Opting Out - Benefits



- Entices existing private sector service providers to increase or improve broadband access to our community
- Attracts new service providers, increases competition, drives down costs, and reestablishes local control
- Allows for public-private partnerships to leverage funding and services between the City of Pueblo, economic development organizations, and the telecommunications industry
- Provides the City the authority to create and implement a strategic plan using public funds, as applicable, for broadband projects driving our community's future
- Increases opportunity for grant funding related to “middle-mile” infrastructure initiatives, i.e., those not directly attaching to a customer
- Promotes better access and quality of life for citizens, supports local business innovation and entrepreneurship, drives affordability, improves education and healthcare services, promotes high tech green jobs, and develops new avenues for a connected community and smart city initiatives
- Opting out provides a path to become a Gigabit City, which is a key to our future

Colorado Municipalities Opted Out of SB 05-152



Source: Colorado Municipal League, <https://www.cml.org/home/topics-key-issues/broadband-in-colorado>



Recommendation:

Consider and approve a November 2022 ballot issue opting-out of SB-152 and work toward taking back local control and improving our Broadband service for our community

Timeline:

City Council will have to pass and approve an Ordinance preferably on or before August 8, 2022 but no later than August 22, 2022 to place the issue on the ballot.

Resources

- Colorado Counties, Inc. and Colorado Municipal League, SB05-152 Opt-Out Kit, [sb-152-opt-out-kit.pdf \(cml.org\)](#)
- Colorado Municipal League, Broadband in Colorado, [Broadband in Colorado | CML](#)
- State of Colorado Broadband Office, [Broadband 101 | Colorado Broadband Office](#) and [Local Governments | Colorado Broadband Office](#)
- Colorado General Assembly, [http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics2005a/csl.nsf/billcontainers/FA216226F45192FE87256F41007B483C/\\$FILE/152_enr.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics2005a/csl.nsf/billcontainers/FA216226F45192FE87256F41007B483C/$FILE/152_enr.pdf)





Questions and Answers?





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Office of the Mayor

Growth in Pueblo is happening!

Recap from previous work session presentation by Mayor Gradisar on 6/6/2022

1. Housing study predicts significant shortage in Pueblo County over the next 10 years
2. Historic number of developments planned in Pueblo Since September 2021 Subdivision applications for 1671 lots have been submitted that is more than the entire previous decade combined.
3. Platted Lots – 379 Acres – 1626 Lots/Units
4. Unplatted Lots – 1181 Acres – 2985 Lots/Units

Supporting Smart Growth

- Developers have complex project review needs
- City must be able to respond efficiently and with expertise when reviews are required
- Existing staff is already working on many other projects and priorities that cannot be sidelined
- The significant uptick in development activity requires additional staff to focus on these activities
- Direction will be to make the recruitment/selection of these development focused positions a top priority (over filling other vacancies)
- Need well-trained, expert staff with subject matter expertise

Public Works – Staffing Request

Andrew Hayes – Public Works Director

1 new FTE - Deputy Director of Public Works

1 new FTE - Civil Engineer Transportation

1 new FTE - Associate Engineer I

1 existing FTE Conversion – Pavement Management Tech (vacant) to Associate Field Engineer

Planning – Staffing Request

Scott Hobson– Interim Planning Director

1 new FTE – Land Use Technician

Stormwater – Staffing Request

Jeff Hawkins– Stormwater Director

1 new FTE – Civil Engineer - Drainage

Costs

- Annual cost for all staffing requests is \$571,044
- Funding from General Fund and Enterprise Fund based on department assignment

Next Steps

- Can make quick headway on recruitment as three positions are existing classifications
- Two new classifications - job descriptions in development
- Civil Service and HR are on alert to make these vacancies priority if approved - eligibility lists already being established for current classifications