



TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
February 10, 2025
5:00 PM

I. Study Session Items

1. Douglas County Integrated Transit Presentation - Zeke Lynch/Mikhail Kaminer/Matthews - 45 minutes
2. Cultural Update - Glassburn - 45 minutes
3. PD Volunteers in Policing Program - Tsurapas/Sparks/Peters - 45 minutes
4. Legislative Briefing with Staff - Hogan - 30 minutes

II. Staff Updates

III. Town Council Updates/Items



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Bryce Matthews, Assistant Director - Planning
DATE: February 10, 2025
SUBJECT: Douglas County Integrated Transit Presentation

ISSUE:

Douglas County has hired consultant Fehr and Peers to develop the Douglas County Integrated Transit and Multimodal Study. The effort is to improve existing transit services and find ways to provide reasonable and reliable transit to people who do not own or have access to their own transportation, who do not own a phone, and/or who have limited personal mobility. Douglas County and Fehr and Peers will present an update to Town Council at this Study Session.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None

BACKGROUND:

Douglas County has hired Fehr and Peers to complete the Douglas County Integrated Transit and Multimodal Study. This effort is to improve existing transit services and find ways to provide reasonable and reliable transit for people who do not own or have access to their own transportation, who do not own a phone, and/or who have limited personal mobility.

The Study focuses on the northern area of Douglas County including the Town of Parker, City of Castle Pines, Town of Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch and the City of Lone Tree. A part of the Study Area is located within the boundary of the Regional Transportation District (RTD), which provides transit services such as bus, light rail, on-demand and paratransit services to the communities located in the northern tier of the County. This is also the part of the County that has the greatest concentration of residents and employment, which is an important factor in transit demand and services.

The information gathered throughout the Study will identify places where the current transit network has limitations and does not connect people to the places they want to go; potential short- and long-term improvements to the existing system and opportunities for new connections.

The Study goals include:

- Connect people to rail stations, transit hubs and major activity centers through transit opportunities
- Create a transportation system that increases options for getting around.
- Define bicycle and pedestrian connections that support and encourage transit use.
- Strengthen collaboration between Douglas County and municipalities.

Representatives from Douglas County and Fehr and Peers will present the following topics:

- An update on the Douglas County Integrated Transit and Multimodal Study
- Showcase transit options being considered, specifically for Parker
- Showcase supporting elements being considered

RECOMMENDATION:

For informational purposes

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

For informational purposes

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Carrie Glassburn, Cultural Director
DATE: February 10, 2025
SUBJECT: Cultural Update

ISSUE:

The Cultural Department will share accomplishments from 2024 and highlight projects planned for 2025.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

No additional budget is requested.

BACKGROUND:

The Cultural Department is excited to share updates on our major achievements from 2024. We will also focus on some of the larger projects we'll tackle in 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

None

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

None. The presentation is for informational purposes only.

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Jim Tsurapas, Chief of Police
Chris Peters, Commander
DATE: February 10, 2025
SUBJECT: PD Volunteers in Policing Program

ISSUE:

The Police Department is sharing an update on the Volunteers in Policing Program proposal.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

TBD

BACKGROUND:

The Police Department is sharing an update on the Volunteers in Policing Program proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is seeking feedback on the proposed program.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Staff is seeking feedback on the proposed program.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Volunteers in Police Service Presentation
2. Volunteer Budget and Equipment Logistics



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPs)



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Volunteers can be an important part of any organization and are proven to be a valuable asset to law enforcement agencies. Many volunteer with their community law enforcement to fulfill civic responsibility and to give back to officers that provide for their safety. Volunteering in law enforcement benefits the agency, the volunteer, and the community.

PARKER POLICE



THE PURPOSE OF THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Citizen volunteers, who after training can assist the Police Department of routine tasks, both clerical and professional, in addition, allow Department members to focus resources on more urgent law enforcement and community needs. This will free members' time, increasing work productivity, allowing them to focus where their skills can be best utilized.



BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

- A stronger bridge of understanding and communication with the community and community leaders. VIPS provides a comfortable, non-threatening resource to the community by providing direct assistance to citizens who often feel their needs or questions are too trivial and are reluctant to contact the Police Department. Volunteers become a powerful and respected voice in our community.



Prerequisites to Apply

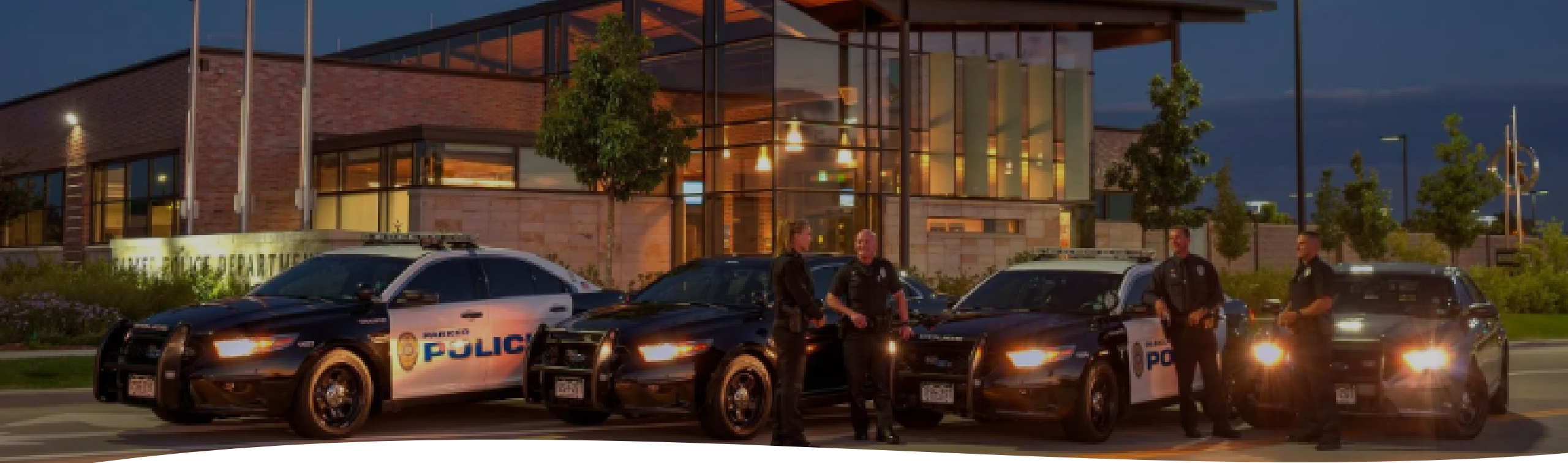
EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE/MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Generally a high school diploma or GED is required.

• Special Requirements:

- Be able to pass qualifying exams and background investigation.
- Basic understanding of computer programs and typing.
- Good general physical and mental condition.
- Attention to Detail and Ability to Multi-task
- Completion of Parker Citizen Police Academy
- Able to deal with confidential materials and records.
- Interview with Command Staff.





TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS

- The Volunteer in Police Services Program divides Volunteers into two different groups.
- **Administrative Volunteers** are assigned inside of the Police Department and fulfil tasks that fit their interests and specialties.
- **Patrol Support Volunteers** are out in the community assisting Officers, Citizens, and Visitors in the Town of Parker.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS- ADMINISTRATIVE

- The following essential job functions are consistent among all VIPs:
 - Be fluent in the VIPs program's Purpose and Mission
 - Serve as a role model for Citizen's Police Academy attendees and VIPs Program applicants
 - Serve as "eyes and ears" for the Police Department
 - Participate in a minimum of one Community Relations event per year
 - Have the ability to handle and maintain the integrity of confidential information



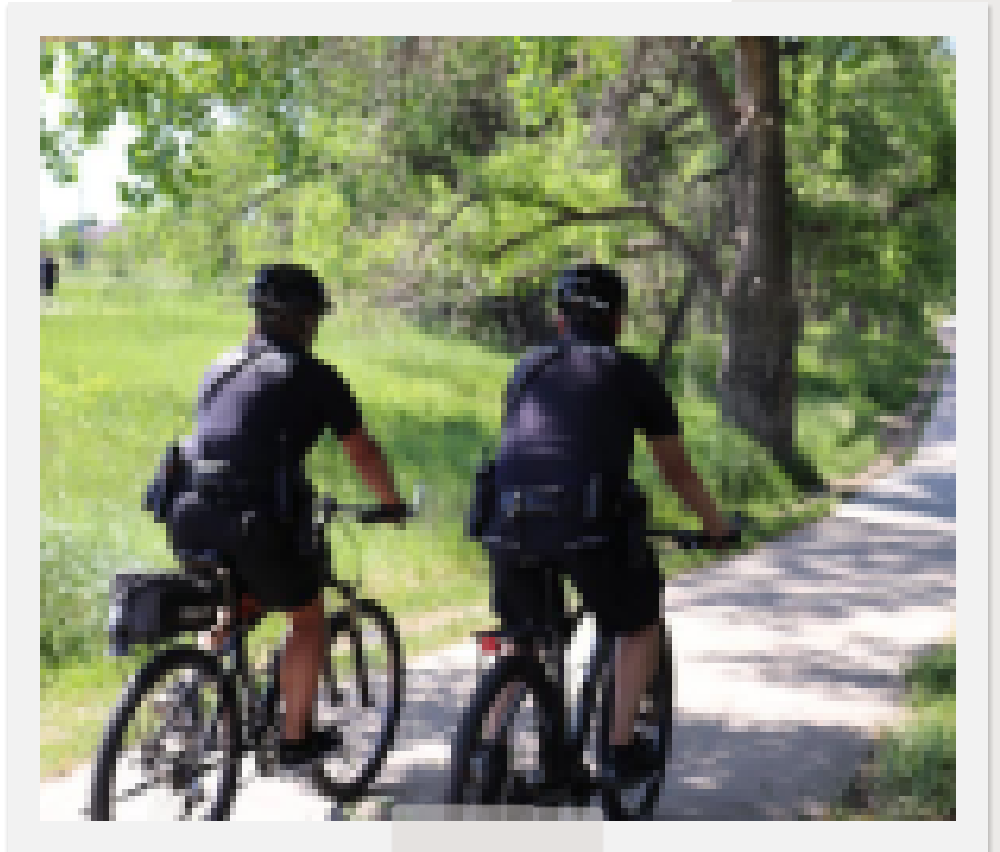


ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER DUTIES

- Administrative Volunteer Duties include but are not limited to the following:
- Work from front desk of Records as first point of contact for police inquiries
- Answer phones in a professional and friendly manner
- Direct incoming calls appropriately
- Receive Housewatch Program information from Parker residents wishing to participate in program and make entry for the request into SmartForce
- Attach and purge items to case report files
- Assist in management of patrol forms
- Verify and purge documents
- Scan and file documents
- Assist in Property and Evidence

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS- PATROL TEAM

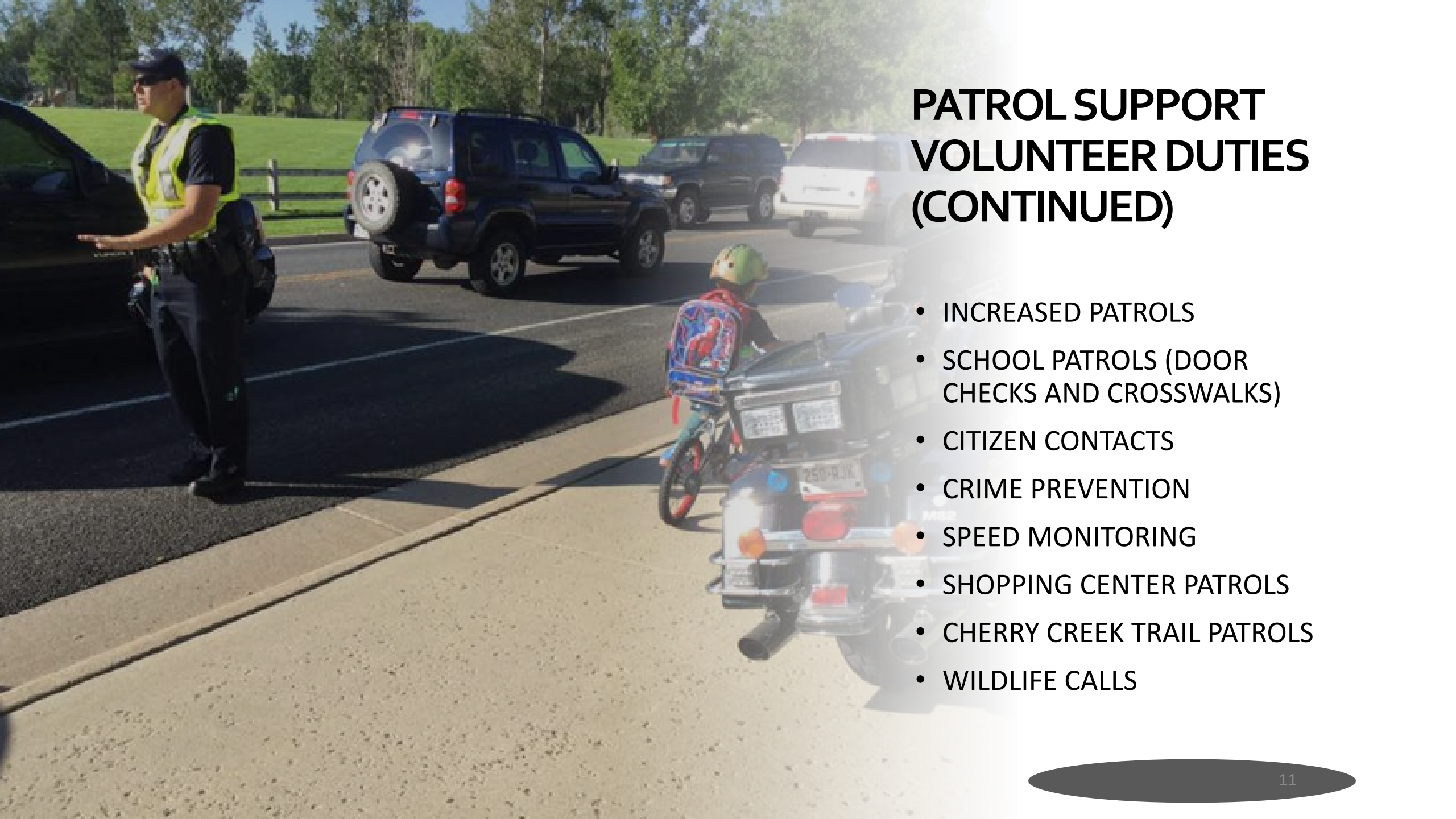
- The following essential job functions are for VIPs on the Patrol Team:
 - Participate in VIPs Patrol Team activities sufficient to maintain current team level or meet requirements for advancement to next level
 - Conduct patrols of neighborhoods, schools and roadways within Parker in an effort to extend the "eyes and ears" of the Police Department
 - Be self-directed and seek opportunities to perform tasks for which one is authorized, trained and comfortable performing
 - Assist Officers with tasks that do not require commissioned personnel such as cold reports, impounds, and lost/found property
 - Perform tasks as directed by senior VIPs Patrol Team members and commissioned personnel
 - Execute tasks and responsibilities in a manner that maximizes their safety and the safety of other members of the Police Department.



Patrol Support Volunteer Duties

- The following is a list of duties for the Patrol Support Volunteer:
 - House Watches
 - VIN Verifications
 - Parking (Will require change in Municipal Code)
 - Found/Lost Property
 - Traffic Control
 - Tow Assistance
 - Abandoned Vehicles
 - Traffic Hazards
 - Animal Calls





PATROL SUPPORT VOLUNTEER DUTIES (CONTINUED)

- INCREASED PATROLS
- SCHOOL PATROLS (DOOR CHECKS AND CROSSWALKS)
- CITIZEN CONTACTS
- CRIME PREVENTION
- SPEED MONITORING
- SHOPPING CENTER PATROLS
- CHERRY CREEK TRAIL PATROLS
- WILDLIFE CALLS



WHY BE A VOLUNTEER?

- *Volunteering for the Parker Police Department can offer a range of benefits, including:*
- **Community Engagement:** Contribute to the safety and well-being of your community, building relationships with local residents.
- **Skill Development:** Gain valuable skills in areas like communication, conflict resolution, and teamwork that can enhance your personal and professional life.
- **Experience Law Enforcement:** Get an insider's view of police operations and the criminal justice system, which can be beneficial if you're considering a career in law enforcement.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with law enforcement professionals and other volunteers, which can lead to future job opportunities or mentorship.

Success of Lone Tree VIPS Volunteer Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pR-eQHStOw>



PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT VIP PROGRAM

Requirements for Level Progression & Maintenance

Trainee

Pass the initial clearance process and background investigation process.
Attend PPD Citizens Police Academy or commit to attend the next one.

Level 1

Complete the 40 hour Ride-Along Program with VPTO(s).
Complete 6-hour Officer Ride-Along with PPD officer.
Receive approval for advancement from the Volunteer Coordinator.
Average a minimum of **16 hours/month** of approved patrol activities (rolling 3-month basis).
Maintain good standing with respect to requirements.

Level 2

Complete a **minimum of 80 Level 1 patrol hours** substantiated by CTR's.
Complete a minimum of 1 special project/assignment at Level 1.
Complete the required supplemental training (Radio, Traffic Control, VIN's & Parking Citations).
Complete approved PPD driving skills training.
Pass the Level 1 Check-out Ride with 2 VPTO's on a specific shift.
Receive approval for advancement from the Volunteer Coordinator.
Average a minimum of **24 hours/month** of approved patrol activities (rolling 3-month basis).
Maintain good standing with respect to requirements.

Level 3/Solo

Complete a **minimum of 180 Level 2 patrol hours** substantiated by CTR's.
Pass the Level 2 Check-out Ride (2 rides each with 2 VPTO's) on a specific shift.
Receive approval for advancement by the Volunteer Coordinator.
Average a minimum of **32 hours/month** of approved patrol activities (rolling 3-month basis).
Maintain good standing with respect to requirements.

Level 3/Alternate Shift Solo Status

Receive approval for Level 3 and request solo status on alternate shift.
Complete 2 shifts in observation mode with 2 VPTO's on alternate shift.
Complete 6 shifts in driver mode with 2 VPTO's on alternate shift within a 4-month period (3 each VPTO).
Pass the Level 2 Check-out Rides (2 rides each by 2 VPTO's) on the alternate shift.
Receive approval for alternate shift by the Volunteer Coordinator.

Level 4 (VPTO)

Complete a **minimum of 500 total** patrol hours.
Demonstrate skill levels, experience and leadership capabilities which warrant selection as a Field Training Volunteer.
Successfully complete PTO training course.
Receive approval for advancement by the Volunteer Coordinator and the Professional Standards Sergeant.
Average a minimum of **32 hours/month** of approved patrol activities (rolling 3-month basis).
Maintain good standing with respect to requirements.

Logistics



- Recruitment for the VIPs program can begin right away with the current Citizen's Police Academy class.
- For the VIPs (Volunteers in Police Service) program to get off the ground, it indeed makes sense to assign a full-time sworn officer who is also a Police Training Officer (PTO).
- Douglas County has graciously offered our volunteer trainees to attend a 7 week, 105 hour Volunteer Academy at no cost to the Town of Parker. The next academy starts in March, 2025.
- Once we have eight patrol support volunteers trained, several of these individuals could potentially meet the necessary hours to become volunteer trainers themselves by mid-2026.
- The plan to transition to volunteer trainers by 2027 would allow for a gradual shift in responsibilities. The initial support from a full-time sworn officer ensures that training is conducted to a high standard, and once the program has sufficient trained volunteers, the officer's role could transition, freeing them for other duties in the department.

Logistics

Year-by-Year Expansion of Volunteers with Fiscal Benefit to the Town of Parker:

At an average hourly rate of \$46.70 for Patrol Officers
Volunteers assist 16 hours per month

Year	Number of Volunteers at 16 Hours per Month	Total Hours per Month	Total Hours per Year	Fiscal Benefit per Year
1	8	128	1,536	\$71,731
2	16	256	3,072	\$143,462
3	20	320	3,840	\$179,328
4	24	384	4,608	\$215,194
5	28	448	5,376	\$251,060
6	32	512	6,144	\$286,925
7-10	32 (Maxed)	512	6,144	\$286,925 each year

Itemized List of Equipment

2- Outfitted Patrol Vehicles- with striping, amber lens lighting, in car computer and cameras, radio console, cones, flares, first aid kit

8- Pacset Radios with belt attachments, mic, and earpiece

8- Cell Phones

8- Body Worn Cameras

8- Ballistic Vests

8- Uniform Polo Shirts

8- Uniform Khaki Pants

8- Boots

8- Belts (outer, inner, belt keepers)

8- OC Canisters with belt holsters

8- Flashlights with belt holsters

8- Tourniquets with belt holsters

8- Yellow Traffic Vests

8- Winter Jackets

8- Hats

Yearly Budget of \$5,500 after initial startup to maintain uniforms and equipment, awards, appreciation banquet (etc.)

Questions?



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Volunteers In Police Service (VIPs) Program Launch Considerations

Proposal for Equipment Needed to Launch the Parker Police Department Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs) Program

Purpose:

To effectively launch the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs) Program, this proposal outlines the necessary equipment to onboard 8 volunteers for the Patrol Support position. The primary goal is to allow Sworn Officers to concentrate on higher-priority incidents and proactive policing by assigning volunteers to manage low-priority, non-criminal matters.

Equipment Needs:

1. Uniforms and Identification:

- **Volunteer Uniforms:** Standardized uniforms to promote professionalism and visibility. (e.g., polo shirts, pants, jackets, hats)
- **ID Badges:** Official identification for each volunteer to ensure recognition and authority.

2. Communication Equipment:

- **Radios:** Pacset radios for communication with sworn officers and dispatch.
- **Cell Phones:** For volunteers to maintain contact and receive updates.

3. Transport and Mobility:

- **Patrol Vehicles:** Dedicated vehicles for volunteer use (2), outfitted with necessary equipment and markings clearly distinguishing it from a regular Parker Police Patrol Vehicle.
- **Bicycles:** For volunteers working in areas where bike patrols are effective (Cherry Creek Trail, Downtown/ O'Brien Park).

4. Safety Gear:

- **Reflective Vests:** To ensure visibility during roadside duties or events.

- **Ballistic Vests:** To ensure safety of the volunteers.
- **Belt:** With OC Spray and Flashlight.
- **First Aid Kits:** Basic first aid supplies for handling minor incidents or emergencies.

5. **Training Materials:**

- **Handbooks:** Comprehensive guides outlining protocols, responsibilities, and emergency procedures.
- **Training Supplies:** Resources for initial training sessions, including manuals and instructional materials.

6. **Administrative Supplies:**

- **Reporting Forms:** Standardized forms for volunteers to document incidents and activities.
- **Stationery:** Notebooks, pens, and other essential office supplies for record-keeping.

7. **Technology:**

- **Computers In Car:** For volunteers to access departmental databases, report incidents, and communicate.
- **Software Access:** Training on any necessary software for data entry or report generation.

8. **Community Engagement Tools:**

- **Brochures/Flyers:** Informational materials for community outreach about the VIPs Program.
- **Event Supplies:** Equipment for public events or community policing initiatives.

Budget Considerations:

A detailed budget should be developed based on the above equipment needs, including estimated costs and potential funding sources, such as grants or community donations.

The successful implementation of the VIPs Program relies on equipping volunteers with the necessary tools and resources to effectively support sworn officers. By investing in these essential items, the Parker Police Department can enhance community policing efforts, improve officer efficiency, and foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Fiscal Benefits to the Town of Parker

The following calculations and the potential impact of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) are quite compelling. Here's a breakdown of the key points to be highlighted:

1. Volunteer Hours Calculation:

- 8 volunteers x 16 hours/month = 128 hours/month
- Over a year: 128 hours/month x 12 months = 1,536 hours/year

2. Value of Volunteer Hours:

- At an average hourly rate of \$46.70 for patrol officers:
 - 1,536 hours/year x \$46.70/hour = \$71,731 savings to the Town in the first year with 8 Volunteers.

3. Expansion Potential:

- With an additional 8 volunteers in the second year, the total would be 16 volunteers.
- 16 volunteers x 16 hours/month = 256 hours/month
- Over a year: 256 hours/month x 12 months = 3,072 hours/year
- Value of this additional volunteer time:
 - 3,072 hours/year x \$46.70/hour = \$143,462 asset to the Town.

4. Comparative Data:

- Neighboring agencies with established VIPS programs have upwards of 50 volunteers contributing similarly.
- This suggests a strong community interest and potential for significant resource savings if the program is expanded.

Summary

In the first year, 8 volunteers provide a tangible benefit to the Town of approximately \$71,731, to aid in offsetting the launch expenses. Expanding the program to 16

volunteers in the second year could double the savings for the Town to around \$143,462. This model demonstrates the potential for substantial cost savings while engaging the community in local policing efforts, which could lead to further benefits in community relations and crime prevention.

Itemized List of Equipment:

2- Outfitted Patrol Vehicles- with striping, amber lens lighting, in car computer and cameras, radio console, cones, flares, first aid kit

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Yearly Budget of \$5,500 after initial startup to maintain uniforms and equipment, awards, appreciation banquet (etc.)



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Emily Hogan, Assistant Town Manager
DATE: February 10, 2025
SUBJECT: Legislative Briefing with Staff

ISSUE:

Staff is presenting a legislative briefing for Council on the upcoming 2025 legislative session of the Colorado General Assembly.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

The Town has established a framework for legislative advocacy and takes positions on major policy issues under consideration at the federal, state and local levels that may impact the Town and its residents and businesses. The Town supports legislation that is consistent and furthers advancement of the priorities and objectives found in the Strategic Plan. Conversely, the Town opposes legislation that inhibits achievements of the Strategic Plan and its objectives. These positions are captured in the Town's Legislative Policy Agenda, which is adopted annually.

Advocacy positions to be taken by the Town include:

- **Support** – The Town supports the proposed bill as written. The bill directly relates to Town priorities and/or is considered crucial to Town operations.
- **Oppose** – The Town opposes the proposed bill as written. The bill direct conflicts with Town priorities, forces an unfunded mandate on the Town, interferes with local control and/or conflicts with crucial Town operations.
- **Amend** – The Town deems the bill to directly relate to Town priorities or be considered crucial to Town operations. However, the Town would like to see the bill amended before taking a support or oppose position. The Town will take advocate to amend the bill prior to passage.
- **Monitor** – The Town deems the bill of interest but no position is to be taken at this time. Staff will track progress of the bill and report back to the Council. The Council may take a support or oppose position on the bill at a later time based on changes to the legislation.

- **None** – The Town does not take a position on the legislation. The Town may take a support or oppose position of the bill at a later time.

The Council serves as the Town's legislative review body and is apprised of bills throughout the session and receives regular updates throughout the legislative session from staff and the Town's lobbyist. The lobbyist (Mutch Government Relations) is contracted to provide legislative advocacy services to the Town. In addition to maintaining a daily presence at the State Capitol when in session, the lobbyist acts as a policy advisor, strategic consultant, coalition organizer and legislative advocate on behalf of the Town.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests a consensus of the Town Council to identify any bills to track or take a position on.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Staff requests a consensus of the Town Council to identify any bills to track or take a position on.

ATTACHMENT:

1. 2025 Legislative Agenda 010325



2025 Legislative Policy Agenda

Introduction

The Town of Parker's 2025 Legislative Policy Agenda ("Agenda") establishes positions taken by the Town Council on major policy issues under consideration at the federal, state, and local levels that may impact the Town and its residents and businesses. The Agenda builds on the Town's existing values, priorities, and objectives identified in its Strategic Plan. With the Strategic Plan as its foundation, the Agenda is given the flexibility to represent the Town's interest in a wide range of policies, even if the policies in question are not explicitly addressed on the Agenda.

The Town's mission and vision are:

Mission

To enrich the lives of residents by providing exceptional services, engaging community resources and furthering an authentic hometown feel. We promote transparent governing, support sustainable development, and foster a strong, local economy.

Vision

Be the pre-eminent destination community of the Denver Metro area for innovative services with a hometown feel. We will be an area leader in economic and community development, and strive to be at the forefront for services, civic engagement, and quality of life.

The Town's Strategic Priorities are:



Support an active community

Parker will demonstrate our commitment to the health of our community, both indoors and out by providing access to outstanding parks, trails and recreation amenities and activities. We promote a healthy lifestyle and work to meet the needs of a diverse, multigenerational community.



Foster community creativity and engagement

Parker will stimulate community creativity and engagement through high quality cultural and educational programs and amenities. These will include community events, accessible cultural venues, state-of-the-art facilities and innovative lifelong learning opportunities, all of which are vital to a creative community.



Enhance economic vitality

Parker will be an area leader for economic growth by supporting the development of thriving businesses and industry. We will play a critical role in shaping quality of life through exceptional residential, commercial, and open space development; and creating a sense of place that attracts new employees, residents, and visitors to ensure fiscal stability for the community.



Provide a safe and healthy community

Parker will promote the wellbeing of our community by protecting our residents' welfare through prevention services and a safe transportation network. Parker fosters a feeling of personal safety and security through a visible, responsive public safety presence and a proactive focus on prevention, intervention and safety education.



Innovate with collaborative governance

Parker employs a high-quality dedicated workforce to support transparency, accountability, and fiscal sustainability by using innovative techniques to optimize performance. We engage in regional relationships, including our education, fire, water providers, and other governmental agencies and partnerships.



Develop a visionary community through balanced growth

Parker will demonstrate our commitment to balanced growth, well-planned development, and quality infrastructure using a visionary plan for a sustainable future. We support a healthy, future-focused community with exceptional services, while preserving our historical elements and hometown feel.

The Town of Parker supports legislation that is consistent and furthers advancement of the priorities and objectives found in its Strategic Plan. Conversely, the Town opposes legislation that inhibits achievement of the Strategic Plan and its objectives.

Limitations on legislative involvement

The Town will not take a position on every policy likely to impact the Town or its residents, businesses or other stakeholders in the community. The Town's legislative advocacy function has finite resources and focuses on areas with potential to have the greatest impact to the Town. The Town Council exercises discretion in determining when the Town takes a position on a policy.

Revisions to the Legislative Policy Agenda

The Town Council will review and update this Agenda each year as it deems appropriate. The Council may also choose to revise the Agenda outside of the regular update cycle in limited circumstances. Such circumstances may include a need to quickly respond to a particularly impactful policy or provide further direction to staff where the Agenda is not sufficiently specific on a topic.

The Council approves the Agenda each year via resolution.

Support of other organizations

The Town of Parker may from time-to-time partner with other municipalities or agencies on items of mutual interest. The Town may take a position on legislation to support its partners even if there is no direct impact to the Town itself.

Legislative review process

The Council serves as the Town's legislative review body. The Council is apprised of legislation throughout the session by staff and receives regular updates during Council meetings.

Individual advocacy and free speech

These procedures do not limit and are not intended to abridge the federal and state Constitutional rights of the Town Council and staff when they choose to express personal opinions on legislative matters. When expressing personal opinions, Council Members and staff are strongly encouraged to communicate that any personal opinions are not issued in an official capacity or on behalf of the Town of Parker or the Town Council. Individuals must refrain from the use of the Town's copyrighted logo or other branded materials.

While individual Council Members may advocate for or against legislation in their personal capacity, no Council Member may represent that they speak on behalf of the Town or Town Council when engaging in political advocacy unless the Town Council has taken a formal position for or against such legislation.

Advocacy for new legislation

Formal approval of the Town Council is required for the Town to propose new legislation. Neither the Mayor nor individual Council Members may propose legislation on behalf of the Town without the consent of the full Town Council.

2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Home rule authority and local control

Strategic Priority: All

- The Town supports local control and municipal government home rule authority.
- The Town supports collaboration with local municipalities as certain issues require statewide and multi-jurisdictional response, which are best addressed through early and meaningful engagement.
- The Town supports retention of authority for all municipalities to set local tax rates, expand municipal taxing authority and equitably share new state revenue with municipal governments.
- The Town opposes state legislation that creates unfunded mandates on local municipalities without state funding or other sources of revenue.
- The Town supports property tax policies that do not reduce local government revenue and allow municipalities the flexibility to retain excess revenue and modify debt service mill levies, among other tools.

Land use

Strategic Priority: Support an Active Community; Enhance Economic Vitality; Promote a Safe and Healthy Community; Innovate with Collaborative Governance; Develop a Visionary Community Through Balanced Growth

- The Town supports local control and determination of local land use issues.
- The Town supports municipal discretion concerning the imposition of development fees and requirements.
- The Town supports municipal discretion to adopt, update and enforce local building codes, including those that meet or exceed state standards.
- The Town opposes delegation of municipal land use authority to state agencies or preemption of municipal land use controls.
- The Town opposes mandatory approval of wireless telecommunications facilities permits within a 60-day period as this is a local land use issue and there are no known issues with municipalities delaying review of these applications.

Economic development

Strategic Priority: Enhance Economic Vitality; Develop a Visionary Community Through Balanced Growth

- The Town supports the diversification and expansion of local economies, including support for existing businesses and the creation of new jobs.
- The Town supports regional economic development through partnerships and coordination with local, county, regional and statewide economic partners.
- The Town supports appropriate state tax policies and incentive programs that encourage business expansion, retention and attraction through job creation, investment in capital equipment and employer facility development.
- The Town supports workforce development, including higher education funding and vocational training.
- The Town opposes unreasonable restrictions on urban renewal authorities and downtown development authorities.
- The Town opposes limitations on municipalities' ability to utilize financing mechanisms such as tax increment financing (TIF).

Energy

Strategic Priority: Develop a Visionary Community Through Balanced Growth

- The Town supports reasonable energy conservation efforts and appropriate legislation that accelerates the development of clean, economical energy resources.
- The Town opposes preemption of municipalities in setting and implementing long-term renewable energy goals.
- The Town opposes unfunded federal and state mandates on energy sources that would create unnecessary economic burden on municipalities, local businesses or residents or would reduce energy supply in a significant manner.

Environment, conservation and sustainability

Strategic Priority: Develop a Visionary Community Through Balanced Growth

- The Town supports reasonable and practical application of air and water pollution control laws by federal and state agencies and encourages restraint in modifying legislation and regulations that have a fiscal impact on municipalities.
- The Town supports practices to assure public health, safety and environmental protection and the protection of domestic water sources.

- The Town supports statewide and regional cooperation in drought response planning including water storage, as well as increasing conservation efforts.
- The Town opposes state preemption of local government authority to adopt environmental ordinances.

Housing

Strategic Priority: Support an Active Community

- The Town opposes mandated affordable housing requirements that infringe upon local home rule authority or pose a safety issue.
- The Town opposes state preemption of local authority to adopt and enforce ordinances that regulate use of public spaces and rights-of-way.
- The Town supports increasing local governments' ability to regulate, manage or generate alternative sources of funding for affordable housing, including public-private partnerships.
- The Town supports an adequate supply of diverse housing options and continued public and private sector support for such an effort.
- The Town supports solutions at the state level to limit litigation on construction defects to encourage a variety of housing types, particularly for-sale multifamily housing.
- The Town supports the creation of an adequately financed statewide housing trust fund.

Public health

Strategic Priority: Support an Active Community; Promote a Safe and Healthy Community

- The Town supports the greatest amount of local control possible for the regulation and ability to restrict sales of marijuana, kratom, and products with hallucinogenic properties.
- The Town supports legislation that expands support for those with mental health needs.
- The Town supports legislation that provides state resources for mental health initiatives.
- The Town supports the greatest amount of local control possible for regulating nutraceutical supplements.

Public safety

Strategic Priority: Promote a Safe and Healthy Community

- The Town opposes initiatives that have the potential to compromise officer safety.
- The Town opposes efforts to undermine local control or enforcement of activities on public property.

- The Town opposes the reduction and loss of qualified immunity for government officials.
- The Town supports local control of local emergency services, operations, and involvement of the state as a resource to local government in the areas of information, coordination and training.
- The Town supports federal, state and county funds for those agencies that serve as a resource to municipal emergency services.
- The Town supports state and community-based intervention, prevention and rehabilitation programs and state initiatives that respect the key role of communities and local government officials.
- The Town supports ensuring that municipal governments retain flexibility in implementing federal and state criminal justice programs.
- The Town opposes efforts to undermine local control and create mandates for local governments related to personnel policies and benefits structures.
- The Town supports limitations on the liability of municipalities and their officers and employees.
- The Town opposes state preemption of municipal authority to regulate firearms within municipalities.

Transportation

Strategic Priority: Support an Active Community; Enhance Economic Vitality; Promote a Safe and Healthy Community

- The Town opposes state transit planning that results in mandates for local governments and infringes upon local home rule authority.
- The Town supports better geographic distribution in programming provided to communities by RTD to ensure the Parker area has equitable access to multi-modal transit options that meet the needs of its residents.
- The Town supports greater flexibility and increased funding for multi-modal transportation systems. The Town supports cooperation among Colorado Department of Transportation, counties, municipalities and interested stakeholders in improving Colorado's transportation system.
- The Town supports legislation and regulatory action that maintains or increases the level of funding provided by the state or passed through the state by the federal government to transportation activities at the local level.

- The Town opposes legislation to transfer maintenance responsibility of state-owned roads to municipalities without adequate short and long-term funding to meet these additional responsibilities.
- The Town supports legislation that would allow local governments to impose an additional local motor vehicle registration fee to fund safety improvements for vulnerable road users (i.e. pedestrians, cyclists, etc.) in a local government's jurisdiction.
- The Town opposes legislation that would require local governments with a population of 25,000 or more to prepare a transportation mode choice implementation plan every 5 years to meet mode choice targets and provide different means of travel to reduce emissions.

Water and wastewater

Strategic Priority: Innovate with Collaborative Governance

- The Town supports water policies that protect Colorado's water resources.
- The Town supports appropriate water conservation efforts and sustainable water resources management practices by all users.
- The Town supports participation in statewide discussions of water use and distribution.
- The Town supports stakeholder input and involvement in developing laws and regulations related to water and wastewater issues.

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