



TOWN COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA
April 13, 2026
5:00 PM

I. Study Session Items

1. Legislative Update - William Mutch/Hogan - 30 minutes
2. Parker Youth Commission Update - Sullivan - 30 minutes
3. Parker Youth Commission Recognitions - Sullivan - 15 minutes
4. Website Redesign Update - Hogan - 45 minutes

II. Staff Updates

III. Town Council Updates/Items



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of Town Council
FROM: Emily Hogan, Deputy Town Manager
DATE: April 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Legislative Update

ISSUE:

Staff is presenting a legislative briefing on the 2026 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 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. 2026 Legislative Policy Agenda 110425
2. Legislative Briefing Memo 041326

2026 TOWN OF PARKER LEGISLATIVE POLICY AGENDA



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TOWN OF PARKER - 2026 LEGISLATIVE POLICY AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

The Town of Parker’s 2026 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.

Mission and Vision

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.

Strategic Priorities

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.



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Legislative Policy Agenda

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, Councilmembers 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 Councilmembers may advocate for or against legislation in their personal capacity, no Councilmember 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 Councilmembers may propose legislation on behalf of the Town without the consent of the full Town Council.

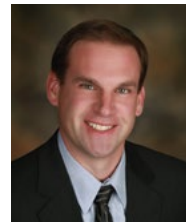
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Mayor



Anne Barrington
Councilmember



John Diak
Councilmember



Erik Frandsen
Councilmember



Laura Hefta
Councilmember



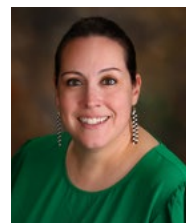
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For contact information, please see page 6.

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2026 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 and counties 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.
- The Town opposes federal legislation that negatively impacts municipalities' ability to issue tax exempt municipal bonds including private activity bonds assigned to partnering agencies.
- The Town of Parker opposes budget cuts at the state or federal level that result in reduced funding for local governments, such as transportation, public safety, etc.

Land Use and Building

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 home rule authority to establish appropriate building, energy and fire codes to ensure safe, sound construction activity and opposes state mandates that supersede local control.
- 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.

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).



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Employment

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 and create mandates for local governments related to personnel policies and benefits structures.
- The Town opposes the reduction and loss of qualified immunity for government officials.
- The Town supports limitations on the liability of municipalities and their officers and employees.

Energy and Environment

Strategic Priority: Develop a Visionary Community Through Balanced Growth

- 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.
- 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 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 supports incentives and voluntary measures to promote a full range of housing options including attainable and affordable housing based upon sound planning and policy.

- 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 the creation of an adequately financed statewide housing trust fund.
- 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.

Public Health and Safety

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

- The Town supports legislation that clarifies that strangulation committed using a deadly weapon (including body parts) could be charged as a crime of violence with enhanced sentencing procedures.
- The Town supports legislation that expands resources for those with mental health needs.
- The Town supports the greatest amount of local control possible for regulating nutraceutical supplements.



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Public Health and Safety (con't)

- 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.

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 transit services 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 transportation safety and increased funding for multi-modal transportation systems. The Town supports cooperation among Colorado Department of Transportation, transit agencies, 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 incentives and voluntary programs to support a Complete Streets approach to transportation design and infrastructure improvements to improve safety, increase travel options and support the development of a multi-modal transportation system.



Water and Wastewater

Strategic Priority: Innovate with Collaborative Governance

- The Town supports land use and 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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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Emily Hogan, Deputy Town Manager
William Mutch, Mutch Government Relations

DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Legislative Briefing

Purpose

This memo provides a brief update on recent legislative activity that may impact the Town of Parker, including key bills, trends and next steps.

Overview

The Colorado General Assembly is currently in session with several measures under consideration that could affect municipalities.

Key Legislative Items

1. HB26-1288: Jury Selection Requirements

- **Summary:** Establishes certain requirements for jury questionnaires that are completed prior to conducting voir dire. The bill requires a minimum amount of time for each party to conduct voir dire and establishes the lengths of required time for civil/criminal cases, with the lengths of required time for criminal cases depending upon whether the most serious charge is a petty offense or municipal violation, misdemeanor, or felony.
- **Status:** House Committee on Judiciary Refer Amended to House Committee of the Whole on 4/1.
- **Potential Impact:** Could create extensive and cost-prohibitive requirements for civil/criminal cases in municipal court. These prescriptive burdens on municipal courts include unique questionnaires for every case and allotted times for voir dire, which according to the Colorado Municipal Judges Association, do not reflect how these processes work.
- **Town Position:** Staff recommends oppose.
- **CML Position:** Oppose.

2. HB26-1283: Protections Regarding Seizures of Identification Documents

- **Summary:** Makes it illegal for someone (like an employer) to take, keep or demand another person's identification documents without legal authority. It creates a misdemeanor offense for confiscating IDs and increases penalties if it's done to intimidate someone, including threats involving immigration enforcement. The bill is aimed at preventing coercion and worker exploitation, with limited exceptions for legitimate purposes like employment verification.
- **Status:** House Committee on Judiciary Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only on 3/24.

- Potential Impact: Could result in increased law enforcement workload, increased municipal court caseload and administrative compliance as an employer.
 - Town Position: Staff recommends amend.
 - CML Position: Amend. CML is seeking amendments to narrow the inconsistent interchanging of “employee” and “individual” throughout the bill, remove provisions that conflict with federal law, and clarify that local governments are not regulated in how long they can retain personal documents. Additionally, state law already prohibits local governments from cooperating with the federal government for immigration enforcement actions.
- 3. HB26-1250: Procedures Related to Civil Asset Forfeiture**
- Summary: Creates the right to a court-appointed lawyer for people facing civil asset forfeiture or nuisance abatement cases in Colorado. It sets up a system and a dedicated fund to pay those attorneys, funded partly by reallocating existing money and a share of future forfeiture proceeds. It also changes how seized property money is distributed, directing a portion toward this new defense fund instead of other uses.
 - Status: Introduced In House - Assigned to Judiciary on 2/18.
 - Potential Impact: Could reduce ability to pursue forfeiture, potential decrease in local revenue from forfeitures, increased court and prosecution complexity and more litigated/contested cases as a result of right to defense counsel for forfeiture cases.
 - Town Position: Staff recommends oppose.
 - CML Position: Oppose.
- 4. SB26-117: Permissible Methods of Selling Lottery Tickets**
- Summary: Reinstates the prohibition on the lottery or any licensed lottery retailer from selling lottery tickets or instant scratch game tickets on a credit or other noncash basis and requires the lottery to sell such tickets for cash only, including checks, money orders, and debit cards. The bill also prohibits the online sale of any lottery ticket or instant scratch game ticket, regardless of payment method.
 - Status: Senate Committee on Finance Refer Amended to Appropriations on 3/3.
 - Potential Impact: Could reduce revenue for GOCO, which offers local government grants, as well as impact local businesses that sell lottery tickets and accept credit cards as payment. Could also increase sales at local businesses if online sales are prohibited.
 - Town Position: Staff recommends amend.
 - CML Position: Amend. CML is seeking amendments for prohibition against selling lottery tickets with credit cards to be taken out.
- 5. HB26-1276: Protect Safety of Individuals Who Are Immigrants**
- Summary: Requires law enforcement agencies in multi-agency task forces to report activity to the Division of Criminal Justice for annual public reporting. Expands penalties for mishandling personal data, mandates notice to the state and affected individuals for federal immigration subpoenas and prohibits government entities from assisting in transporting detained noncitizens. It also broadens oversight of immigration detention facilities, including health, safety, and environmental standards, with reporting to the Attorney General.
 - Status: House Committee on Judiciary Refer Amended to Finance on 3/17.

- Potential Impact: Creates redundant reporting requirements and fines for violating requirements. Transportation components do not exempt law enforcement from transporting someone who is here illegally even if a crime was committed.
- Town Position: Staff recommends oppose.
- CML Position: Oppose. CML was amend but moved to oppose because of the duplicative reporting requirements for the task force provisions, the transportation components, and corresponding civil penalty for each. Bill sponsors have not been willing to address these.

6. SB26-150: Modernizing Regional Transportation District

- Summary: Makes significant changes to the Regional Transportation District (RTD), including requiring a comprehensive study and long-term plan to improve services for riders with disabilities, particularly paratransit. It restructures the RTD board by reducing its size, introducing a mix of elected and governor-appointed members with specific expertise, and changing how districts are drawn based on population and ridership. The bill also adjusts board governance by lowering quorum requirements, allowing leadership roles, and increasing board member compensation. Overall, it aims to improve accountability, representation, and service planning within RTD.
- Status: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation & Energy on 3/30.
- Potential Impact: Encourages collaboration with local and regional partners to address service gaps for riders with disabilities. Board composition is not major concern for the Town and could be too heavy on political appointments, affecting the Town's ability to influence RTD policies and priorities.
- Town Position: Staff recommends monitor.
- CML Position: No position to date.

Notable Trends & Observations

1. Major themes this session include land use preemption, unfunded mandates, state budget crisis, federal funding changes, and public safety reform.

Next Steps

1. Staff will continue to monitor relevant legislation and provide updates as bills advance.
2. Council direction may be requested if a formal position or advocacy action becomes necessary.
3. Additional briefings can be scheduled as the session progresses.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of Town Council
FROM: Cheri Sullivan, Civic Programs Specialist
DATE: April 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Parker Youth Commission Update

ISSUE:

Provide an update of the Youth Commission's short and long-term accomplishments and goals.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

All items in the update utilize the existing budget.

BACKGROUND:

Established by the Parker Town Council on May 16, 2022, the Youth Commission provides an opportunity for students to learn more about their local government, participate in the process, and represent and articulate the needs of our community's young citizens.

Current members include:

Suhas Gandham - Chair
Lia Thakkalapatti - Vice-Chair
Brooke Massey - Secretary
Izzy Sanchez - Treasurer
Spencer Coleman
Mark Durden
Zach Lopez
Romir Nautiyal
Mae Reslan

RECOMMENDATION:

No direction is required at this time.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

No action is needed at this time.

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of Town Council
FROM: Cheri Sullivan, Civic Programs Specialist
DATE: April 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Parker Youth Commission Recognitions

ISSUE:

Town Council recognition of outgoing Youth Commission members.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

Youth Commission members serve 2-year terms. Five current members' terms will end on May 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

No direction is required at this time.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

Recognize the following outgoing Youth Commission members.

- Suhas Gandham
- Mark Durden
- Brooke Massey
- Romir Nautiyal
- Izzy Sanchez

ATTACHMENT:

None



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of Town Council
FROM: Emily Hogan, Deputy Town Manager
DATE: April 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Website Redesign Update

ISSUE:

Staff will provide Council with an update on the website and engagement platform redesign.

FISCAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

Fiscal impact will be determined by next steps.

BACKGROUND:

Staff will provide Council with an update on the website and engagement platform redesign.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information and discussion only.

REQUESTED DIRECTION:

For information and discussion only.

ATTACHMENT:

None