
Council Newsletter



CITY MANAGER'S NOTES **January 2, 2014**

Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet on **Monday, January 6, 2014**. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The agendas are attached. Sandwiches will be available in the Community Room.

The next City Council meeting will be **Monday, January 13, 2014**.

Informative Memoranda

The following are memoranda in response to City Council's requests, as well as other informational items.

1. Article concerning recreational marijuana.
2. Press release concerning the City's Standard & Poor's Credit rating increase to AA.
3. Letter concerning public meetings relating to Arapahoe County's use of CDBG Funds and the HOME investment Partnership Act Funds.
4. Memorandum concerning Dartmouth Bridge Grant Request update.
5. Calendar of Events.
6. Tentative Study Session Topics.

Some of county takes wait-and-see attitude

While recreational marijuana stores banned, some places not banned forever

By Clayton Wouillard
YourHub Reporter

While recreational marijuana stores will be opening this month in places like Denver and Edgewater, there will be no such activity in South Metro Denver as several municipalities want to wait and see what happens in those areas where it is legal.

Amendment 64 passed in 2012, allowing Colorado residents to possess up to an ounce of marijuana on their person and up to five plants for personal possession. It also laid the foundation for the regulatory framework for a recreational marijuana industry. The county and all municipalities have a ban or moratorium on recreational marijuana storefronts in place. But for certain municipalities, they're not forever.

Littleton has a moratorium in place on recreational marijuana storefronts until Oct. 1, but it could lift it at any time. This was after the city approved language on the ballot for a 3 percent sales tax on recreational marijuana products in Littleton.

"I think what they're doing is waiting to see what shops operate before they bring them in so we can learn from that," Littleton City Manager Michael Penny said.

Melissa Van Diest, owner of The Hemp Center in Littleton, a medical marijuana dispensary, said she's fine with the 3 percent tax and the moratorium. She said that so many places having a ban, combined with Denver licensing only a handful of stores, it was going to look like a mad rush on Jan. 1.

Still she said, she doesn't mind the moratorium as it allows her to monitor how things will pan out with a conversion from medicinal to recreational.

"I know everyone's an eager beaver, but I'd rather let it go and watch what happens," Van Diest said.

She said she also realizes the concern of city council members that if



Shay Legg, the office manager at Physician Preferred Products in Northglenn, weighs medical marijuana for a customer. Several south metro Denver municipalities have moratoriums on retail marijuana storefronts and will wait to see how the issue plays out before making a final decision. *YourHub file*

they allow the city's four medical marijuana dispensaries to convert to recreational, people from elsewhere in the state will flood into Littleton.

Council could lift the moratorium any time before Oct. 1, and Van Diest said she plans to appeal for it to be lifted at the end of the month or in February. She also said she doesn't think the current medical marijuana dispensaries, which Penny said have not been a problem, will be much different in terms of operations or customers than recreational storefronts. She also said people may continue to shop for marijuana for medical reasons because they can carry up to two ounces for medical purposes.

She plans for her recreational prices to remain about the same as

her medical prices, just with more taxes.

Sheridan Mayor Dallas Hall said council instituted a ban until July 2016 so it is not the guinea pigs of the South Metro region.

"A lot of council felt just there were still some uncertainties with the state and we wanted to make sure things were running right before we hopped in the mix," Hall said.

Doug Eisdale, mayor of Cherry Hills Village, said the city prohibited recreational marijuana storefronts in January and placed extra regulations on how people can grow marijuana plants by limiting the number of plants a household can grow to 30, no matter how many people living in the house. He also said he didn't feel there's really a

market in Cherry Hills Village for recreational marijuana as voters turned it down by a 2-1 margin.

He said the city was also weary of fire hazards associated with growing marijuana and the high-powered grow lights that are involved.

Englewood City Council voted informally last month to keep the ban on recreational storefronts in place, also to see what happens with recreational marijuana storefronts in the state. This is despite a non-binding ballot measure in which Englewood residents approved lifting the ban on recreational marijuana.

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Leigh Ann Hoffhines

From: Englewood Website Administrator
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 2:57 PM
To: Leigh Ann Hoffhines
Subject: City of Englewood, Colorado: Standard & Poor's Rating Services upgrades Englewood's bond ratings

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Standard & Poor's Rating Services upgrades Englewood's bond ratings

Post Date: 01/02/2014 01:55 PM

City of Englewood officials recently received word from Standard & Poor's Rating Services (Standard & Poor's) that the City of Englewood's bond ratings have been upgraded. Standard & Poor's cited Englewood's strong economy and the city's budgetary performance as the rationale behind the improved ratings.

Englewood's General Obligation Bonds (Allen Water Plant Improvements) were upgraded from AA- to AA+. Englewood's Refunding Certificates of Participation (Englewood Civic Center project) were upgraded from A+ to AA. Standard & Poor's highest rating is AAA.

For details on the ratings upgrades, you can download the [summary report](#) (PDF) that details the rationale for the City of Englewood's improved ratings. For more information on Standard & Poor's, visit www.standardandpoors.com.

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Summary:

Englewood, Colorado; Appropriations; General Obligation

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Englewood GO wtr bnds ser 2004

Long Term Rating

AA+/Stable

Upgraded

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Rationale

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its underlying rating (SPUR) on Englewood, Colo.'s general obligation (GO) bonds to 'AA+' from 'AA-' based on our recently released local GO criteria. At the same time, Standard & Poor's raised its SPUR on the city's certificates of participation (COPs) to 'AA' from 'A+' also based on our recently released local GO criteria. The outlook is stable.

The bonds are general obligations of the city and are secured by an unlimited ad valorem property tax pledge to be levied on all taxable property within the city. The COPs represent an interest in base rentals to be made by the city for the use and occupancy of certain leased premises. The city's COPs and lease payments are subject to annual appropriation by the city to meet its obligation under the lease agreements.

The ratings reflect our assessment of the following factors for the city:

- We consider Englewood's economy to be strong, with a projected per capita effective buying income at 92.3% of the U.S. and per capita market value of approximately \$107,959 as of 2013. Located in the Denver metro area near two light rail stations, Englewood benefits from easy access for residents to employment throughout the metro area.
- In our opinion, the city's budgetary flexibility has been very strong. The available fund balance has been between 10% and 25% over the past five fiscal years. The audited 2012 available fund balance was 12.3% of expenditures, or around \$5 million. Management budgeted to draw down reserves in 2013, but given estimated tax receipts, including an increase in sales tax and building permit revenue, the city is estimating a slight surplus, maintaining around the same level of fund balance. In addition, about \$2.5 million in the long-term asset reserve is included in the committed fund balance, which management indicates could be available with city council approval.
- The city's budgetary performance, in our view, has been strong overall, with a surplus of 0.6% of general fund expenditures in fiscal 2012, and a corresponding surplus of 1% for the total governmental funds. For fiscal 2013, the city has budgeted for a \$920,000 general fund deficit, or approximately 2.2% of expenditures, although the city expects to finish stronger than budgeted, as in years past. The bulk of the city's general fund revenues, 56%, comes from sales and use taxes, which grew by 2.9% in 2012, and are about 2.3% higher than that as of October 2013.
- Supporting the city's finances is liquidity we consider to be very strong, with total government available cash at 45% of total governmental fund expenditures and more than 100% of debt service in fiscal 2012. We believe the city has strong access to external liquidity.

- We view the city's management conditions as strong with good financial practices. The city maintains a five-year forecast and a policy to maintain an available fund balance of at least 10% of general fund revenue.
- In our opinion, the city's debt and contingent liabilities profile is strong, with total governmental fund debt service at 6.6% of total governmental fund expenditures, and with net direct debt at 71.5% of total governmental fund revenue. The city's debt has average amortization, with 80% of debt being retired within the next 10 years. Management indicates that the city does not plan to issue new debt within the next year but may do a refunding. The city participates in eight different pension plans. In fiscal 2012, the city contributed about \$1.7 million toward the eight funds. The city also offers other postemployment benefits, which it funds on a pay-as-you-go basis, having contributed \$146,000 in 2012. The combined contributions represented roughly 4.2% of total government expenditures for fiscal 2012.
- The Institutional Framework score for Colorado cities with a budget over \$400,000 is "strong." See the Institutional Framework score for Colorado.

Outlook

The stable outlook reflects our view of the city's very strong budgetary flexibility and financial performance, which has led to the maintenance of strong fund balances. The outlook further reflects participation in the Denver metro area. We do not expect to change the rating during the two year outlook timeframe given our expectation that the city will maintain stable operations.

Related Criteria And Research

Related Criteria

USPF Criteria: Local Government GO Ratings Methodology And Assumptions, Sept. 12, 2013

Related Research

- S&P Public Finance Local GO Criteria: How We Adjust Data For Analytic Consistency, Sept. 12, 2013

Institutional Framework Overview: Colorado Local Governments

Ratings Detail (As Of December 20, 2013)

Englewood rfdg certs of part (Civic Ctr Proj)

Unenhanced Rating

AA(SPUR)/Stable

Upgraded

Many issues are enhanced by bond insurance.

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December 23, 2013

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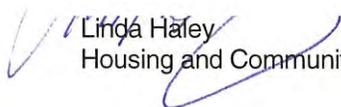
Dear Mr. Sears,

Arapahoe County is currently in the process of completing our Five Year Consolidated Plan as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds and HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds. As part of our Urban County and HOME Consortium, we want to offer you the opportunity for input into these plans prior to submitting the final draft to HUD. We will be holding two public meetings in late January and early February. Following is the schedule:

January 29, 2014	6:00-8:00pm	Arapahoe County Administration Building 5334 S. Prince St. Littleton, CO 80120 West Hearing Room
February 5, 2014	2:00-4:00pm	City of Centennial Administration Building 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd. Centennial, CO 80112

Please join us at one of these meetings to provide into the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.

Sincerely,


Linda Haley
Housing and Community Development Division Manager



MEMORANDUM



TO: Rick Kahm, Director of Public Works ✓
FROM: Dave Henderson, Deputy Public Works Director ✓
DATE: December 30, 2013
SUBJECT: DARTMOUTH BRIDGE GRANT REQUEST (UPDATE)

The Colorado Municipal League (CML) has completed their review of grant applications for bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects. Staff applied for a \$1.1 million project to replace the concrete deck on the Dartmouth Bridge over the Platte River. We discussed the application with City Council at the November 25, 2013 Study Session.

Unfortunately, the Special Highway Committee did not recommend our project for funding (see attached letter). Below is an article from the latest CML newsletter regarding the seven bridge projects that are recommended to move forward:

- o **Special Highway Committee Makes Bridge Awards**

Seven bridge rehabilitation and replacement projects received funding on Dec. 16 from the Special Highway Committee, which is composed of members from CML and Colorado Counties Inc. Funding for the awards comes from the federal off-system bridge program.

The following municipalities received funding for projects: Bayfield (\$679,000 for Old Highway 160/Los Pinos River overflow), Crestone (\$872,960 Cottonwood Street/North Crestone Creek), Denver (\$632,000 Evergreen Lake House Bridge/Bear Creek), Fort Collins (\$405,600 Riverside Drive/Spring Creek), Fraser (\$66,308 CR 8/Fraser River), Glenwood Springs (\$1,736,960 27th Street/Roaring Fork River), and Loveland (\$736,000 Taft Avenue/Big Barnes Ditch). The committee recommendations have been forwarded to the Colorado Department of Transportation for final approval.

The request for applications is sent to all CML members in September and applications are reviewed by the committee later in the year. Bridges with sufficiency ratings lower than 50 are eligible for replacement, while bridges with ratings between 50 and 80 are eligible for rehabilitation.

Staff will continue designing a “pilot program” for deck repairs. The proposed project will design and repair a test section (in the worst area) that can be constructed within the existing budget appropriation. The test section will provide the data needed to evaluate the condition of the deck and how we should proceed in the future. Construction costs are anticipated to be around \$100,000. We expect to bid the project this spring.

attach.

c: Dave Coffman

Special Highway Committee

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December 18, 2013

Mr. David Henderson
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RE: ENGLWD-DAPR

Dear Mr. Henderson,

The Special Highway Committee met on December 16, 2013 and selected bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects to recommend to the Transportation Commission for funding. I regret to inform you that Englewood's project ENGLWD-DAPR was not recommended for funding.

The Committee appreciates the time and effort put into your application.

Sincerely,

Mark Kadke
Colorado Municipal League
Staff member to the Committee

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Mon., Jan. 6	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., Jan 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning, Community Development Conference Room
Wed., Jan 8	Cancelled	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
	Cancelled	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, Community Development Conference Room
Thurs., Jan 9	11: 30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Board, City Council Conf. Room
Mon., Jan. 13	6:00 p.m.	Board and Commission Interviews, City Council Conf. Rm.
Tues., Jan. 14	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conf. Rm.
Wed., Jan. 15	6:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee, City Council Conf. Room
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., Jan. 20		City Hall closed – Martin Luther King Day
Tues., Jan. 21	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Weds., Jan 22	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Jan. 27	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Mon., Feb. 3	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., Feb 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning, Community Development Conference Room/Council Chambers

Wed., Feb. 5	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., Feb. 10	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Tues., Feb. 11	3:00 p.m.	NonEmergency Employees Retirement Board, Public Works Conference Room
	5:00 p.m.	Water and Sewer Board, Community Development Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conf. Rm.
Wed., Feb. 12	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
Thurs., Feb 13	11:00 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	3:00 p.m.	Police Officers Pension Board, Public Works Conf. Rm.
Mon., Feb 17		City Hall closed — President's Day
Tues., Feb. 18	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Wed. Feb. 19	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning, Community Development Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., Feb. 24	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
Mon., March 3	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., March 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning, Community Development Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Mar. 5	3:00 p.m.	Firefighters Pension Board, Public Works Conf. Rm.
	7:00 p.m.	Local Liquor and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority, City Council Chambers
Mon., March 10	6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Community Room

TENTATIVE

**STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL**



- January 6 Study Session & Regular Meeting
 Home Occupations
 Fire Study Update
 Fire Emergency Management Performance Grant
 Council Policy concerning Abstentions
 Library Remodel Update
- January 13 Study Session
 Board and Commission Interviews
- January 21 Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday
 Security Camera Update
 South Platte Working Group 2 Proposed Improvements
 Fire Training Center Update
 BID Distribution
 Financial Report – November & December, 2013
 Citizen of the Year Selection
 Board and Commission Appreciation Celebration Discussion
- January 27 Study Session
 Comprehensive Plan
 Kent Place right-of-way and easement dedications
 2014 Citizen Survey
 Citizen Engagement/Mindmixer/
 Webstreaming/Nextdoor Network
 PIF/CIP Update
 ServiCenter oil room and equipment wash bay
 Board and Commission Reports
- February 3 Study Session & Regular Meeting
 Colorado & County Legislators - tentative
 RTD Representatives - tentative
- February 10 Study Session
 WWTP Farm Lease

February 18	Study Session & Regular Meeting – Tuesday Chamber In-Kind Funding
February 24	Study Session City Council Goal Setting – Mid-February Board and Commission Reports
March 3	Study Session & Regular Meeting
March 10	Study Session NLC Conference in Washington, D. C. – 2/8 to 2/10/14
March 17	Study Session & Regular Meeting
March 24	Study Session Board and Commission Reports
March 31 st	No meeting scheduled – 5 th Monday
April 7	Study Session & Regular Meeting
April 14	Study Session
April 21	Study Session & Regular Meeting
April 28	Study Session Board and Commission Members Reappointment Discussion Board and Commission Reports

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Public Comment Process
Motel Calls for Service
US Legislators
City Council Technical Allowance
Fire Study Presentation
Emerald Ash Borer Program Update