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# NEWS RELEASE

## Council schedules hearing on citizen petition to amend land use codes

**Durango, CO:** At [Tuesday night's meeting](#) the Durango City Council set a public hearing for May 26, 2022 to discuss a citizen-initiated ordinance that affects the location of fire or police departments. The public petition, organized by the community group Citizens Voice, hopes to create an ordinance that will amend land use codes to make protective services like fire and police a conditional use in the city's Central Business District. If the ordinance is adopted protective services looking to settle in the district will have to undergo public hearings on the appropriateness of the proposed land use.

"Community members involvement in politics, legislation, and development is something that we need more of," said councilor Jessika Buell.

In other action Tuesday, councilors focused on designs for future housing developments. Council approved the preliminary subdivision and design plans for a tiny home village to be located on the Mild to Wild property on Animas View Drive.

Additionally, Council approved map amendments to the conceptual designs of the [South Fork Character District Master Plan](#), which covers the old ranch property located west of Three Springs and Mercy Regional Medical center. Part of the development in the South Fork aims to produce an apartment community that plans to have up to 480 apartments.

City staff also presented an update on possible housing expansion in the La Posta area and at Three Springs. Currently those potential expansion projects involve discussion with property owners in that area about things like installing city infrastructure for future development.

"I think it's wonderful that we're starting to see new housing options and new housing types at new housing price points," said Mayor Pro Tem Melissa Youssef.

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