

Resolution 2021-114 Notice Posting Locations

City Council Regular Meeting Monday, January 3, 2022

Background

Colorado law requires public bodies to designate posting locations for public meetings by the first meeting on the year

The City Clerk's Office schedules the resolution for approval by Council no later than the first regular meeting of each year

On December 20, Council continued the resolution designating 2022 posting locations to receive additional information on adding more posting locations

Resolution 2021-114 must be approved tonight per statute.

Commerce City Charter

Before 2015, 6 posting locations were designated annually for ordinances passed on 1st and 2nd readings per Charter

Civic Center, parks, grocery stores, community centers, and schools

In 2015, voters approved a Charter amendment to reduce the minimum number of locations to 2

City Council designated the same locations for ordinances as the same locations for public hearing and meeting notices within the annual resolution.

Colorado State Statutes

CRS 24-6-402(c)(I) requires public bodies to designate their posting locations for meeting notices at the first regular meeting of the year

Additionally, it states in CRS 24-6-402(c)(II)(a) "it is the intent of the general assembly that local governments transition from posting physical notices of public meetings in physical locations to posting notices on a website, social media account, or other official online presence of the local government to the greatest extent practicable;"

Commerce

The City Clerk's Office posts notices physically at the Civic Center

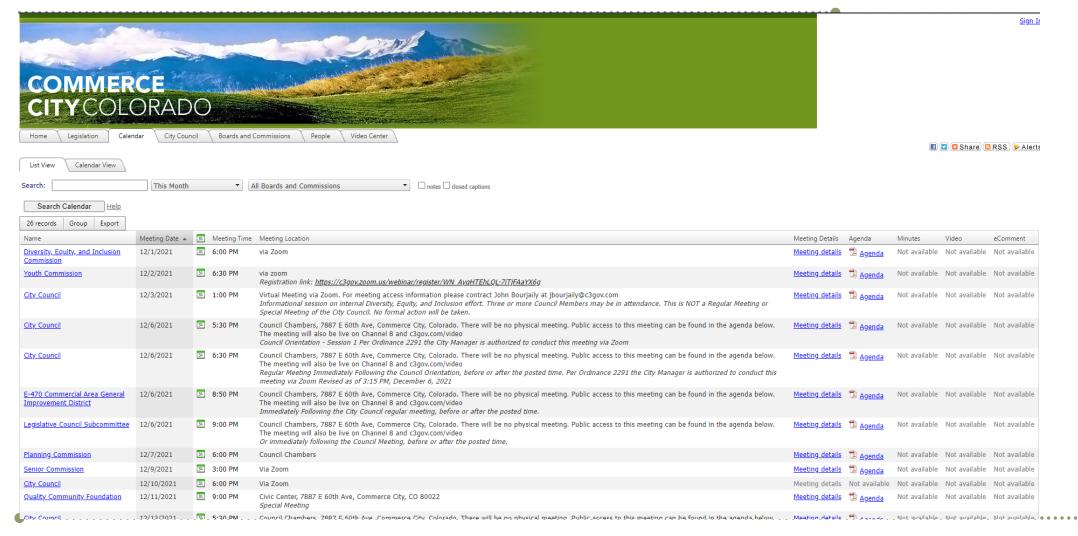
Ordinance and public hearing notices are posted physically at Civic Center, circulated in Sentinel or Denver Post, and on the City's website

Legistar posts agendas at commerce.legistar.com which is linked on the City's website

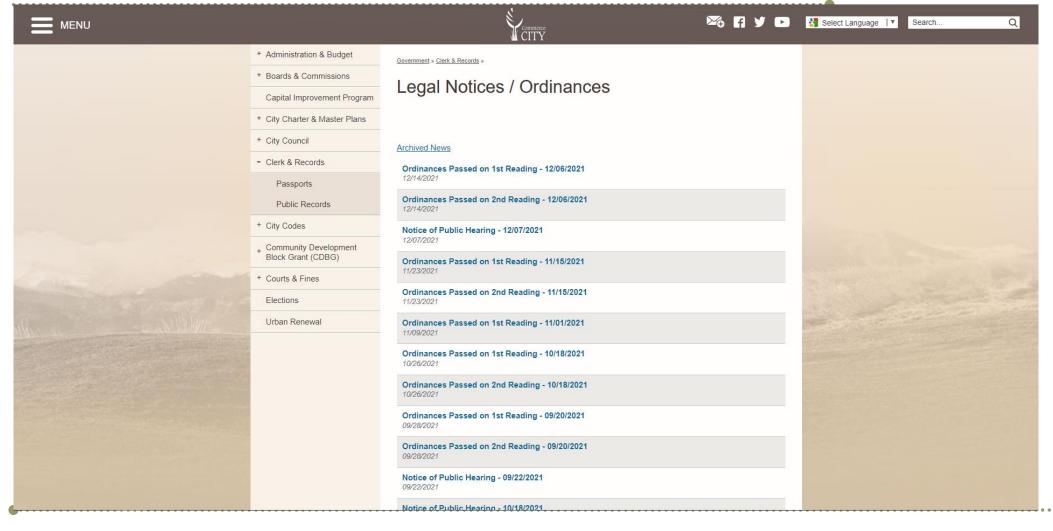
Community Relations posts meeting info on social media

















Considerations

Colorado legislature encourages local governments to move away from physical posting requirements

Any location(s) added to the Resolution will be a legal requirement

Adding locations outside the City Clerk's Office staff control introduces risks and potential challenges to meetings and actions taken by council at those meetings

Considerations

Installation of boxes at newly renovated and built recreation centers

Chain of custody for legal notices between City Clerk's Office staff and PRG staff

Policy direction vs legal requirement



Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends Council approve the Resolution as-is to mitigate risks and potential legal challenges for meetings in 2022

Staff can work to add QR codes and additional notices to recreation centers, golf course, parks, website, and social media posts that link to agenda site

Track engagement over 6-8 month period

Presentation in mid-late 2022 for 2023 direction





Questions and Discussion