



Oil & Gas: COGCC Permits & Operator Meetings Background

City Council September 17, 2018

Oil & Gas Permitting

- State (COGCC):
 - Primary regulator of oil & gas development
 - Common applications: Spacing, Form 2, Form 2A
 - State (COGCC) applications on “hold” & will have second round of public comments
- City:
 - Limited authority to regulate
 - No City permit applications received to date
 - Public comment on permit applications and operator agreement once application received

Oil & Gas Activity

- Staff activity since receiving direction from Council in May:
 - Meetings with operators regarding proposed locations and operations and best management practices/potential conditions
 - Consultation with experts & partner agencies
 - Community input
 - Internal review of laws and policies



Staff/Operator Meetings

- Staff focus based on Council direction:
 - Seek conditions and locations to minimize impacts within legal limitations
 - Seek to identify most protective BMPs/conditions and voluntary agreement by operators:
 - Setback Distances
 - Possibility pipeline as an alternative to tanks/trucks (subject to CUP approval)
 - Consolidated drilling timeline
 - Air Quality
 - Water Quality
 - Emergency Response
 - Safety
 - Noise
 - Visual mitigation
 - Communications

Oil & Gas Permitting Status

- Not seeking approval of permits or terms
- Conditions/BMPs may be included in:
 - COGCC permit applications (voluntarily)
 - Comments to COGCC/requests for appeal
 - Future operator agreements with City permits
- Multiple opportunities for public review:
 - Public input on City comments to COGCC
 - COGCC approval process
 - Future City permitting process

Purpose of Executive Session

- Staff/counsel recommends an executive session to:
 - Determine negotiation positions and strategy regarding oil and gas permit conditions/BMPs discussions to date (CRS 24-6-402(4)(e)), to inform comments and potential future operator agreement(s)
 - Related legal advice and discuss legal strategy (CRS 24-6-402(4)(b))



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