



Board of Trustees Action Items

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Public Safety Facility Measure to be Included on November Ballot – During Tuesday night's meeting, the Board directed Town Staff to include a Public Safety Facility Ballot Measure on the 2012 General Election Ballot. The Board's decision was made after analysis of polling data demonstrated funding for the new facility enjoyed support among registered Erie voters likely to participate in this fall's General Election (55% Yes – 32% No). Support for financing the construction of Erie Community Park Phase II was divided among survey respondents (45% Yes – 47% No).

[View Key Findings of Survey](#)

BACKGROUND: Public Opinion Strategies (POS) conducted a community research to assess citizen interest in two proposed ballot measures for capital construction projects. Specifically, the survey asked registered voters in Erie if they would support financing the construction of the Erie Police Department Public Safety Facility and Erie Community Park Phase II.

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY DRAFT BALLOT MEASURE: Shall Town of Erie debt be increased six million two hundred thousand dollars, with a maximum repayment cost of 11 million one hundred eighteen thousand dollars and shall Town taxes be increased not more than one million two hundred ten thousand dollars annually to pay such debt, for the purpose of constructing a Erie Police Department public safety building on town-owned property located at the southwest corner of Telleen Avenue and County Line Road in order to meet state and federal law enforcement requirements and help maintain safety in the community, including:

- Replacing the outdated current facility located at Erie Town Hall with updated, functional, and energy efficient areas for the police department, public safety facilities, and municipal courts;
- Provide a centralized location to reduce police response times and increase efficiency;
- Provide secure, separated areas for victims, witnesses, volunteers, police and court staff;
- Allowing the police to meet more stringent state laws regarding securing and storing of evidence for trials;

- Other necessary facilities and equipment associated with this facility; and
- Shall the mill levy be increased by one point five five mills?

Board Considers Sierra Vista Annexation – The Board approved a resolution adopting certain findings of fact and conclusion favorable to the Sierra Vista annexation. The site is located at the northwest corner of State Highway 7 and Bonanza Drive. Pratt Properties Limited Partnership submitted a Petition for Annexation of their approximately 72-acre unincorporated Weld County property into the Town of Erie. On February 28, 2012 the Board of Trustees held a Substantial Compliance hearing on the Sierra Vista Annexation Petition. The Board also considered both the annexation and initial zoning of the subject property on First Reading. For the Town owned portion (12.32 acres) of the proposed annexation the requested zoning is AP - Airport as this property lies completely within the Approach Surface and Runway Protection Zone. The remainder of the property is proposed to be zoned CC - Community Commercial (20.07 acres) and HR - High Density Residential (40.41 acres). Second Reading is scheduled for the July 24, 2012 Board meeting.

Board Approves Consulting Agreement for Airport Master Plan – The Board approved a consulting agreement with Airport Development Group, Inc. (ADG) for the purpose of conducting an Airport Master Plan Study for the Erie Municipal Airport in the amount of \$211,855.

The Master Plan for the Erie Municipal Airport was last updated in 2002. In February 2012, the Town of Erie Board of Trustees approved a resolution accepting a FAA and State of Colorado Division of Aeronautics Grant funds for the Master Plan Update Project. The goal of a master plan is to provide the framework needed to guide future airport development that will cost-effectively satisfy aviation demand, while considering potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts.

After a Request for Statement of Qualifications and an interview selection process, aviation consulting firm Aviation Development Group (ADG) was selected by the Town to conduct the new Airport Master Plan. ADG has developed a preliminary Scope of Work document that has been reviewed by the FAA, Airport Management, Town Staff and the Airport Advisory Group. Based on this scope of work ADG has developed a proposed project time line and fee estimate. Fees for this project are estimated at \$211,855. The remaining funds available for this project, \$43,750.55, will be used on a contingency basis for potential cost overages or optional additional studies or analysis if so desired.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The July 10, 2012 Board meeting has been canceled. The Board will meet in Study Session on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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