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# NEWS RELEASE

City Council gets results of Downtown's Next Step survey, raises sewer base rate, hosts hearing on Animas City Park Overlook conceptual plans

**Durango, CO:** The Durango City Council met in an all-virtual format Tuesday night because of the current COVID surge. However, that did not stop City Council from having a busy meeting. Counselors kicked off the meeting with an update on the Community Development Housing Program. See meeting highlights in our latest episode of [Council Connection](#).

Next, counselors heard the results of the Downtown's Next Step survey on the future of downtown Durango. More than 900 people responded to the survey and 77 percent of the respondents were in favor of more outdoor patio space. The project will continue with Vision and Objectives and upcoming stakeholder meetings. More information can be found on the [Downtown's Next Step website](#).

The council held a legislative hearing on amendments to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for outside patios for restaurants utilizing some of the assigned parking for businesses.

A quasi-Judicial Hearing was held on a preliminary development and rezone for a 22-unit Animas City Park Overlook townhome development, proposed just off East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between east 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> streets. Some of the units would be designated as work force housing.

During the meeting, council also received a fourth quarter update on progress toward goals in the city's strategic plan.

The last two items of business on the agenda concerned modest increases in trash collection and recycling fees, in part to fund future expansion to support those services.

The next City Council study session will be Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 2:15 p.m. followed by the next regular council meeting at 5:30 p.m. Find meeting agendas at [DurangoGov.org/Meetings](http://DurangoGov.org/Meetings)

View meeting highlights in the [latest episode](#) of Council Connection or view the entire meeting on our [YouTube channel](#).

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