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# NEWS RELEASE

## Durango city attorney resigns

**Durango, CO:** Durango City Attorney Dirk Nelson has resigned from his position effective immediately. City Council will hold a special meeting Thursday, Oct. 20, in executive session to acknowledge receipt of Nelson's resignation notice and to discuss procedures for the search for an interim city attorney as well as to discuss the process for a permanent replacement.

Nelson gave notice to council the morning of Oct. 19 that he is currently unable to perform the essential functions of his position, and has resigned effective immediately.

Nelson has served as the city's attorney since 2014. Previously he served as legal counsel for various local municipalities and is highly respected at the state and regional level for his expansive knowledge of municipal law. Nelson has represented the city of Durango as a speaker during professional development seminars at various Colorado Municipal League trainings.

"Dirk is universally respected by his colleagues, staff and city councilors," said Tom Sluis, spokesman for the city of Durango. "We are incredibly thankful for his invaluable service and numerous contributions to the city and citizens of Durango."

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