



TOWN OF ESTES PARK

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S
OFFICE

Memo

To: Honorable Mayor Jirsa
Board of Trustees

From: Town Administrator Machalek and Town Attorney Kramer

Date: *January 28, 2020*

RE: *Resolution 10-20 Setting the Election for a Referred Measure for the Sale of Dannels Fire Station*

(Mark all that apply)

☐ PUBLIC HEARING ☐ ORDINANCE ☐ LAND USE
☐ CONTRACT/AGREEMENT ☒ RESOLUTION ☐ OTHER _____

QUASI-JUDICIAL ☐ YES ☒ NO

Objective:

Town Board consideration of a resolution setting the election for a referred measure for the sale of Dannels Fire Station to the Estes Valley Fire Protection District (Fire District).

Present Situation:

In 1996, the Town was the recipient of Special Use Permit (SUP 6-LM-60-L3717) from the United States Department of the Interior through the Bureau of Reclamation (BoR). The purpose of the Special Use Permit was to allow the Town to build and operate a Fire Station on 1.74 acres of Reclamation land just east of the Estes Park Power Plant. The Town constructed the Dannels Fire Station and operated the facility it until the formation of the Fire District in 2010. The Town has leased the facility to the Fire District at no cost since 2010. The Fire District is currently responsible for maintaining, repairing, and insuring the Fire Station.

On April 30, 2019, the BoR issued the Fire District License Agreement 17-LM-60-1901. This License contemplates the transfer of the Dannels Fire Station to the Fire District and would become effective upon the termination of the Town's 1996 Special Use Permit. If the Dannels Fire Station is sold to the Fire District, the Town's Special Use Permit will be terminated.

Proposal:

The proposed resolution sets the election for a referred measure for the sale of Dannels Fire Station to the Fire District for \$1.

Advantages:

- If the voters approve the sale:
 - The Town would have no future expenses related to the maintenance and/or repair of the Dannels Fire Station, parking lot, or landscaping;

- The Fire District would own an asset that is critical to the provision of its core services;
- The Fire District would have the ability to explore using the facility to collateralize the purchase of needed equipment; and
- The Fire District would manage the SUP with the BoR.

Disadvantages:

- None

Action Recommended:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Finance/Resource Impact:

If the voters approve the sale, financial impacts to the Town include:

- Avoiding potential future expenses for the maintenance and repair of the facility and property; and
- Foregone revenue (selling Fire Station for \$1 instead of market value).

Level of Public Interest

Low

Sample Motion:

I move for the **approval/denial** of Resolution 10-20.

Attachments:

- Resolution 10-20
- Map of the Dannels Fire Station

RESOLUTION 10-20

SETTING ELECTION FOR A REFERRED MEASURE THE SALE OF DANNELS FIRE STATION

WHEREAS, the Estes Park Board of Trustees finds that it has no present governmental use for a certain public building owned by the Town, located at 901 N. St. Vrain Avenue and known as the Dannels Fire Station property, and described as set forth in Exhibit A (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Estes Valley Fire Protection District currently occupies the Property and operates its essential governmental services through a leasehold interest in the Property, which requires the Estes Valley Fire Protection District at no additional cost to the Town to maintain the Property and the surrounding landscaping in good order; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes section 31-15-713(a) authorizes the Town to sell a public building upon such terms and conditions as established by the Town Board of Trustees and submitted to the electorate at a regular or special election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined, through the adoption of this Resolution, to refer a measure to the Regular Municipal Election, April 7, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the Town of Estes Park a ballot question on the sale of the Property to the Estes Valley Fire Protection District upon the terms and conditions set by the Town Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ESTES PARK, COLORADO:

1. That the Town of Estes Park will refer a question to the electorate to sell the Property at the Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

2. The following ballot question shall be placed on the ballot:

Shall the Town of Estes Park sell the Dannels Fire Station for \$1 to the
Estes Valley Fire Protection District?

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2020.

TOWN OF ESTES PARK


Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk


DANNELS FIRE STATION







Town of Estes Park
Town Clerk's Office
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 BOR Special Use Boundary

 Dannels Fire Station



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