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Council may take formal action on any item appearing on this Agenda. However, formal action WILL NOT be taken at this meeting on any item of business first identified during the course of the meeting as a change to the Agenda, other business, or Citizen, Councilmember and Staff Comments.

## **A G E N D A**

**Delta City Council  
Regular Meeting**

**April 2, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Changes to the Agenda**
- C. Minutes**
- D. Citizen Comments**
- E. Public Hearing: Special Events Permit Application; Knights of Columbus**
- F. Colorado Parks and Wildlife Request for a Special Event Permit**
- G. Adoption of Three Mile Plan**
- H. Silver Street Appraisal**
- I. Use of Asset Forfeiture Funds to Purchase Body Cameras for Police Department**
- J. Arbor Day Proclamation**
- K. City Attorney Comments**
- L. City Manager Comments**
- M. Councilmember Comments**
- N. Executive Session:**  
For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e); or more specifically for discussion regarding the City Attorney RFPs.

Mayor Ed Sisson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Councilmembers Bill Raley, Robert Jurca, Mary Cooper, and Ray Penick along with City Manager Justin Clifton. A meeting notice was posted in the south window at City Hall at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

**Executive Session**

It was moved by Councilmember Penick and seconded by Councilmember Jurca to convene an Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; or more specifically for discussion regarding the City Manager's evaluation. All in favor, motion carried.

At 6:31 p.m., the Regular Meeting was recessed. The Executive Session was convened a short time later.

At 7:02 p.m., the Mayor reconvened the Regular Meeting and announced that the Executive Session had been concluded. He stated that in addition to himself, the participants in the Executive Session were Councilmembers Robert Jurca, Mary Cooper, Ray Penick and Bill Raley, City Manager Justin Clifton and City Clerk Jolene Nelson. Mr. Clifton excused himself shortly after the session began. For the record, the Mayor asked any person participating in the Executive Session who believed that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into Executive Session occurred during the Executive Session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, to state his or her concerns for the record. No concerns were stated.

The meeting was immediately adjourned.

/s/ Jolene E. Nelson  
Jolene E. Nelson, City Clerk

Mayor Ed Sisson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Also present were Councilmembers Bill Raley, Robert Jurca, Mary Cooper, and Ray Penick along with City Manager Justin Clifton and City Attorney Mike Schottelkotte. A meeting notice was posted in the south window at City Hall at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Mayor led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Changes to the Agenda**

There were none.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Councilmember Jurca and seconded by Councilmember Raley to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 regular meeting as submitted by the Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

**Citizen Comments**

There were none.

**Recognition of Planning Commissioner Carl Jahn**

Mayor Sisson recognized Carl Jahn for his service on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Jahn stated that he enjoyed his time serving for the City of Delta.

**Public Hearing: Hotel/Restaurant Liquor License; TAP Food Enterprises/DBA Daveto's Italian Restaurant**

The Mayor recessed the regular meeting and convened a public hearing.

The Clerk explained that Daveto's Italian Restaurant has submitted a hotel and restaurant liquor license application. They currently hold a beer and wine license and want to change it to a hotel and restaurant license. This will allow them to sell various kinds liquor within their establishment. The application is complete and a background check was completed on the owners. A sign notifying the public of this hearing was posted at the restaurant as required by law. Staff has not received any comments and would recommend approval. The Clerk will work diligently with the State to get the new license before the current license expires.

The Mayor called for public comment and when there were none he closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper and seconded by Councilmember Raley to approve the hotel and restaurant liquor license for Daveto's Italian Restaurant located at 520 Main Street. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Regular Meeting, Delta City Council, March 19, 2013 (Cont.)**

### **Hotel/Restaurant Liquor License Renewal; Devil's Thumb Bar and Grill**

The Clerk stated that Devil's Thumb Bar and Grill has submitted their hotel/restaurant liquor license renewal. The application is complete and all fees have been paid. The police department is recommending approval.

It was moved by Councilmember Jurca and seconded by Councilmember Penick to approve to approve the hotel/restaurant liquor license for Devil's Thumb Bar and Grill. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine Rules**

City Manager Justin Clifton stated that this is a continuation of a conversation that took place last year regarding some of the smaller power generating engines at Municipal Light & Power. He explained that some of the federal regulations are changing slightly and now these engines now need to put into emergency status.

Utilities Director Steve Glammeyer stated that there are three engines that were not addressed previously that now need to be addressed. Staff was under the impression that those three engines were going to fall under the regulations. As the rules continued to be lobbied, changed and finalized in January it was clear that the three smallest engines also have requirements if the City would like to continue to operate them as they are now with the contract with MEAN. He explained how the compensation works while those engines are being operated. The cost of doing that is starting to out weight the compensation the City would receive. He also explained the cost of testing the engines versus the cost of the compensation. There are also concerns that the engines may need some upgrades to have them pass the tests required. Staff is also concerned that MEAN is going to lower the compensation.

Mr. Glammeyer stated that they have the ability to put these engines into emergency status which allows 50 hours of operation for maintenance and could use them as an emergency. Staff recommends putting these engines into emergency status.

Mayor Sisson questioned if the tests are required for emergency use.

Mr. Glammeyer stated they are not.

Councilmember Penick questioned if there has been an analysis on the engines to determine if the engines should even be maintained.

Mr. Glammeyer stated that staff will be starting an analysis to determine that. He is confident that a true emergency is very small at this point.

Councilmember Penick stated that this basically gives the City some time to do the evaluation. He also questioned that in an emergency situation that residential areas would lose power although business should have back up power.

Mr. Glammeyer stated that some businesses have standby power like the hospital, however; a vast majority does not.

**Regular Meeting, Delta City Council, March 19, 2013 (Cont.)**

**Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine Rules (cont.)**

It was moved by Councilmember Penick and seconded by Councilmember Raley to put all engines into emergency status. All in favor, motion carried.

**Renewal Lease for Upper White Ranch Property**

Manager Clifton stated that this is a historic lease that is up for renewal. The tenants have requested the amount of the lease be reduced due to the conditions of the land.

Director Glammeyer stated that he did ask the individuals to come discuss the amount they are requesting to be reduced. The lease included in their packets is written to include the amount previously charged.

City Attorney Michael Schottelkotte reported that liability insurance has not been required in the past.

Councilmember Penick questioned the reason for lowering the rent.

Mr. Glammeyer stated that their comment was that there was not much feed on the property last year because it was a dry year and this year is anticipated to also be a dry year therefore they would like the amount reduced.

Councilmember Jurca stated that there have been other dry years since this lease went into effect.

Councilmember Cooper also stated that she has not heard of other agencies lower the rent due to drier conditions.

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper and seconded by Councilmember Jurca to renew the lease with the Longs and Sandburgs at the current rates. All in favor, motion carried.

**Delta Urban Renewal Authority: Discussion Regarding Lease with Delta Area Chamber of Commerce at 301 Main Street**

The Mayor recessed the regular Council meeting and convened a meeting of the Delta Urban Renewal Authority.

Manager Clifton stated that staff is looking for direction following the previously work session discussion.

Councilmember Cooper stated that staff needs to look at tax liabilities for renting to a business that is not nonprofit.

Attorney Schottelkotte reported that Mr. Clifton has had a conversation regarding this matter.

Mr. Clifton stated that DURA actually owns the building, but can pass along the tax liabilities if there are any. An assessment would need to be completed and that tax liability can be passed

**Regular Meeting, Delta City Council, March 19, 2013 (Cont.)**

**Delta Urban Renewal Authority: Discussion Regarding Lease with Delta Area Chamber of Commerce at 301 Main Street (cont.)**

along. He suggests amending the lease to clarify that that amount is passed on to the Chamber.

Councilmember Penick stated that is in the lease already.

Mr. Clifton stated that it says in the lease that it needs to be covered. That can be clarified if there were a specific tenant. There is also a possibility that if this sets precedence those tenants can change and perhaps even under different classification.

Councilmember Raley reported that they talked about limiting it to the current tenant.

Mr. Clifton stated that it believes it would make it clearer in the lease.

Mr. Schottelkotte suggested doing an addendum form to address that specifically.

There was discussion regarding the requirements for the tax as well as the tax liabilities.

Councilmember Penick stated that there are a lot of vacant offices on Main Street, should the Chamber be in competition with their members to rent out office space.

Councilmember Cooper reported that there is a need for source of income for the Chamber.

Councilmember Raley suggested letting them keep this particular tenant and deal with the utilities and tax liabilities.

Councilmember Jurca stated he is fine with that suggestion, however; he believes they should consider buying the building.

Mr. Clifton stated that maximum flexibility does come with ownership which is something Council could consider. The only concern staff would have is if there were high turnover.

Councilmember Cooper questioned if there needs to be a clause in the new lease that they have to go through the City Manager if there is a change in tenant.

Mr. Schottelkotte suggested an addendum to the lease that permits the existence of the subtenant.

Councilmember Penick questioned if they could restrict the use to this particular tenant.

Mr. Schottelkotte stated it could do that with this addendum.

There was discussion regarding proceeding with an addendum.

It was moved by Commissioner Penick and seconded by Commissioner Jurca to direct staff to draft an addendum to the lease with the Chamber of Commerce for approval. All in favor, motion carried.



Mayor Ed Sisson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Councilmembers Bill Raley, Robert Jurca, Mary Cooper, and Ray Penick along with City Attorney Mike Schottelkotte. A meeting notice was posted in the south window at City Hall at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

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At 6:01 p.m., the Regular Meeting was recessed. The Executive Session was convened a short time later.

At 7:33 p.m., the Mayor reconvened the Regular Meeting and announced that the Executive Session had been concluded. He stated that in addition to himself, the participants in the Executive Session were Councilmembers Robert Jurca, Mary Cooper, Ray Penick and Bill Raley, along with City Attorney Michael Schottelkotte and City Clerk Jolene Nelson. Mr. Schottelkotte excused himself at 7:17 p.m. For the record, the Mayor asked any person participating in the Executive Session who believed that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into Executive Session occurred during the Executive Session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, to state his or her concerns for the record. No concerns were stated.

**Discussion Regarding City Manager Evaluation**

It was moved by Councilmember Cooper and seconded by Councilmember Jurca to instigate the performance evaluation of City Manager as presented by Councilmember Ray Penick with the addition of one question presented to the City Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion Regarding Amending City Manager Employment Agreement**

It was moved by Councilmember Penick and seconded by Councilmember Cooper to table this item to a future date. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

/s/ Jolene E. Nelson  
Jolene E. Nelson, City Clerk



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## MEMO

To: City Council, City Manager  
From: Jolene E. Nelson, City Clerk  
Date: March 28, 2013  
Subject: Knights of Columbus Grand Mesa Council 02731 Special Events Permit Applications

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approving the application for Special Events Liquor Permits for the Knights of Columbus for their events scheduled for May 11, 2013.

### **Background**

Knights of Columbus have submitted applications for a Special Events Liquor Permit for fund raising event at the NRA Banquet on May 11, 2013. They plan to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquor from 5:00pm to 11:00pm. The application is complete and the fees, \$35.00 to the City and \$25.00 to the State have been paid. A sign notifying the public of this hearing has been posted at the site for at least ten days as required by law. As of the writing of this memo, no comments either for or against the approval of the application have been received.

### **Cost**

There is no cost to the City.

### **Alignment With Strategic Planning**

Per Delta Municipal Code 5.10.010 “the Delta City Council is hereby designated the local licensing authority for the purposes of exercising the duties and powers provided for in the Colorado Beer Code and the Colorado Liquor Code.”

### **Action to be Taken if Approved**

The Mayor and Clerk will sign the application, and the Clerk will mail it to the State, who will review it and issue the permit.



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## MEMO

To: City Council, City Manager  
From: Jolene E. Nelson, City Clerk  
Date: March 28, 2013  
Subject: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Request for a Special Event Permit

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### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approving a special event permit to allow the Colorado Parks and Wildlife to use their portable trailer used for hunter safety training.

### **Background**

In 2011 and 2012 the Colorado Parks and Wildlife requested approval to use their portable trailer. Council approved the requests allowing them to use a portable trailer that is approved for hunter training. This is a good opportunity to learn about gun safety and how to fire a weapon in a safe and secure manner.

### **Cost**

There is no cost to the City.

### **Alignment With Strategic Planning**

The Delta Municipal Code 9.04.100 Discharge of guns prohibited states the following “C. This section shall not apply when a permit has been granted by the City Council for a special event. No permit shall be granted unless the Council determines that no nuisance, unreasonable noise or safety hazard will be created.”

### **Action to be Taken if Approved**

If Council approves the special event permit staff will notify the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

# MEMO



## Community Development

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**Date:** April 2, 2013  
**To:** Mayor, City Council and City Manager  
**From:** Glen L. Black, Director of Community Development *GLB*  
**Re:** Three Mile Plan

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

City Council would approve the Three Mile Plan to define the City's planning area. Approval of the plan allows the City to annex areas in and around the current City boundaries in conformity with State Statutes.

### **BACKGROUND**

Statute C.R.S. 31-12-105(e)(I) requires the City to review and update annually the plan which considers areas within three miles of the City's boundaries. Planning Commission reviewed the plan at their March 4, 2013 meeting (please see the attached report). The boundary has not changed from 2012.

### **CONFORMITY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Chapter 3 Page 3-1 discusses the Surrounding Plan Area with a map on Page 3-2.

### **ACTION TO BE TAKEN IF APPROVED**

Staff will keep copies of approved plan on file.

Thank you for your attention.



## **Three Mile Plan**

### **Overview**

The following plan is hereby developed to comply with C.R.S. 31-12-105 (e)(I), which states the following:

(e) (I) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (e), no annexation may take place that would have the effect of extending a municipal boundary more than three miles in any direction from any point of such municipal boundary in any one year..... Prior to completion of any annexation within the three-mile area, the municipality shall have in place a plan for that area that generally describes the proposed location, character, and extent of streets, subways, bridges, waterways, waterfronts, parkways, playgrounds, squares, parks, aviation fields, other public ways, grounds, open spaces, public utilities, and terminals for water, light, sanitation, transportation, and power to be provided by the municipality and the proposed land uses for the area. Such plan shall be updated at least once annually.....

### **The Plan**

The City of Delta's Three Mile Plan includes the following:

1. A boundary map showing a three mile area around the City.
2. The City of Delta Comprehensive Plan, including the Future Land Use Plan map.
3. The Growth Management Agreement between the City and Delta County recorded January, 2007 in the Delta County Records.
4. The Delta County Road and Bridge Map, incorporated to the extent of the three mile area shown on the boundary map.
5. The Capital Improvement Plans.
6. The Major Street Plan.

Public utilities in the three mile area include the following:

- a. Power providers: Include the City of Delta and Delta-Montrose Electric Association within their respective service areas.
- b. Sewer: Available in and near the City from the City of Delta. City sewer is extended as per City ordinances at the cost of the applicant, or pursuant to special financial projects. Other areas are planned for agricultural or low density residential until City sewer is extended. Individual Sewage Disposal Systems (ISDS) are authorized under certain circumstances in the City.
- c. Water service: Domestic water services are provided in the area by the City of Delta and Tri-County Water Conservancy District within their respective service areas



- d. Trash collection: City trash service is provided within the City. Private collection services operate outside and within the City. Delta County operates the Delta County Landfill.
- e. Telephone: Century Link Communications and TDS as per their certified service areas.
- f. Natural Gas: Source Gas provides service available in the City, in fringe areas of the City, and along the main pipeline only.
- g. Cable TV: Available in and near the City only, pursuant to Optimum CATV permit.

The proposed land uses of the area consist of public land, agricultural uses, and low-density residential uses, except to the extent specifically provided otherwise by the City's Zoning Map, Comprehensive Plan, and Future Land Use Plan map.

No transportation services are proposed to be provided by the City other than streets, alleys or bikeways, and recreation pathways.

To the extent that any item mentioned in C.R.S. 31-12-105 (1) (e) is not reflected in the items of this Plan, the Plan should be construed to mean that no such facilities are contemplated to be provided.

In the event of any conflict between anything in the foregoing elements of the Three Mile Plan and City ordinances or regulations, the City ordinances and regulations shall control. The City of Delta Comprehensive Plan and other city elements of the above documents shall control with respect to any conflicts with provisions of the plan incorporated from other "non-City" entities.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the Three Mile Plan.

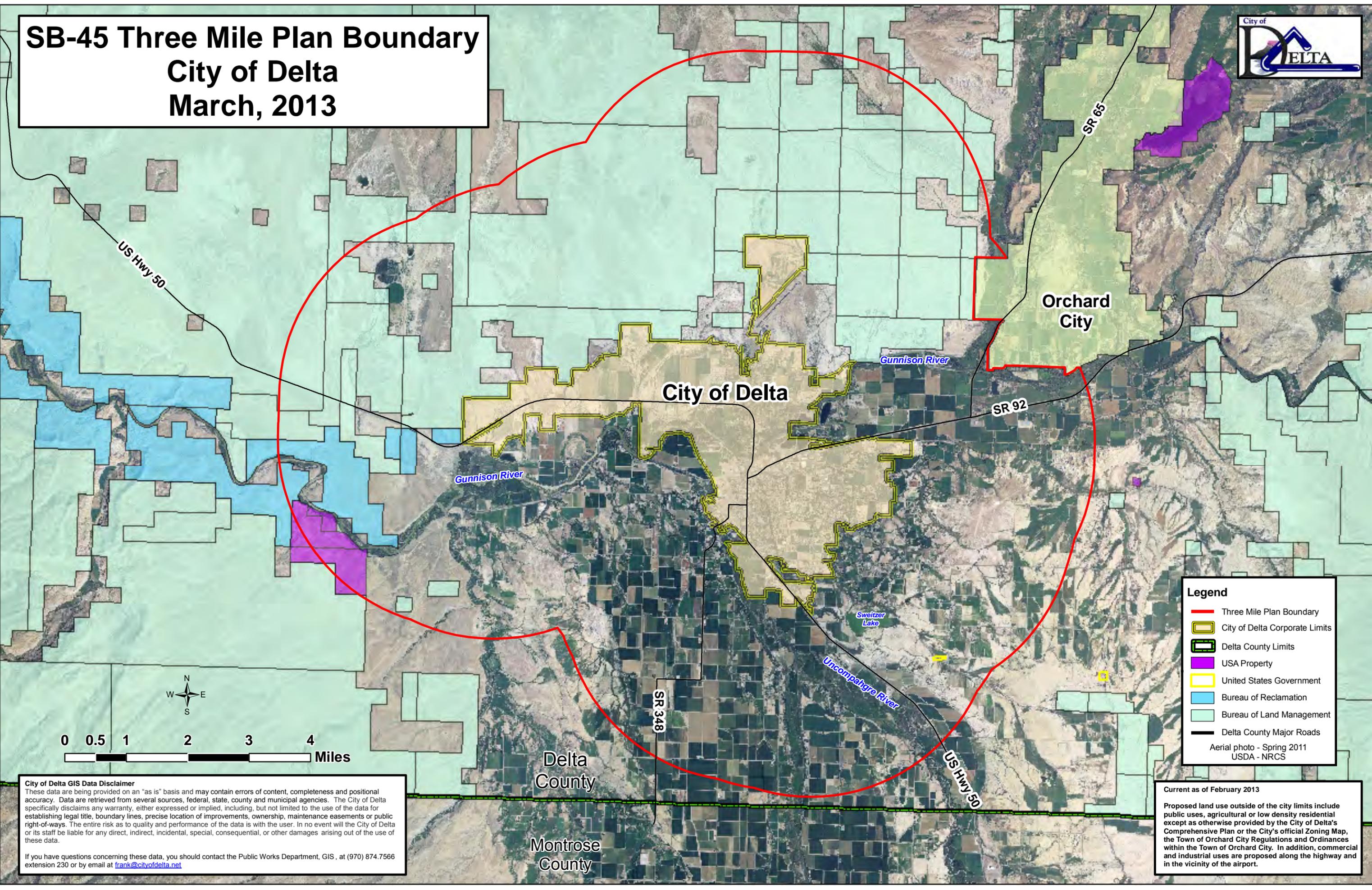
### **Example Motion**

I move that Planning Commission recommend **approval/disapproval** of the Three Mile Plan to the City Council.

# SB-45 Three Mile Plan Boundary

## City of Delta

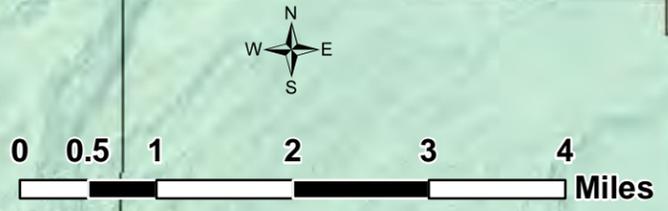
### March, 2013



**Legend**

- Three Mile Plan Boundary
- City of Delta Corporate Limits
- Delta County Limits
- USA Property
- United States Government
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Bureau of Land Management
- Delta County Major Roads

Aerial photo - Spring 2011  
USDA - NRCS



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Current as of February 2013

Proposed land use outside of the city limits include public uses, agricultural or low density residential except as otherwise provided by the City of Delta's Comprehensive Plan or the City's official Zoning Map, the Town of Orchard City Regulations and Ordinances within the Town of Orchard City. In addition, commercial and industrial uses are proposed along the highway and in the vicinity of the airport.



## MEMO

To: City Council  
From: Justin Clifton, City Manager  
Date: March 29, 2013  
Subject: Silver Street Property

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Council consider selecting a Certified Commercial Appraiser for the Silver Street property discussed at the February 19, 2013 Council Work Session.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Silver Street property has been on the market for many years but has not generated interest. The property is listed at \$130,000, which seems well above the current real estate market. Staff solicited bids from area appraisers and came up with the following:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Appraisal Associates	Grand Junction	\$850
Lisa Roberts	Grand Junction	\$1,500
Arnie Butler	Grand Junction	\$1,500
B&B Appraisal	Grand Junction	\$2,000

(Staff could not find a certified commercial appraiser in Delta County.)

### **COST**

Between \$850 and \$2,000 depending on appraiser used.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLANNING**

As indicated previously, there is no clear strategic plan regarding property owned by the City. However, there is not any known City purpose for the property and liquidating the asset will benefit the City Budget.

### **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IF APPROVED**

Staff will have the appraisal completed and the listed sale price adjusted.



To: Delta City Council  
Justin Clifton, City Manager

From: Robert Thomas, Chief of Police

Date: March 27, 2013

Ref: Body Cameras

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**Recommendation:**

The Police Department recommends the purchase of body cameras for Delta police officers.

**Background:**

In 2012, the Police Department did not place in its 2013 budget the purchase of body cameras for each officer, or replacement cameras.

The Police Department would like to purchase twenty five body cameras at a cost of \$219 per camera. The total cost will be approximately \$5,475. The police department will purchase the camera's from the lowest bid produced by MPT Industries.

The body camera specifications consists of HD Resolution 1080P, ½.5.5 Mega pixel CMOS (snapshot function), F3.0 Aperture (Enhanced night mode support), 3x Digital Zoom, 8GB memory card (max up to 32 GB micro SD), wireless remote control with LED and beep start/stop alert) built in rechargeable lithion battery (approx. 3 hours video footage on one full charge), sound recording with Vox mode (for automated sound activation), built in speaker for playback, date and time stamp, Av out, HDMI port, mini USB, and car dash mount.

The Police Department would fund the cameras by accessing the police department "Asset Forfeiture Funds." These funds are designated and specifically used for the Delta Police Department (e.g. ballistic vests, training, weapons etc.). As of March 27, 2013, the "Asset Forfeiture Fund" has an account balance of \$28,110.25.

**Alignment with Strategic Planning:**

Asset Forfeiture Funds are designated specifically for PD purposes. The body cameras are instrumental in ensuring accountability of officers and reducing liability from frivolous claims.

**Action to be Taken, if Approved:**

The police department is requesting approval to purchase body cameras using the police department "Asset Forfeiture Funds" account.



Paul Suppes  
Parks Director  
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# Memo

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Paul Suppes Parks Director  
Date: 4-02-13  
Subject: Arbor Day Proclamation

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## **Recommendation**

It is requested that the Council approve the Mayor to make a proclamation for Arbor Day for the City of Delta

## **Background/ History**

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 is Arbor Day for the State of Colorado and the Parks Department is requesting that the Mayor of the City of Delta proclaim April 13<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day for the City. This allows the City to celebrate this day by planting trees in our community, thereby providing more shade and environmental health to our community. This year the Parks Department has purchased 190 trees for the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders of Delta to plant at their homes; therefore spreading the tree plantings all over the City and County area.

## **Costs**

The Parks Department did purchase the trees from the Fourth Grade Foresters program. These trees were packaged by the Workers with Disabilities program. The cost was \$332.10. The Parks usually buys 1 to 2 trees every year for about \$150 to \$300 for planting around the Schools or other buildings and we considered this to be a more viable program since all of the schools have received trees.

## **Alignment with Strategic Planning**

The City of Delta has been a Tree City for 29 years. We have been committed to the program and are following the Comprehensive plan to maintain that plan for beautification of the City of Delta

## **Actions To Be Taken If Approved**

The Mayor will proclaim by Proclamation that the 13<sup>th</sup> of April be declared Arbor Day for the City of Delta.



*Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

*Whereas,* this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

*Whereas,* trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

*Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

*Whereas,* trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

*Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

*Now, Therefore, I,* \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ as

# Arbor Day

In the City of \_\_\_\_\_, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further,* I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Dated this* \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_