The Second Annual
STATE OF THE CITY

January 17, 2017
Mayor Kathryn Heider
Mayor Pro-Tem Shirley Voorhies
Alderman Judy Laratta – Alderman Jeff Aiken
With special thanks to Former Mayor Ron Engels
2016 in the Rearview Mirror:

A Productive and Successful Year

✓ Purchased the Big T-Lot
✓ Acquired the Belvidere
✓ Created New Parkway Access
✓ Made Improvements to Water, Streets & Sidewalks
✓ Expanded Law Enforcement Coverage to 24 Hours
✓ Improved the City’s Finances
**Big T-Lot Property**

The city acquired ownership of the Big T parking lot property:

- To continue providing public parking for local businesses
- To create opportunities for future economic growth
- To settle some long-standing issues with the EPA and CDPHE relating to the property

Already some initial improvements have been made including reopening the access from Nevada Street and making traffic movements within the lot.
Potential / Conceptual
Big T-Lot Development
Belvidere Theater
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• Worked with Gilpin County to acquire ownership of the Belvidere Theater property, and commissioned a structural assessment study for the building.

• Completed Phase I of the Belvidere Theater Restoration Project, which stabilized the front façade.

• In partnership with Main Street Central City, the property has been successfully placed on the list of Colorado’s Endangered Places for Historic Preservation.
Improve Law Enforcement Coverage

• We improved and increased law enforcement coverage through a partnership with the Gilpin County Sheriff’s Office (MOU / IGA). Coverage is now:

  24 hours/day … 7 days/week

• The increased efficiencies in operations resulted in immediate cost savings to the taxpaying citizens of the community.
Gilpin Sheriff’s Vehicles

Clearly Marked
“Serving Central City”
Planning & Zoning

• Commenced a major update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, last updated in 2003.

• Began creating the City’s first Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Plan and a brand new interactive GIS Mapping Database.

• Started preparing for a rewrite of the Municipal Code’s Land-Use Regulations.
Community Planning Meetings
Marketing & Advertising

• We continue to make improvements to the City’s website, Government Access Channel (Ch.20), and social media sites.

• For those efforts, the City received international recognition with a 2016 Silver Davey Award from the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts.
Marketing & Advertising

• Designed and installed new and improved gateway (monument) signage at both ends of town.

• Reallocated access to the billboards on the Parkway to encourage more frequent modification and increased diversification of the messaging.

• Continued to host Community Events, but also added to the number and type of events (i.e. the Wing Fest and the Hot Rod Hill Climb).
Gateway Signage
Main Street
Central City
Colorado
Community Clean-Up
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Events on Main Street
Main Street Traffic
Direction Change
• Improvements to Transportation Infrastructure:
  – Improved Conditions of Sidewalks
  – Improved Roadway Conditions (Gregory Street Resurfacing and Parkway Repairs)
  – Added seating for Central City Shuttle Stops

• Closed Leavitt Street to mitigate adverse conditions created by motor vehicles in that area.

• Main Street Traffic Direction Change (“Do Not Enter Sign”).
Gregory Street
Parkway Repairs
Parkway Access Ramps

• Improved access to/from the Central City Parkway for residents and visitors by constructing Access Ramps at Lake Gulch Road and Virginia Canyon Road.

• **NOTE:** This was an “in-house” project made possible by the City’s Public Works team.

• The Access Ramps also serve as alternate ingress/egress routes into or out of town if / when major repairs or reconstruction is needed on Nevada Street (i.e. Nevada Rock Wall Project and/or the re-routing of the roadway over and across the Big T-Lot to Spring Street).
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The City’s financial position has continued to improve over the last 5 years, and especially so over the past 3 years … particularly the cash position in the General Fund.
Financial Strength (GF)

General Fund Growth
(2011 - 2016)

- GF Ending Balance
- GF Cash Position
Financial Strength (GF)

General Fund Growth
(2011 - 2016)
The community approved a 5% excise tax for recreational marijuana sales, which will help the City maintain and improve critical government programs and services.
Finances

• Established a new rate structure for the Water Fund to improve the condition and sustainability of the water system’s infrastructure and operational programming.

• Also created the option to pay water bills online to make doing business with the City more convenient.
Xpress Bill Pay

“The Easiest Way to Pay Your Bill”

Xpress Bill Pay

Announcing...

The Easiest Way to Pay Your Bill

Our new online bill pay option saves you time and gives you more flexibility in how you pay your bill.

You can now access your account online, view your account balance, and make payments from your computer or mobile device.

How it Works

We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online bill payment. When you sign up for online bill payment, you get a unique password that you can use to access your personalized account at www.xpressbillpay.com. Each month you will be sent a reminder email to keep your account updated.

You can log in to access your account and view your bill. It will look just like the paper statements you receive in the mail, but without the need to write checks or pay by phone. You can pay your bill anytime, from anywhere, using your credit card, debit card, or bank account.

Online Bill Payment Facts:

- It's free to sign up for online bill payment at www.xpressbillpay.com.
- You can pay your bill with a credit or debit card, or you can transfer funds directly from your checking account.
- You can pay your bill from anywhere, even outside the U.S. You can even send a payment to someone else using your account information.
- You can set up automatic payments to make sure your bill is paid on time.
- It's quick and easy – no more waiting in line or trying to find the right change.

What to do:

1. Go to www.xpressbillpay.com. You will be prompted to set up your online bill payment service.
2. Click on the "Sign Up" button and follow the instructions to complete the registration form, including your email address and password.
3. Select your billing organization and follow the prompts to set up your bill.
4. Add your bank account to your account, and you can view and pay your bill online, or set up automatic bill payment.

And There's More!

Along with being able to make payments online at any time, you can also call the payment assistance center to make a payment over the phone. Call 1-800-123-4567 and follow the instructions to make a payment.
Looking Ahead ... 2017

While we are extremely pleased with the progress this organization continues to make, we are not yet satisfied ... there are still many more opportunities ahead of us.

We still have a lot of work to do!!!

HERE’S A QUICK PREVIEW ...
2017 Goals

Focus on Economic Development

- Continue to work with existing casinos & other businesses to help them thrive
- Work to attract new and diverse businesses to our city
- Explore ways to fill empty storefronts and keep buildings from deteriorating further
2017 Goals

Complete the following planning projects:

– Comprehensive Plan
– Disaster Recovery & Resiliency Plan
– Land Use Code

Complete Phase II of the Belvidere Theater Restoration Project.

Install Downtown Wayfinding Signage
2017 Goals

• Resurface Roadways

• Repair and Replace Sidewalks

• Continue to work with non-profits
2017 Goals

• Underground the overhead utility lines between the Spring / Roworth intersection and Spring / Gregory intersection.

• Upgrade the existing HPS (High-Pressure Sodium) Cobra Head Street Lights with “Dark-Sky compliant” LED (Light-Emitting Diode) Street Lights.

• Replace / Install New School Bus Shelters on Spring Street and Mack Road.
2017 Goals

- Water System Infrastructure Upgrades
  - Raw Water Intake Structures (Miners, Pecks, and Broomfield)
  - Chase Gulch Dam Toe Drain System
Chase Gulch Reservoir
Raw Water Diversion Structure (Pecks)
Raw Water Intake Structure (Miners)
2017 Goals

Development of a Sustainable Plan for Central City’s Fire Services Program.
• Continue to work closely with Central City Opera to ensure both organizations achieve their respective strategic goals; especially since many (if not all) of the corresponding objectives for each entity are closely aligned and mutually beneficial.
2017

Washington Hall Heating Project

The City has appropriated funds to install heating within the building to expand its use throughout the year.
2017 EVENTS

Don’t miss out on what’s sure to be a fun-filled year of events!

Please pick up your copy of this year’s Central City Events calendar rack card.

Don’t forget to take a few more for your friends and family.

Central City Events 2017

Where History Lives & Luck Happens!

Entertainment Venue - All Year Long
TheScarletVenue.com

Sat. May 27 Museums Open for the Season
+ Gilpin History Museum - Tues. - Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
+ Washington Hall - (Teller, Gilpin and Thomas House Tours)
Tues. - Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
+ Cœur d’Alene Mint Shaft House - Sat. and Sun.

Sat. June 17 Annual Madam Lou Bunch Day & Famous Red Races CentralCityColorado.us

Old West Shows and Shootouts
Central City Wild Bunch on Main Street Every Saturday through August Noon to 4 p.m. on the hour

Sun. June 18 Annual Gilpin County Parks and Rec. Father’s Day Fishing Derby at William Russell Park

Sat. June 24 Stills in the Hills - Colorado Distillers Tasting - VisitCentralCity.com

Sat. July 22 Beat the Heat Wing-Fest CentralCityColorado.us

Sat. July 29 Bonanza/ EZ Street – A Night of Good Fortune EasyStreetCentralCity.com

Aug. 26 Great Central City Beer Fest CentralCityBeerFest.com

Sat. Aug. 29 29th Annual Cemetery Crawl GilpinHistory.org

Sept. 15, 16, 17 Hot Rod Hell Climb HotRodHC.com

Oct. 20, 21 & 27 Creepy Crawls CentralCityColorado.us

Dec. 2 & 3 Tommyknocker Craft Fair at the Teller House in Central City CentralCityColorado.us

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Central City Opera
2017 Festival July 8 - August 6, 2017
CentralCityOpera.org

Main Stage Productions
July 8 - Aug. 6 Carmen
Aug. 1 Carmen (with Descant - Kelly Family Manzan"
July 15 - Aug. 4 Cielo Fanfaro

One-Act Performances
July 26 - Aug. 2 The Burning Fiery Furnace
July 26 - Aug. 7 Gallantry/Cablido (Double Feature)
Aug. 3 & 4 Gallantry

Other Performances
July 12 & 13 Lunch & a Song - Peter House
July 12 & 20 Short Works - Williams Stables Theatre
Aug. 1 Take a Child to the Opera Williams Stables Theatre

Visit CentralCityOpera.org or call the Box Office at 303-293-4790 for specific dates of performances and to purchase tickets.

Gilpin Art Shows
GilpinArts.org

Sat. June 3 7th Annual Juried Gilpin Arts Show
Sat. Aug. 12 Members Arts Show Opening
Sat. Sept. 9 Fundraiser for the Arts Gala Celebration
Sept. 23 & 24 Gilpin County Art Studio Tour

Visit Organization Web Sites for Additional Details on CentralCityColorado.us

Event times and dates may vary and are subject to change.
Also in 2017:

Vacancy for City Council seat

Special Election to be held April 4

Petitions must be turned in by

5 p.m., Monday, January 23
THANK YOU

On behalf of City Council and this Community, we thank our wonderful STAFF for their dedication to this great city and the outstanding service they deliver to us throughout the year!

Regardless of the type of project or activity, it is important we remember that it takes a TEAM effort and strong support from all departments to accomplish any of the things that we do.
2016
Department of the Year

All City Departments and their employees continually make significant contributions to the overall success of this organization, and it is for that very reason that the process to select just one department for this annual award was extremely difficult. Nevertheless, a decision was made; so on behalf of the City of Central, it is my privilege to recognize the employees from the following Department(s) for their exemplary service to the City of Central:

AND, THE AWARD GOES TO …
Congratulations to:

THE

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

&

PUBLIC UTILITIES (WATER) DEPARTMENT
Wishing Us All a Prosperous 2017!