AGENDA FOR THE
ENGLWOOD CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015
COMMUNITY ROOM
6:00 P.M.

I. Joint Meeting with City Council/Alliance for Commerce in Englewood – Annual Report
   Members for the Alliance for Commerce in Englewood will be present to provide their annual report.

II. Open Mayor/Manager/Attorney Meeting – 6:45 p.m.
   Council will discuss an open Mayor/Manager/Attorney meeting.

III. Fire Department Discussion – 7:00 p.m.
    Council will discuss Fire Department options and reach consensus on the matter.

IV. City Manager’s Choice

V. City Attorney’s Choice
To: Mayor Penn and City Council  
   Eric Keck, City Manager  

From: Jason Whyte, Chair of the Alliance for Commerce in Englewood  

Date: February 9, 2015  

Subject: ACE Annual Report to Council  

This memorandum summarizes the activities of the Alliance for Commerce in Englewood (ACE) since October of 2014. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these topics with Council at the February 9, 2015 study session.

October 9, 2014 - ACE approved the following motions for Council consideration:

1. To forward a map (attached) with designated neighborhoods to City Council for review and feedback.
   a. It was discussed how many should be identified, the consensus was 5 or less
   b. There was some discussion that named areas such as the Medical District should coordinate with zoning.

2. To propose to City Council that ACE be allowed to conduct electronic meetings in order to more easily achieve a quorum.
   a. Darren has verified with the City Attorney that this would be acceptable if ACE adopts procedures and amends their by-laws for conducting business in this manner.

3. To suggest that Englewood conduct a business survey and seek Council input as to what specific information they would like to receive from businesses.
   a. Most members feel there should be feedback from the business community and possibly the citizens regarding the future of Englewood’s business community. Some ACE members feel that an informal survey may give us focus and be easier to compile. Other members suggested a full formal survey. It was decided that we should ask Council what they would like to learn from the business community.
December 11, 2014 – ACE discussed the use of funds from the dissolution of the Englewood Small Business Development Corporation, approximately $130,000. This topic was discussed by Council at the November 3, 2014 Study Session and forwarded to ACE for suggestions for the City’s use of these funds. Consensus from the group was reached regarding the following top 3 (three) priorities:

1. Gateway Entrance Signs
   a. Welcome to Englewood signs – There was some discussion regarding an electronic sign which could have changing messages or information regarding Events in Englewood, although this may require additional funds.

2. Incubator space for new businesses by providing small office space with phone and computer

3. Training for Englewood businesses on using the web and social media for marketing purposes.

ACE discussed “Rebooting and Refocusing” but decided that the group was starting to gain momentum with several motions to Council and the group did not want to take a break, as suggested by City Manager Keck. ACE thought that a hiatus would derail the momentum.

January 8, 2015 - The ACE committee discussed business attraction and business retention as priorities going forward with the following key topics:

- Training – for business owners in the community
- Improve City Services to Businesses
- Marketing – Improve Englewood’s Image as the place to be (own a business or just to shop)
- Develop a proactive approach to Business Development
  - Define Industries to attract
  - Identify larger companies we want to attract
  - How to retain and gain larger business headquarters

It would be valuable to have feedback from City Council on the expectations and vision they want from ACE. It would be valuable to incorporate the new Comprehensive Plan information and direction into advice from ACE. Further insight into this would be helpful for ACE to formulate recommendations in line with the general vision of the City.

We seek to find a better way to bring information from ACE to City Council both formally and informally.
City of Englewood, Colorado

City of Englewood Neighborhood and District Place Names
September, 2014

Legend:
- Baker Park
- Bates-Logan Park
- Belleview-Cornerstone Park
- Brookridge
- Centennial Park
- Cherrellyn
- Cushing Park
- Downtown District
- Duncan Park
- Englewood Station
- Gateway
- General Iron Works
- Jason Park
- Maddox
- Medical District
- Oxford Station
- Romans Park
- South Broadway Heights
- South Platte River

City of Englewood, Colorado

0 1,200 2,400 3,600 Feet
Englewood Fire Department Comment Form
Responses received 1/15/2015 through 2/5/2015

Do you support the recommendation to contract with the City of Denver for Fire/Rescue Services?

- Yes: 36% (41)
- No: 63% (72)

Total Submissions: 113

If you responded "No" to the previous question, would you support a ballot measure increasing property taxes in Englewood in order to keep a stand-alone Englewood Fire Department?

- Yes: 78% (65)
- No: 18% (15)
- Don't Know: 3% (5)

Total Submissions: 83

If you responded "No" to Question No. 1, would you support a ballot measure increasing property taxes in Englewood in order to contract with South Metro Fire Rescue Authority?

- Yes: 22% (17)
- No: 71% (54)
- Don't Know: 6% (5)

Total Submissions: 76
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<td>I've reviewed both the City Manager's Presentation and Memo to the City Council, and, based on the evidence presented, support the City Manager's recommendation to contract with the City of Denver. The cost differential between the much more affordable City of Denver option and the other two options are substantial. I support tax increases if they provide increased services but the South Metro and the status quo option would increase taxes while not providing an improvement in services compared to the City of Denver option which would not increase taxes. Raising taxes solely for the reason of preserving a bureaucracy is not in the best interests of the citizens of Englewood. As long as we continue to receive high quality fire and emergency services, we should go with less expensive option.</td>
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Sincerely,
Randall Coleman
4015 S. Jason St.
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<td>I believe the recommendation based upon the analysis provided by City Manager Keck is a viable and financially responsible alternative for Fire and EMS to the citizens, businesses and property owners of the City of Englewood. Assuming that the information provided is substantially correct, I support the recommendation.</td>
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<td>In discussing different alternatives with citizens over an extended period of time, I believe the broad consensus of Englewood citizens and businesses invested in whether there remains an Englewood Fire Department or whether Englewood is a &quot;full service city&quot;, rather their interest is to not have a decrease in service and be protected in the most affordable way possible.</td>
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<td>The proposed recommendation of Denver Fire would certainly benefit our city with the fire and rescue assets that Denver already possesses. The possibility of having a lower ISO number may also benefit property owners through a reduction in their property insurance premiums. The initial savings being put toward infrastructure and capital replacement is beneficial to all.</td>
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<td>2) I saw Denver response times in the presentation, but don't recall a reference that these would be maintained in Englewood. What is Denver's estimated response time for EMS and fire for Englewood and how does this compare to our current times?</td>
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<td>Denver fire has so many resources and is always known to keep loss at a minimum. Easy decision</td>
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| 2511    | 1/15/2015 15:33 | No                                    | Yes                                           | No                                                  | I have a few questions:  
1 - Which agencies does METCOM include?  
2 - Does EFD work 24 hour or 48 hour shifts?  
3 - What percentage of all calls that EFD respond to are medical?  
4 - In regard to training, could EFD contract with an agency such as West Metro and use their training facility?  
5 - How many stations and fire personnel do both Denver and South Metro have? |
| 2512    | 1/15/2015 19:21 | No                                    | Yes                                           | No                                                  | Time is a huge issue when responding to an emergency. Englewood is full of either elderly people or young families, and in either case there is cause for concern because both groups are accident -prone. There have also been cases reported where individuals cooked hash oil in their shed or wherever which caused explosions. Every second counts in a fire or accident of any kind. I don't see how Denver or South Metro could possibly respond in a timely manner. |
| 2513    | 1/15/2015 20:24 | No                                    | Yes                                           | No                                                  | I have lived here forever.  
Seriously.  
I would support a tax increase to have local ER service. Please do not let Denver take this away. |
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<td>This issue is being looked at as too emotional by many in the community. The new guy's solution is very sound. Even if he were off in some of his numbers by 10%, this is still a huge savings for Englewood. As long as the current Fire perSonnel are treated fairly and Denver lives up to its already stellar performance and level of service, this is a very easy decision. To the electeds. Don't let misplaced pride in something that you have ignored and let fall apart one the last decade trump a sound business decision now. This is the first time that I once again have hope for and with my community to finally advance into the future with some semblance of order. I run a business as well in Englewood and I do not want to see my taxes go up for something that has a solid alternative for service provision. Listen to the new manager and enter into a contract. Save your taxing power for another day and once you have a solid plan that can be communicated to the public. Will response times really go up as Gillit is suggesting? Does not make sense if Denver runs out of our fire houses.</td>
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<td>Taxes are necessary to pay for city services. We have an outstanding team of fire and police already in place.</td>
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<td>No Way should we have Denver fire in control of our City! What a Crazy idea! I will pay the $10 more a month!</td>
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<td>With all of the other needs of the City coming forward, I would not support a tax increase for the fire department. The plan for a</td>
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| 2519    | 1/16/2015 11:56| No                                     | Yes                                                        | No                                                                     | Keep Englewood #1 Choice - I will pay extra  
No to Denver Fire  
HELL NO to South Metro |
| 2520    | 1/16/2015 14:51| No                                     | Yes                                                        | No                                                                     | WHY are we here?  What has council done in previous years to prevent this?  Someone needs to answer for the lack of fiscal control past councils have had on this issue! |
| 2521    | 1/16/2015 14:58| No                                     | Yes                                                        | No                                                                     | Why did the cost of the Police Facilities not come up in the annual cost?  Were we not told that the Police Station needs replaced too?  Why are we not telling everyone that the 3.45 Mills does include updating the Police Department?  
Lets make sure we get the real information!!! |
| 2522    | 1/16/2015 15:15| No                                     | Yes                                                        | No                                                                     | Please keep our Fire Department guys. They have done such a great job for us all. |
| 2523    | 1/16/2015 15:45| No                                     | Yes                                                        | Don't Know                                                             | We love our fire department and rescue services and want to keep them!  What I don’t understand is how Penn/Wilson/McCaslin could be so unconcerned with the safety of the citizens homes to the point of ignoring an ongoing issue?  Weren’t they the ones who chose the city manager who managed via their biases?  Do they even live in Englewood?  
Maybe the sale of things like the "Depot" property for it's true value might have given the city some cash to work with on some of these other projects.  
Let’s clean up the mess how ever we need to and move on, but |
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<td>it's a NO vote of confidence with the Penn/Wilson/McCaslin trio. I'd like to see a mailer go out to every home with all the information published on who knew &quot;what and when&quot; and who responded and who didn't, that way we can decide our election votes based on council member's true concern for their constituents.</td>
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<td>I am greatly concerned that the Denver Fire option would reduce service to Englewood residents! I am not a Denver resident, and therefore do not wish to have Denver Fire service my emergency needs! If I wanted to be under Denver Fire, I would move into Denver! Lets keep Englewood Englewood Damn It!!!!!!</td>
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<td>I want to keep a fire based ems system and not a fire department that contracts with a medical department. I feel having paramedics on the fire trucks are important. The response time of the Englewood Fire Department has always been extremely rapid any time our family has needed them. I would be more than happy to pay $10 per month to continue their reliable service. I think the people opposing keeping our department might think twice if they were in need and had to wait for the Denver or South Metro departments to respond. I would be interested to know what is more important than police and fire protection?</td>
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<td>I am willing to have my property taxes increase to keep our own fire/rescue. Englewood has low taxes and I feel it is important for Englewood to continue with our own services. If the city decides to go with Denver I hope that the contract is written very clearly. There could be hidden costs that we need to be sure the contract states the costs so hidden cost isn't thrown at the City of Englewood after a contract is signed. I understand that these decisions need to be made, but I feel that the City Manager wants it decided right now. I know our fire/rescue would also like to know what is going to happen. I just hope the a hastily decision isn't made that the city will regret later. I hope you as a City Council will be sure you have all of the information that is needed to make the best decision. I also have a concern that the city will be dealing with two different departments if the city decides to go with Denver. One department will be the fire and another will be the recuse. At the meeting the City Manager said that if you asked you could be transported to Swedish if you would like. What if your wishes are to go to Swedish, but you or your family is not thinking clearly at the time of an emergency and you don't say anything you will be taken to DG. I am not sure why if the rescue is working in Englewood why they would not just go to Swedish, it would be much closer. I have spoken to someone who has worked in Swedish ER who shared with me that most always if Denver brings a patient into Swedish Denver rescue has not drawn blood, might not of started an IV or have information ready to give Swedish. In the time of an emergency every minute counts. I also worry about the time that it might take for Denver to respond to an emergency. The City Manager said he was sure no one would died on our streets. I am sorry I don't think anyone can make that statement. I don't understand why one of our fire houses will be fine for Denver to use, but it is not OK for Englewood. I feel like the high standards in Englewood might not continue, if Englewood uses Denver. If Denver is selection what would Englewood do with the property that our fire/rescue is sitting on now? Would it be sold? Where would that income go if...</td>
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<td>the property was sold? I did not hear at the meeting that ALL of our fire and rescue will continue to have a jobs. I would not want any of our emergency staff loose their jobs. I have also heard in the community that some of our staff would have to start back in boot camp. If they are qualified for Englewood why would they not be qualified for Denver. I would like to know and understand how the Englewood budget has so many areas of need. I felt at the meeting on the 14th, which I attended that it felt to me that the new City Manager had already made the decision for the community to go with Denver Fire. He needs to understand that he is one person and there is a community that needs to make this tough decision. Does the City Manager live in the city? Is this decision going to affect him as a community member? I would like to hear someone from Denver fire speak to the community. I would also like to hear from a firefighter from the original Sheridan Fire Department to see how it has worked for them. It was stated at the meeting that we would have our own Fire Chief. Would our Fire Chief continue if we went with Denver or would Denver decide on our Fire Chief? I feel that we are giving a lot of our say away. I know once you give control away it usually does not come back. I think this is a great idea of asking for community input. Thanks for all you do for the city of Englewood.</td>
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<td>Keep our fire department - it's part of Englewood pride, and sets us apart as a safe, small community.</td>
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<td>When you choose the cheapest option, what are we paying for and what are we giving up? If Denver takes over, what are the acceptable response times that are mentioned? With the savings, what improvements would be made to the stations? What are the differences of making improvements vs rebuilding or relocating the stations for health and safety of the staff? If all the medic units are sold, they would not be replaced. How is one ambulance going to prove to be enough, compared to our current 2 ambulances? Having Denver Health provide coverage for medical calls, would the single ambulance be &quot;dedicated&quot; to the city of Englewood? Would they be stationed in Englewood or coming from somewhere in Denver (which is a HUGE area)? Would they be used for calls in Denver, while they are covering Englewood? Does Denver use an EMD program for fire and medical calls, and if so, what is it? How does the current Englewood Fire employee's feel about being absorbed into Denver Fire? What do those employee's recommend with all of this? I would like to hear from them. Will Denver provide fire apparatus at the current stations, since it states that Denver does not require new stations? The Fire Marshall and the addition of two Fire Inspectors: Would Englewood have their own Fire Marshall or fall under the current Denver Fire Marshall? Would the additional Fire Inspectors be new positions to be filled by Englewood based employees or Denver's current inspectors or new positions available to Englewood based persons? What kind of training will Denver offer to Englewood Fire Department, how does that compare to South Metro? What kind of training does Denver Health provide to their medical personnel? And fire and medical dispatching personnel? What are the projected response times provided by Denver vs South Metro? Do either of these departments hold calls if units are busy or send the next due unit?</td>
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<td>What does South Metro offer in place of the FPPA retirement program, and how does it compare? Take the Police department needs out of this, as this is a Fire Department issue that we are looking at right now. The police department issues should be an entirely different forum/issue. The recommendations of the City Manager, in my opinion, minimizes the basic needs of the citizens for fire and medical services. There will be a need for a tax increase regardless. Fire and medical services are far more pressing than concrete infrastructure, building facilities, etc; as mentioned in the above documents. We should worry that we will get what we pay for!</td>
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<td>this option is the most fiscally responsible thing the city can do for it's residences.</td>
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| 2533    | 1/17/2015 8:14 | No | Don't Know | No | With you knowing that you will have to go through this again for the police dept. at a later date, why don't you get it over with, with one ballot measure? Also, people would be more likely to vote for this if we had some assurances that you people will stop acting like you have an endless checkbook to spend on things that would be better served by the private sector. We already know you want to spend money for the homeless. All that will do is draw more of them to tis area. When you give out freebees, they will come from afar. Leave it to the churches and other non-profits. Stop spending money on things like lights for baseball parks (No we haven't forgot that one either) You do things like that and ignore the fact that the police station is in need of replacement, and the fire dept. as well. If moronic spending doesn’t get under control, I and others will have no sympathy for the city. I don't expect that you will listen to us now, you all never have before. You let us speak and then do what you want anyway. And you Rick, never even wrote me back when I answered your letter probably because I said something that
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Don't Know</td>
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<td>I live on a very small budget and cannot afford any higher taxes. It looks like we get a lot of bang for our buck with Denver not to say we already have a great fire dept. To me it looks like a no-brainer and if put up for a vote I'll have to say no and I know my neighbors will as well. The savings will help with other short comings within our beautiful city. Thanks.</td>
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<td>While shopping in a local grocery, we stopped an Englewood fireman and asked his opinion on this matter. He assured us that the best option was to contract with an outside department. He said the firefighters were all in favor of this. We assume they know what is best for Englewood.</td>
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<td>The City of Englewood seems to want the absolutely best available when they purchase equipment. Maybe the city could accept something a bit less than the absolute best when considering new fire department buildings and equipment.</td>
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<td>I would rather not be at the mercy of Denver. That was the feeling years ago when we got our own water. I think a bond issue to update our facilities is a good idea. Technology keeps changing. We need to keep up. Englewood is modernizing--new high school-new apartments. Would like to see more redevelopment happen.</td>
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<td>If Englewood goes with Denver or any other fire district as the years go buy a mill increase will occur because they can continue to raise the rate and Englewood’s fire department will have been dismantled. Next would be the police department and thenDenver will try to annex Englewood. I hope Englewood does right. Many residents move here and want to live here for the home town feeling. Shame on council for getting us here. Tax us and fix the problem correctly. We have lived here since 1959 and</td>
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<td>Without a doubt. Englewood is a great city and the fire dept. is absolutely the best. The firefighters are all in favor of this. I would not be in the merc of Denver. That was the feeling years ago when we got our own water. I think a bond issue to update our facilities is a good idea. Technology keeps changing. We need to keep up. Englewood is modernizing--new high school-new apartments. Would like to see more redevelopment happen.</td>
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<td>I love it. Tighten the shoe strings and quit spending money for ugly metal art when there is a shortage of money. We feel it would be a terrible mistake. We not at a later time support a tax increase to adjust the amounts that Denver Fire would increase their cost. If the 40% increase that we have heard Sheridan has paid since they went with Denver, is not sustainable. This would more than wipeout the $3 million you claim we would save a year. We agree that there are other things that need to be repaired and considered but they should be consider as stand alone projects and should not be pork barrel. This proposal includes replacement and relocation of existing fire stations. We agree they need updated but can see no reason for this cost of replacement and relocation. Especially since our current fire/rescue response time is as good or better than Denver promises. This would considerable reduce the cost. We would still support the entire levy increase for fire/rescue to cover the cost of operating then for the next 50-100 years.</td>
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<td>I'm concerned that the option to contract with Denver will include our fire fighters using the same outdated facilities that the fire department and our city say are outdated and in need of either a rebuild or repair. I'm concerned about increased response times if we contract with Denver. I am concerned about losing our independence and autonomy as a city. From talking to residents new and old, I consistently hear people saying that they want to remain independent. I believe that most people would vote in favor of the bond to pay for the improvements needed to keep our fire department. While the city manager's presentation makes a lot of sense from a financial standpoint in favor of contracting with Denver, ultimately I don't think it is in the best interest of the city, long term. I also hope that this will be an opportunity for everyone in the city to learn from our past.</td>
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<td>This issue sound bad but, what happens to you already loyal firefighters?</td>
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<td>When Denver Fire took over Glendale fire all their personal had to go back through Denver's fire Academy and lost rank.</td>
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<td>It also sounds like the city dropped the ball more. Under funding city services and not taking care of its employees but asking earlier on this matter before it got to this point were your city employees are in jeopardy along with citations you put at risk with these services.</td>
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<td>And walk not run fast and miss other opportunities.</td>
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<td>The articles and stuff post on your own Gov site that one or two are pushing this through fast why?</td>
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<td>You need to let the people of your city also see what at or may not happen to there current employees.</td>
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<td>I understand that giving up our fire department is tough, but we can’t continue to have our firefighters in dangerous conditions without the proper equipment. I visited my neighborhood firehouse this week. They are all hard working and care about the community, I feel it is necessary the community look out for them. Knowing that a tax increase would most likely not pass (example: west metro mill levy). Having these men and women play the wait game is not fair. All the while we could be using the savings by going with Denver on other issues we have. This is a no brainer for our community, its future, and the health and welfare.</td>
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<td>While I value the service and dedication that is offered by EFD personnel I find it difficult to endorse an 18 million dollar expenditure that only supports hiring three additional firefighters. Firehouses, apparatus, and other equipment, while expensive, don't put fires put, firefighters do. Adding only one position per shift does nothing to address the staffing shortage that currently exists. Additionally, EFD would still require the assistance of neighboring jurisdictions to handle structure fires, hazardous materials, and simultaneous medical responses. Contracting with the Denver Fire Department would eliminate the need for an 18 million dollar expenditure, would offer the city of Englewood the ability to more effectively manage infrastructure improvements, and give the citizens of Englewood far better staffing for fires and other emergencies than it could ever provide itself.</td>
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<td>Denver firefighter do not make up the difference in the lack of ambulances that would be provided. Denver chooses to have subpar firefighters emt's. They do not have the training or the equipment to preform ems functions as the other fire departments in the metro area. Denver Heath is not the right solution!</td>
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<td>Denver Health can't handle their own volume, much less ours. There are constantly cases on the news when people die due to long response times for medics. Don't put us in that situation! I will readily sell my home if that happens, and I have a feeling that others will too.</td>
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<td>The Denver fire department can offer a better fire service at a much cheaper price. They have the fastest respons times and a much better history of putting out fires.</td>
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| 2554    | 1/19/2015 0:19 | No                                   | Yes                                                         | Yes                                                             | Provide public safety First  
Infrastructure second  
after this everything ese is a luxury |
| 2555    | 1/19/2015 13:08 | No                                   | Yes                                                         | No                                                              | Will Denver fire have as many fire fighters in the city? Does denver provide as fast of a ambulance response? Seems like less service from Denver. |
| 2556    | 1/19/2015 13:10 | No                                   | Yes                                                         | No                                                              | Keep our city whole. We don't need to contract with other cities to meet our needs! |
| 2557    | 1/19/2015 17:38 | No                                   | Yes                                                         | No                                                              | I would like to see the Englewood Fire Department kept in place and undated as needed for the fire fighters safety. I understand this requires raising property taxes but I feel it is worth it. |
| 2559    | 1/19/2015 20:43 | Yes                                  |                                                             |                                                                 | This is a very interesting topic. I would like to know how the City got here in the first place? Poor fiscal management and no oversight. I though that is what elected officials are for.  
I wanted to hear things straight from the firefighters. Stopped by Acoma and then also saw firefighters at King Soopers. Everyone said the same thing. They wished that they could keep the department but that they have been neglected for so long that it will now cost too much. One of the firefighters, John I believe, was very bright and eloquent. He said that this city's problems run deeper than the Fire department and that he appreciated our support. He spoke highly of the new city manager and stated that if Keck would have been here a decade ago, we would not have had this problem. I do not know the new manager but now want to meet him. Sounds like a good businessman. Please contract with Denver who will give us great service and save money for other old infrastructure. Just don't screw this up and squander this opportunity. Do it right and treat firefighters like Jihn well on the transition to Denver. They deserve a smooth transition. John assured us that Denver's response times will be like Englewood's. |
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<td>Makes sense since they will be in the same stations. I see no Dow side to contracting. Thank you.</td>
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<td>The inclusion of 100 year, and 50 year projections in the Options presentation seems to suggest that the proposal is actually quite ridiculous. The 100 and 50 year amateur-scare theatrics are below the community of Englewood. This quality of the presentation suggests that less work/analysis was done around the numbers, than planning of the desired shock in the presentation. We need a proposal that shows far more detail-layer about all 3 proposals. Englewood deserves much better. Show the data, in detail.</td>
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<td>My understanding is the Denver firemen are not also trained as paramedics. The Englewood firemen are so trained. This provides an extra level of protection that would be lost if Englewood went with Denver. Also, I understand some facilities would be closed. Please reconsider this action. There's more to the issue than money.</td>
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<td>Don't sell our fire department. This is a democracy, not a</td>
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<td>Biggest plus is no tax increase and the savings if millions of dollars!! It looks like Denver Fire is by far the best option. Denver Fire will give the Englewood Firefighters the best opportunity to continue their career.</td>
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<td>For those of us who are filling in this Internet &quot;ballot,&quot; a small tax increase to keep the fire department inside OUR city should be a small thing compared to what we’re already happy to pay just to get and send email, watch videos on YouTube, and follow news and events online. I’m amazed when I hear folks grouse about how HIGH their taxes are. Compared to what our PARENTS paid, it’s far less of our annual expenses. How did the Interstate Highway System get built ... cookie sales and church donations? No. That crucial infrastructure and wealth builder was created by taxing the entire country at a rate that peaked out at roughly 70% for the wealthy .... two to three times what they grumble about now. Most of the &quot;smart&quot; folks and savvy businesses don’t pay ANYthing other than their very &quot;smart&quot; tax lawyers. I say: FIX the system and PAY an honest dollar for it. It applies to the state too. Wipe out the selfish &quot;TABOR&quot; document and fork over what your own mother and dad did to make this country great back when WE were kids driving a big Detroit car along a brand new &quot;superhighway&quot; built coast to coast at MILLIONS of dollars per mile. I think the post war Interstate system might be the single most important reason our country is as &quot;wealthy&quot; as it is. Now, we raise hell if we’re asked to fork over a dollar to repair a bridge we don’t personally use to get to OUR job or grocery store or church. How soon we forget what made this country great ... tax money</td>
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<td>our PARENTS were willing to pay. They weren't &quot;the greatest generation&quot; just because they won &quot;the war!&quot;</td>
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<td>One hundred years ago, Englewood was the fringe of development on the South side of the Denver area. It was imperative that Englewood, in order to provide needed services to its citizens, become a full service city, providing Police, Fire and Rescue, Water and Sewer and so forth to this growing suburban community.</td>
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<td>In 2015 Englewood is no longer on the fringe. Now we are completely surrounded by other cities and if you look at a map, we are firmly in the middle of the Metro Denver area. This provides wonderful opportunities for us to cooperate and share services with our adjacent neighbor cities. Additionally, the animosity that suburban cities felt towards Denver, due to annexations and so forth has dimmed in the past 3 decades so that genuine cooperation is possible with Denver, to both their benefit and ours.</td>
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<td>When a cost savings of this magnitude is available, there is absolutely no reason to insist that we continue to provide a stand alone fire/rescue, duplicating facilities, management, dispatch, and so forth that can be shared, with no reduction of service to Englewood residents--and in some cases our service should actually improve because of the existing Denver facilities which will be available to us</td>
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<td>It would be beyond silly for Englewood to continue to insist that we must have our own, stand alone, Fire/Rescue and dispatch system when we have a very cost-effective, efficient, and workable alternative as has been presented.</td>
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<td>same high standards throughout the Metro area, and we have two fine trauma hospitals available to us. I urge you to approve this change, to improve our fiscal situation, and to improve the services provided to Englewood residents. If you are going to eliminate an essential service like this, it needs to be voted on by the people. Currently, Englewood property taxes are significantly lower than any other part of the greater Denver area. We pay less in property taxes than any other home owners we know. We pay less that $1000/year in property taxes. I believe the residents of Englewood are willing to increase property taxes in order to have a safe and secure community, better schools, and a solid infrastructure. Also, it is my understanding that not ALL of those improvements to the Englewood Fire Dept. need to happen at once. Could there be a plan to gradually replace the vehicles, repair the stations, etc. that would not require such a large budget increase at once? It seems ridiculous to say we are going to do all of these improvements at once. What are other options for funding the EFD? What about sales tax? If the only revenue stream is property taxes then what is the city doing to help increase property values? i.e. what are the larger plans to make Englewood a more appealing place to live, to draw people in and purchase homes.</td>
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<td>I would prefer to have the Englewood Fire Station be it's own entity, but I understand the need to keep morale up with employees and not wanting to hit residents/businesses with a pretty large tax to subsidize the department. And if Sheridan and Glendale are pleased with the service Denver has provided so far, Englewood will likely be served in a similar manner. I am happy that the firefighters can continue to operate out of the facilities they currently occupy. I feel very safe in my neighborhood knowing they are right down the street.</td>
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<td>Yes, in the future, it would be highly appreciated if our City Manager would let the WHOLE community know about these things in a more timely manner, instead of putting this forth when we would have to wait 10 months to vote on it when we could have voted on it in this past election, this is a decision that involves everyone and that City Council alone can't make.</td>
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<td>Why are we here??? Who allowed this to happen??? Why has the Mayor not ensured that the Fire department was taken care of in his almost eight years on council. Unbelievable! Who will make sure this never happens again when we give you the money to improve?? Keep Denver out of Englewood! I do not want Denver having any part of our services!!!</td>
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<td>A tax increase to keep the Englewood Dept within the city is the ONLY workable decision.. as a side note why did it have to get to this point before action was taken to fund a much needed valuable service for our city.. REALLY... ?? Just wondering about priorities and funding decisions ...</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Don’t Know</td>
<td>As a resident, I greatly appreciate the quick response time and personal service from our Englewood Fire/Rescue. Homeowners would be more likely to support a tax increase if you break down tax increase per month vs the total cost. I would not hesitate to vote in favor for a bond to keep our own City Fire Dept. Thank You</td>
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<td>As long as the citizens get the same care and the employees of Englewood Fire are treated fairly fully support the Denver option. After looking at the figures the Denver option looks like the best financial decision. I understand the emotion behind wanting to stay Englewood but I don't think the majority of the Englewood citizens would go for the tax increase.</td>
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<td>Increasing property taxes seem like a poor idea if we want to keep the city attractive to new residents &amp; businesses &amp; maintain affordability for current home &amp; business owners. We should also keep in mind future infrastructure needs as discussed in the memo, &amp; not raise taxes substantially now with no real net gain, and also no real room to fund future necessary projects by raising taxes again. I would like the city council to make a decision based on rational economic reasons, not on the emotional attachment of some city residents to things as they are, however understandable it may be.</td>
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<td>2582</td>
<td>1/24/2015 3:26</td>
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<td>Englewood is too small and too close to Denver to support all the duplications that maintaining its own fire department entails.</td>
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<td>Englewood is a City of 6.7 miles. Needing 3 fire houses, I believe, is not in the best interest of all the residents for Englewood. To rebuild the fire houses is a selfish thought because of pride. The City leaders need to think towards the future forward instead of the past. The money can be well used for other necessary repairs throughout the city. Being under the care of the Denver Fire Department would be a smart move. Always taxing the residents is not a successful outcome. Think of what the best solution for all, we residents support our City, our City needs to really consider the best outcome and not extravert. Denver Fire Department has all the equipment already at hand, why would we need to go through that expense?? Save the expense of taking it to a city vote, (I know its democratic). I say Denver Fire Department. Thank you for letting me share my comments.</td>
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<td>I support the contract with Denver Fire for services but would also recommend the possible addition of a volunteer fire department to offset more costs.</td>
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<td>The resources that come with Denver are more than we could ever have on our own. This seems like a no brian option</td>
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<td>The City Manager's report neglected to take into consideration all of the line items marked &quot;TBD&quot; in Denver's proposal. Ask Sheridan about all of the TBDs. He was mistaken about the pensions as well. South Metro was proposing to keep the contributions supporting the defined benefits, and at a greater percentage then Denver. The other concern is covering the District with only 1 transport unit vs. the 2 Fire medic units that South Metro would and Englewood currently uses. The single Denver Health Transport unit would not add to the total # of Firefighters available in District, but the 2 Fire Medic Units add a total of 4 firefighters available for fire attack per day.</td>
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<td>In Conclusion, the time tested statements &quot;You get what you pay for&quot; and &quot;If it seems to good to be true, it probably is&quot; come to mind.</td>
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<td>After reviewing the information Denver seems to be a temporary fix to the financial problem. The stations would have to be rebuilt and relocated in the near future like they would for staying englewood or going to south metro. It appears that less firefighters would be protecting the city with a lower level of medical training and much longer response times for medical care. I have heard that majority of the calls are medical in nature. Denver looks like a step backwards compared to the Fire Based EMS systems around the area. Denver is one of the only non fire based ems systems in the entire metro area. I would support a tax increase to keep englewood fire.</td>
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<td>Why are we not voting on the police and fire on one whack? If it does not pass, we can go with Denver Fire and vote later for Police building improvements.</td>
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<td>It's not I don't support the decision to move to Denver, I just don’t believe the information that has been provided is accurate. I want to know true facts about response times, what additional costs will be coming down the line after our initial contract is up, what is going to happen with our current fire employees, what if Denver doesn’t abide by their contractual duties, etc.. Is it really true that most of the trauma patients will be taken to Swedish or will our local hospitals be bypassed in order to take people to Denver Health? I've heard for years (from emergency personnel in Denver) that average response times are 9-12 minutes. City council is stating 4 (maybe 6) minutes and this is with one of the stations closing. If the City chooses to move forward with Denver, I would like to see some safety measures put into place so residents of Englewood don't loose any of the services we currently have. I also find it very hard to believe the our current stations are in such disrepair that we are now at this pivotal point where it's</td>
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<td>It seems like there is HUGE lack of communication and mismanagement of our City (nothing against Mr. Keck - he seems to be making positive changes for the community). I also seems a little astounding that this decision MUST be made February 9th when the citizens have not had a chance to speak on this until less than a month prior.</td>
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<td>From what I’m hearing and seeing the City Council has already made their decision and are going just going through the legal measures of allowing people to speak. There is no question as to what is going to happen - I just hope it doesn’t compromise the health and safety of the citizens of Englewood.</td>
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<td>At this point I'm still undecided but believe that more change needs to happen within our City (get rid of the old and bring in new).</td>
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<td>The option of having Denver Fire seems to be the best financially as well as safety of Englewood residents. NO tax increases for the residents with better fire equipment and response time as well as the firefighters morale improvement with these will ultimately result in a safer Englewood.</td>
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<td>Where is the communication on this? Our city council and government have done a poor job getting the word out and informing the public of such a major change. After reading the frequently asked questions is there even a reason you're asking for public comment? Clearly the decision has already been made - sad day for Englewood. There is NO way Denver response time are going to be 4 minutes especially with one station closing. And there is NO way that ALL trauma patients will go to Swedish. Denver Health trumps and they take their patients to their hospital. So much misinformation by the city. Clearly spinning</td>
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<td>this as a one-sided option. You have failed your citizens. I’m ashamed that these are our elected officials who, once again are not listening to those who voted them into office. Shame on you.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>My only concern about the proposals and the plans presented is that it appears to be based on current information. What is the impact if Englewood adds more, higher density housing, such as the Flood development? Either way, I would support the adoption of the Denver Fire plan assuming there is no degradation of service.</td>
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<td>Losing EFD would severely impact the safety of citizens regardless of the stats given by Mr. Keck. The police officers would be put in great jeopardy as well given the fact one ambulance staffed by DFD and Denver Health could be busy transporting patients outside the City of Englewood to Denver Health as we all know is going to happen with great regularity. This loss of services will force me as a business owner and resident of Englewood to relocate both business and residence outside of this city as this move clearly shows Mr. Keck is only here to outsource all services to show a better bottom line budget at the cost of the citizens and employees. This is clearly a political move to bolster his resume for his future push to move to a larger community with a larger budget.</td>
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<td>As a business owner I am very concerned about the direction of the city. We have aging infrastructure that seems like is being ignored. This community's refusal to change is evident as fewer and fewer people are looking to truly invest in this community. We are not stuck in the 70s anymore. The city's brand is old and tired and the community lacks a true identity other than Mayberry but guess what? The world is advancing around us and leaving us in the dust. We are quickly becoming irrelevant and investment is passing Englewood by. I just learned that my office is in jeopardy because the Englewood Fire Department does not even have the right tools to do its job. No ladder truck means I might not be able to get my employees out if there were a fire. I have researched this further and feel that we need to contract out our service. There is no loss of service. NO people dying in the streets as has been eluded to and we save money for other expensive capital outlays. This move is needed now. More disturbing to me is the overspending going on in the department. Either guys are milking the overtime or there is a deal with the chief to give out overtime. My council member shared the number. Staggering. It is crazy. Why isn't the new city manager screaming about the OT. In my business, I would be looking at new ways to provide the service. Why aren't we? Contract it out to a larger, better resourced, better capitalized department and move on with more important things like leading our community into the future!</td>
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<td>I believe that the residents of Englewood need to be informed. That is why I support a ballot measure to increase property taxes in order to keep Englewood as a stand alone fire department. Contracting with Denver is an acceptable alternative if the ballot measure fails. I am proud of the Englewood Fire Department. They provide much need community relations. For example: Fire prevention week and Walk or Bike to school.</td>
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<td>The Denver Fire/Denver Health delivery system is a giant step backwards for Englewood. The recent Herald article on this issue was grossly mistaken. Denver does not have any practicing paramedics, let alone all firefighters being paramedics. The difference? Emergency Medical Technicians have about three weeks of training. A paramedic has about 9 months.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>I am not sure that the businesses and commercial building owners are being considered in the decision. Are you looking at what it will cost business owners that own buildings in the City of Englewood if the decision is made to go with the City of Denver Fire? How different are the codes that are enforced? How much will it cost business/building owners to bring their buildings up to code if Denver takes over? Will you Grandfather in the buildings that are built? How long will you allow for business to get up to Denver Fires current codes? City of Denver Fire has a code that if a commercial building is 2500 square feet or larger the owner has to have a sprinkler system. Do you know how much it costs to add sprinklers to an existing building of 5000 square feet? $60,000.00 or more. How many small business can afford that? That could put many out of business just like it did when Denver took over for Sheridan. This may help the City, but what does this do to the businesses in</td>
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<td>Englewood that make up a large part of your tax base? It will hurt us if not put many out of business</td>
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<td>Please consider the serious consequences this could have on the businesses that have helped build Englewood and keep Englewood the great City that it is.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Between the property taxes that Isis Books is paying for 2014 and the sales tax revenue that we generated for Englewood in 2014 we have paid over $42,000.00 to the City for the year 2014. I think that is plenty. It does not make sense to raise property taxes to fund a stand-alone Englewood Fire Department or to fund payment to South Metro when we can partner with the Denver Fire Department at much less cost. We do our best to keep our store's cost of doing business as low as possible so that we do not have to raise prices to our customers. We expect our local government to commit to doing the same. Thank you, Karen Harrison/owner Isis Books, Gifts and Healing Oasis</td>
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<td>2605</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>I hate to see our fire department go but at this juncture the best of the options put forward is contracting service with the City of Denver Fire Department. This will best meet our needs going forward. Allowing us to focus our efforts and finances on other mounting issues that need to be addressed is the responsible decision. Additionaly I trust, given the nature of the Denver Fire Department, it's size, capability, and similarities to our own will be the best fit for the men and women who have bravely served our city.</td>
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| 2606    | 2/2/2015 20:58 | No                                    | Yes                                                      | No                                                            | I believe in a strong city that supports all aspects of government. If we have city issues we need to address the issues and not contract out services and we need to fully fund training and equipment. With that said it is odd that we need to replace equipment and build new yet Denver would allow us to modify the current fire station. If we are truly under the gun to fund then put to a vote but I would think we can be more creative with staging our funding so we have a little less impact on our citizens and businesses.
I understand the 100 year outlook but let's focus on current needs in the short term and then create a 100 year plan. Don't get to far ahead if we have high priority needs!
Thanks for allowing comments and lets work to keep the city whole. Outsourcing is more difficult then this presentation represents, doable but present it's own set of issues.
Concerned citizen
Denise Davis |
| 2607    | 2/2/2015 21:06 | Yes                                    |                                                           |                                                               | After reading all the materials on the website including the Q&A section I can only see a benefit for us to contract with Denver.
1 A substantial cost savings
2 more resources fire and paramedics
3 our firefighters still working in the fire service here and not losing retirement benefits
4 better coverage and response times
5 no change in medical care with our option to go to Swedish |
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<td>This is pretty cut and dried. Please say yes and keep our firefighters from having to put up with all the insecurities they have had to endure the last 18 months.</td>
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<td>Go in and out of englewood. The whole big thing behind englewood fire rescue is it is a small community department. It would be community devastating for us to loose them. I remember when they came to my birthday as a kid. I can't see denver or south metro doing that. I would move out of englewood if we contracted out our heritage. Just like Englewood police &quot;a community policing city&quot; englewood fire &quot;a community rescue heritage&quot;. I was saddened by not being able to make the city Council meetings due to work. I grew up around the city Council wheb my mom served for district 1. Grew up with Gary sears and Tom burns as mayor. If we loose englewood fire, it just moves further away from englewood being the community it used to be. Please call me so I may voice my opinion</td>
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Nick 720 3540908 if I do not answer please call my work cell 7204370801
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I am concerned that if you go under City of Denver that in a worst case scenario the Englewood Fire Dept. would be in Park Hill and then get a call to go to Broncos Headquarters, which is about 25 minutes under ideal conditions to get there, and 45 to one hour under not ideal conditions. Would we, as Englewood Citizens, not have to pay Denver to house or supply Fire Dept. equipment, or salaries to firemen and paramedics? You would have saved nothing, and possibly burned people to death, or killed someone who did not get medical treatment in time.

How many residents live in the City of Englewood City limits? Say 27,000. easy math. So, now Fire Dept is 27 million over budget... divide 27,000,000 by 27,000. How much do you get? if I did the math right, that is 1000 to each person. divide that then by 10 years to pay off 27,000,000. So each person would pay an extra 100 a year.

I would go for that.

Thanks for listening to me.

I am truly discouraged, as even though, I write this, it seems that no one listens anymore.
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Dear City Council,

After reading information regarding proposals for Englewood's fire and emergency services, I would like to express my opinion. It is my hope that the council will contract these services through the City of Denver as to prevent a tax increase.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Best,
Lesley Cross
2739 South Sherman Street
Englewood, CO 80113
Dear City Council,

I would just like to comment on the proposal to join our fire department to Denver's. I think we have a top-notch fire and police departments and I would hate to see us lose them. I, for one, would favor a tax increase to keep our own departments.

Thanks,
Rick Miller
3234 S. Elati St.
While I intend to attend one of the public comment sessions at upcoming council meetings, I do want to ensure that if that does not happen I've submitted my feedback through other means.

A brief introduction, I am a resident of Englewood residing in Greenwood Point Apartments on the southern edge of the city. I am also a member of the Rocky Mountain Medical Reserve Corps of Colorado and the Englewood-Littleton CERT. I write today with a background in disaster response and close relationships with fire departments, including being a former IT Support volunteer with Chelan County Fire District No. 1 in Wenatchee, Washington.

After reviewing the proposal information made public, I agree with the assessments that contract with Denver Fire Department would be the most economical. However there are concerns with that proposal that as a resident I would like to see addressed.

First, how would the contract/merger affect the EMS-based response of EFD personnel? Would this affect the ability of EMT and Paramedic certified firefighters to carry equipment for and utilize their training in these aspects, where Denver Paramedics would provide relief to firefighters upon arrival and transport?

Second, Denver 911 has not had the greatest reputation in the past with regard to appropriately dispatching calls as reported through the Denver Post and other local news investigations. How is the City of Englewood is going to ensure that problems that have plagued Denver 911 do not adversely affect citizens, and what is the City Council going to request from Denver 911 as far as quality controls input and training?

Third, although no new stations will be required, what are the plans for replacing existing infrastructure to more modern facilities?

Finally, as a resident in the south end of the city, we currently have fire services stationed locally at Acoma, improving response times. Under this proposal, if I am reading it correctly, Denver Fire Department will reduce the number of stations to 2, at Tejon and Jefferson, leaving the nearest station to the south end of the city at Jefferson in the City Center. This will increase response times to the south end of the city currently serviced by Acoma. The Report provided to citizens indicates that the cost savings can be used to upgrade the Acoma facility along with Jefferson and Tejon, however, if the contract only covers two stations.

Clarification in this would be greatly appreciated.

Ultimately, I see the move to join Denver Fire as a positive move, and the increased availability of specialized teams and apparatus is certainly a win for residents of the city. I do personally have a preference and a wish that the City had been able to find a way to join forces with Littleton Fire, however economic realities and other issues often prevent our preferences from working out. For example, where I volunteered in Washington State, there have been talks for decades of a merger of the Urban Fire Department with the City of Wenatchee and the Suburban/Rural County Fire District, which would be a benefit to both residents but political issues prevent that from coming to fruition.

I applaud the City of Englewood for actually being willing to look into a merger. That the existing firefighters, Englewood's own, will continue to protect Englewood means that the century of tradition will not be entirely lost, they are still Englewood's firefighters.

Thank you for your time.
Rev. Bradley L. McGarr, KE0BWU,
Security+, A+, MCP, MTA-Windows OS, CIW-WFA Certified Technician
Englewood, Colorado, USA

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There are two people in this household and we both want the fire dept. to stay with the city of Englewood. We wouldn't be able vote on any future increase in cost if some other city had control. What would the increase of distance due to response time within the city? It just seems like the City of Englewood has enough character to sustain its own fire department. Pat Hutson and Peggy Bartko
We would prefer to keep "our" fire department!!!! And we are willing to accept the Mill Levy increase to do so!! We also feel; at the same time, add additional to the increase in order to start helping out "our" police department!!!!

Stan & Sharon Wright
4800 S Galapago St
80110
From: Lynnette Heidrick
Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 4:30 PM
To: Council
Subject: Fire department

Keep our I don't want to use any other services we need to keep in house the safe from my family depends on it. I think if we outsource this service with different cities it will hurt our taxes and my property value and I don't want to see that happen either. I would vote for new taxes to keep our local fire department to stay. I can't make to meeting but I want my voice to be heard too.

Thank you
Lynnette Heidrick
4365 S Kalamath St.
Phone 303-762-8795

Sent from my iPhone
KEEP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ENGLEWOOD!!!! THIS IS A NO BRAINER. LOOKS AS IF IT WOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE TO BRING IN SOUTH MERTO.
Englewood City Council,

I hope you can take a minute to read my email regarding the Englewood Fire Department. I know there has been a lot of talk about having a larger fire department absorb Englewood Fire. I think this is a very bad idea and the people they serve will be who would suffer. The response times will be slower and in an emergency seconds can mean the difference between life and death, safety and danger. The guys at Englewood fire touched my life and I want to share my story with you.

I get to cuddle my healthy 10-month-old son because on March 18, 2014 just before midnight the guys at Englewood Fire responded to a 911 call. I delivered my son at Mountain Midwifery Birthing Center, which is in Englewood. 911 was called a couple minutes after he was born because he was not breathing, he was blue, and things didn’t look good. These guys arrived extremely fast and immediately took my son. I later found out that when my son arrived to Swedish ER he was 10 minutes old. Let me break that down for you. It was a couple minutes before the midwife called 911, then it was dispatched out just before midnight (meaning the crew was asleep), they arrived to a locked gate at the birthing center losing precious time, and still had my son to the ER by the time he was 10 minutes old. That is an incredible response time. Every second counted and they knew how important it was.

My son was extremely sick, he had severe meconium aspiration, which was why he was unable to breath when he was born, the lack of oxygen caused his heart to slow down too much and they had to do CPR in route to Swedish ER. He spent 16 days in the NICU attached to numerous machines. My husband and I firmly believe that if the Englewood fire guys had not gotten to my son as quickly as they did and known exactly what to do and did it extremely fast our son would not be here today.

Lots of things went just right for us in the scariest time of our lives, starting with not only the incredibly fast response from Englewood fire but also the compassion they showed to my family. It was obvious that day that these guys take pride in the community they serve. If you let a bigger department take over you will lose that pride. That pride is what saved my son’s life. I know this only represents one call they ran last year but I can say with confidence this department has it right and the people of Englewood are lucky to have this department protecting them. I hope you will keep Englewood Fire Department.

Thank you,

Kassie Guy
We should go with the most affordable fire dept., as we are already paying more in taxes for the new school.

Sent from my iPhone
Greeting City Council Members,
With your upcoming vote, it is my hope that you make the most sensible decision which maintains our safety & security & keeps it local and dependable.

A $5.72 monthly increase in residential property (per the new City Manager's public proposal) is a reasonable amount to support our local Englewood Fire & Paramedic Rescue Department.

It is my hope (and my family's) that we support the local and best safety and security for our community; this means remaining independent.

Thank you.
Philippe

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Philippe Ernewein
www.rememberit.org

Video: How Are You Smart?
Recent Publication: What My Grandmother Taught Me About Teaching in the Modern World
Council Members,

At some point Englewood needs to move forward and the proposal to merge with the Denver Fire Department is a perfect example of doing just that.

I've expressed to the council on prior occasions that our city is tired, in many areas run down and slowly but surely falling behind the Metropolitan Denver area in terms of new development. The city cannot maintain adequate services on the revenue Englewood realizes and for anyone to suggest that additional monies be spent just to have the Englewood name painted on the side of the emergency vehicles that respond to emergency situations needs to be brought into the 21st century and face the reality of the fiscal situation the city is in.

Please don't let pride get in the way of sound fiscal practices. The type of pride currently exhibited is evidenced by the muddy, weedy, trashed filled alleys that I drive down each morning. Put money towards paving and cleaning up those alleys. Propose that option to the citizens and see what kind of response you get.

You hired Mr Keck as our City Manager. Let him do the job you hired him to do and act positively on his recommendations.

Respectfully,

Gregory Szynskie
3955 S. Grant Street
303.807.3768
I feel very strongly that Englewood should keep their fire department. I also feel that the city council and manager should have not let things deteriorate that we have ended up in such dire straits.

Leila Phillips
5025 S Huron St
From: Cassandra Letkomiller  
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 1:43 AM  
To: Council; Eric Keck  
Subject: References for Jeremy Letkomiller's Statements on Denver Health & Population Growth

City Council & City Manager Keck:

Thank you for all of your hard work involved with our finances and for being responsible and bringing real issues to the table since we as a city in Englewood have a great deal of work to do together to straighten things out. Know that although we are in the throes of debate, your efforts are nonetheless appreciated. Let it be known too that council member Steven Yates is wonderful! He took a good hour and a half out of his day to speak with us the other day (many thanks Steve!).

I know one of the concerns that council member Jill had mentioned at the meeting this Tuesday was the issue of folks giving misinformation so I have some web reference links to support portions of the speech my husband and I put together that he presented last night at the city council meeting. Jeremy will be getting to you EBP (evidence based practice) to support more immediate ALS care and the improved patient outcomes.

I will be sending a detailed email in the next day or so with my input on the issue of Denver vs. Englewood for fire/rescue. But! Until I finish my detailed email I wanted to at least send off the references for your review where we (Jeremy & Cassandra Letkomiller) got the data regarding Denver Health getting in trouble for slow response times and for not accurately portraying their 911 call to arrival on the scene times as well as the wiki stats on our population growth currently.

Obviously the big reveals with Denver Health Paramedics and their response times are articles that are several years old. However I can speak that as a member of the medical community locally both firsthand and via speaking to other people Denver Health Paramedics still are much slower in their response time frequently than they are leading everyone to believe (but whether they take 9mins or not, the fact still remains that their fire dept can only perform BLS not ALS, which is another issue in addition that leads lives to being compromised). The often used saying, "the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior" I would say applies in this situation with Denver. If a company has been caught blatantly lying and using poor practices in the past, and you have many local medical professionals (that are also residents) telling you that similar practices are STILL occurring I would find it highly unwise to regard their statements as entirely invalid.

But I digress and will get into this later....here are your references below to check into, I hope it is helpful!

1.) Denver Channel 7 News Investigates: "33 Minutes to 34 Right- A Call 7 Investigation Uncovers Denver's Broken Ambulance System", April 7, 2010  
   http://www.thedencanchannel.com/news/33-minutes-to-34-right

2.) JEMS (Journal of Emergency Medical Services): "Delayed Emergency Response- Minutes Can Make the Difference Between Life & Death- But Does Denver Health Know How to Tell Time?", April 11, 2010  
   http://www.jems.com/article/leadership-professionalism/delayed-emergency-response

3.)Westword: "Whoops! Denver Health Finally Responds to Response Time Queries", June 12, 2008  

http://www.kunc.org/post/are-you-ready-denver-top-10-fastest-growing-us-cities

6.) Population Growth Info: Wiki List of Cities & Towns in Colorado-

Thank you again,
Cassandra Letkomiller RN, BSN

(303) 260-8249
Members of Council:

I respectfully submit the following comments on the future of fire services in Englewood. Note that although I sit on the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee, these comments are mine alone and do not in any represent the opinions of my fellow BAC members.

This fire department issue is difficult to me, and I have concerns with whatever approach is adopted. The city's in a real pickle here - partially stemming from previous inaction. Now, we're faced with the prospect of making a decision in the next two months that affects both the past and the future of the city.

First, a note on the financials presented at the study session. Roughly $15 million of the $32 million cost presented has nothing to do with fire. If the question truly is a question about the future of the fire department, mashing the police services building into the "money sandwich" confuses the issue. These truly are separate issues, and if a bond issue is presented to sustain and rebuild the fire department, the police services building should be presented as a separate bond issue. In so doing, Council could clearly see the will of the People as relates to EFD.

Now, to the crux of the issue: our firefighters deserve better. I took the opportunity to speak with some of the first-line "blue shirt" firefighters after the recent study session, and their frustration is palpable. If Denver can serve their needs for secure employment, adequate training, and proper equipment while continuing to provide adequate first-line response to city emergencies AND do it all cheaper, it's difficult to see a reason why the Denver plan should not be adopted. In the back of my head, though, I hear the phrase, "If it looks too good to be true, it probably is."

If Council decides to keep EFD intact as a standalone agency, I would/will support a bond issue to properly fund it. Such a bond issue strikes me as an investment in the future of our city, and while it won't necessarily fix all of the previous problems that the fire department has faced, it gives the citizens an opportunity to decide on the future of the fire department (by voting for/against funding).

The flip side of that coin is that a bond could not pass until November 2015, and urgent action is needed. Perhaps we truly are stuck with the "Denver option."

Furthermore, passing a bond would require the citizens to believe that Council, the city manager, and other decision makers have the will to keep the EFD from falling back into its current crisis state. I'd hate to see us spend $32 million building new buildings and hiring new staff only to have all of it crumble apart in 10 years as general funds are diverted for more pressing emergencies.

One final note: Councilman Jefferson's comments last night about, "putting Humpty Dumpty back together again" really resonated with me. The Denver option is clean, convenient, expedient, and cheap. Once the marriage occurs, though, divorce is costly, emotional, ugly, and slow. If Englewood spends $32 million on a bond and decides later that things aren't working out, we're out $32 million dollars. But, if we merge with Denver and decide things aren't working, we're out a 100-year history, a sizable amount of credibility, and a viable second option.

I encourage Council to float the bonds (one for fire and one for police) and see what the People do.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with any of you individually on this difficult topic. You may reach me by phone at 720-530-7755, by email at or in-person at any future city meetings.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Ward
4620 S Delaware St
Englewood, CO 80110
Dear Englewood City Council,

If you are going to eliminate an essential service like the Englewood Fire Department/EMS, it needs to be voted on by the people. It is too large of an issue to be decided upon without a vote by the residents of this city that will be directly impacted.

Currently, Englewood property taxes are significantly lower than any other part of the greater Denver area. We pay less in property taxes than any other home owners we know. We pay less that $1000/year in property taxes. I believe the residents of Englewood are willing to increase property taxes in order to have a safe and secure community, better schools, and a solid infrastructure.

I implore you to please allow the people to make this decision. If City Council simply makes a decision to eliminate this service, there will be an automatic distrust of the government. It is always said that we are a "community", so let's make this decision as a community.

Thank you,

Chrystie Hopkins
Cultural Arts Commission
3258 S. Elati St.
Englewood, CO 80110
I would just like to let you know that I believe most residents would be willing to have a tax hike in order to support our fire services staying in Englewood. Most of the people I have heard from have the same opinion. We feel that we would have more timely responses, and we like to remain independent. We also want to support our firefighters.

Judy Jaros
Dear Council:

I would be happy to pay a tax increase to keep our Fire Department here in Englewood. Also, I have no problem with an additional amount added to improve the Police Department/Safety Services buildings.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Lori Peltz
4610 South Pennsylvania
Hello,
I'm writing on behalf of myself and my spouse. We are in support of retaining the Englewood Fire Department and working with them to improve their ability to do their job well, even if that means a tax increase.

We strongly disagree with contracting with Denver on this. This is not a matter of sentimentality about keeping a long-standing tradition, rather one where we look at statistics, data and ultimately, customer service. Denver's departments are constantly having so many problems within their own community, because of ineffectiveness and other issues, we do not want to invite that into our community.

Sincerely,
Sean and Jenny Radway
303-716-8087
3940 S. Pennsylvania St.,
Englewood, CO 80113
After reviewing the materials provided I believe that it is in the best interests of Englewood to keep our own fire departments and to raise taxes to pay for the improvements. My taxes will raise less than $100 a year. The tax increase to pay for the new High School has been money well spent and I think it is wise to invest our money in our community, retaining the autonomy of our city services.

Clinton A Biggs
4655 S. Lipan
80110
I am in favor a tax/bond increase. Keep Englewood Jobs!

I live near the Police and Fire complex on Jefferson street. I spoke to one of the firemen. If we choose Denver or South Metro, it forces the fire personnel to re-apply for their jobs and be re-vetted, and there are no guarantees they will keep their jobs. It will be similar to a corporate merger, with a new management structure. I bet some of you know how fun that is!

If you live in a home valued at $250k or less, the price of the bond is $69/year = $5.75/month, or a venti latte at Starbucks. Remember also that its not based on market value, but assessed value. If you live in a home valued at $300k, your taxes go up by $83/year, or a grande latte at $6.84/month.

Let's keep them here in Englewood and support these jobs. For every job created, those workers are likely to buy lunch in Englewood, shop in Englewood, and hopefully buy property in Englewood,

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Brenda
What do the firemen/firewomen have to say about their jobs with either choice??

Lion DRx Bob Boardman
Hello to Englewood City Council,
My vote is to keep Englewood Fire in Englewood. Not hire Denver or merge with any other service. No one knows ENGLEWOOD better than the men and women who have given their lives, time, hearts and souls then those of our Fire community. We are proud of them and they have not ever, at least as I have known them over the years, asked anything of us in return. I support their efforts to stay even if it means a tax increase. God Bless these people for taking care of us, our families and property. Mismanagement of the cities finances by city council members, should not impact those that truly work to save lives and property at all costs with minimum wages.
SINCERELY,
K. Kasey Campbell
S. Logan St., Englewood
NO to Denver !!!

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device
I am writing to ask you to support Englewood Fire by placing a bond on next November's ballot.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone
As a third generation and lifelong Englewood resident I strongly support contracting with the City of Denver for fire and rescue services. I agree with the City Manager that the money saved should be used to tackle important infrastructure problems that have been ignored for too long. Denver has much better training facilities that a city like Englewood cannot afford. Plus a bigger department means greater purchasing deals for the expensive equipment fire and rescue services depend on.

Greg Williams  
4590 South Huron Street
Mr. Letkomiller:

Thank you again for providing further information and your professional opinion toward the consideration of what to do with the Englewood Fire/Rescue Department.

Much of the medical statistics that you cite are accurate; however, I believe that what you are missing here are the facts of the proposal from Denver Fire. There is no doubt that BLS response will be the same as it is today and in some cases actually better as more of our community will be covered within a 4 minute response. When working with Denver Fire to clarify the points of their February 2014 proposal, I obtained agreement from both Denver Fire and Denver Health to have dedicated ambulances within the City of Englewood for ALS response. Furthermore, these ambulances would be located within the Jefferson and Acoma stations which would mean response times equal to what is provided today.

What is somewhat disingenuous in your presentation of materials are the news article citations that are somewhat dated. I am not defending Denver Health and do acknowledge that they have had issues in the past with response and communication with the Denver Fire department; however, the facts of the matter do point to a concerted effort on the part of both Denver Fire and Denver Health to rectify these issues. Today, if you were to visit the Denver 911 Center on Josephine Street, you would see a system that integrates Kaizen into their call response process. They are continuously looking for ways in which to improve the performance of both Fire and paramedic response through their Toyota Lean process. Denver’s system has been acknowledged by many professional associations as being one of the finest managed systems in the country. It becomes difficult to understand how a fire and EMS system for a population of 650,000 could be a poor system for a community of 32,000. There certainly are pros and cons to any system including our own which has warts of its own. Despite the best efforts of our competent people today, there are medical calls that take longer to arrive and the outcome is not positive. It can happen within any community.

I have worked in Fire based EMS systems for much of my professional career in the public sector and have had limited interaction with traditional fire departments. However, I have to believe that a positive solution to our need for high quality fire suppression and EMS service could be achieved through a contract as difficult as this is to propose. Fire and EMS is a very labor and resource intensive service that makes sense on a regional basis. Our community’s ability to continue to support the department is already beginning to outpace the resources available. Couple this with all of the other capital equipment and facility needs that exist in Englewood and it creates a situation where I am up all night trying to figure out how to fund everything that seemingly is coming due for payment at the same time. While I am proud of the many residents who support our men and women of the Fire/Rescue Department and rightfully so, I ask if they would also step up and cover all of our other infrastructure as well. The answer from many people has been a resounding no as it will be too much to cover a bond for $34 million for public safety, potentially another 70 mills for the schools to replace elementary schools, and then have the City potentially as for up to $100 million over the next 20 years for roads, bridges, buildings and other infrastructure.

Thank you for your passion and concern for the community. Your engagement in this is greatly appreciated.

Eric Keck
City Council and City Manager Keck,

Thank you very much for listening to my speech the other night at the meeting. This is an issue that I feel very strongly about and really want to make sure that all of the correct information and research is portrayed to you guys so that the best decision on the matter can be made.

I want to stress that often times BLS care is appropriate care for many patients and that life and death will not be an issue. The problem is that life and death issues still occur and when they do, ALS care in a pre-hospital environment is vital. Here is an example: you fall off of a ladder and break your femur which is now sticking through the skin. BLS has no ability to give pain medicines and sitting for an additional 5 minutes waiting for that help is beyond cruel. Another example is the asthmatic who cannot breathe. BLS can not give nebulizers to help open up the lungs. Try telling this person who is struggling to breathe that it will be 5 more minutes before life saving medicine will arrive. It has been shown that delivering this ALS care with a fire based EMS system is the best in terms of patient care.

I am putting some links at the bottom of the page for you all to look at that will provide some additional information. The last link is a video that takes about 10 minutes but is very informative.

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I am more than happy to answer any questions and even speak on the phone or sit down to meet with anybody if that would help. I know this is a tough decision that will not be taken lightly by you guys and I thank you for your attention to this.

Jeremy Letkomiller
RN-BSN, CEN
303-981-1781

http://www.jems.com/article/leadership-professionalism/iaaf44-iafc-show-support-fire
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1-rO6RGVCk
City Council and City Manager Keck,

Thank you very much for listening to my speech the other night at the meeting. This is an issue that I feel very strongly about and really want to make sure that all of the correct information and research is portrayed to you guys so that the best decision on the matter can be made.

I want to stress that often times BLS care is appropriate care for many patients and that life and death will not be an issue. The problem is that life and death issues still occur and when they do, ALS care in a pre-hospital environment is vital. Here is an example: you fall off of a ladder and break your femur which is now sticking through the skin. BLS has no ability to give pain medicines and sitting for an additional 5 minutes waiting for that help is beyond cruel. Another example is the asthmatic who cannot breathe. BLS can not give nebulizers to help open up the lungs. Try telling this person who is struggling to breathe that it will be 5 more minutes before life saving medicine will arrive. It has been shown that delivering this ALS care with a fire based EMS system is the best in terms of patient care.

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Hello,

I'm an Englewood citizen living in District 2.

I'm interested in the potential changes to our city's fire and rescue services. I read the study materials prepared for the January 14th meeting and have discussed it with several neighbors. One thing that I noted is that the alternatives don't seem to be fully evaluated with respect to the quality of each alternative.

- The proposal to have Denver Fire take over skips upgrading the fire stations. That is a cost which will eventually have to be paid, one way or another, and no doubt will come from Englewood funds which do not appear to be budgeted for in this proposal.
- The mentions of response times take each department at their word without verifying the statement. A more thorough analysis looking at each department's response times in their own city and the frequency that they provide aid to a nearby department seems like a useful measurement which was overlooked.
- The fact that the FPPA defined benefit retirement program requires additional funds to meet an equivalency with the South Metro defined contribution plan is a big concern to me. It indicates that the current FPPA retirement plan is underfunded. Excluding that cost from the Denver Metro alternative is kicking the can down the road - it's unfair to the firemen and the future taxpayers.
- The study material states that Denver is the most "efficient" alternative, but I don't see any measures of efficiency to support that claim. It is the cheapest alternative, but low cost doesn't guarantee a good value or continuation of our current level of service.
- The study material states that "Glendale has been with Denver Fire for over a decade with no complaints or issues." It's obviously impossible that there have been zero complaints in a 10 year period which makes it hard to believe the validity of the claim. More likely is that a cursory investigation was made looking for complaints and in that cursory investigation none were found. A thorough investigation would no-doubt be difficult and perhaps cost prohibitive as it would have to look at the methods for soliciting, reporting and recording complaints, the rate of complaints before and after the switch to Denver Metro fire coverage, the geographic distribution of the complaints and whether they moved before/after the transition to Denver Metro fire.

I applaud the city for looking to find creative ways to gain efficiency in delivering fire and rescue services. However, it's important we choose the best value option and not just the lowest cost option.

Regards,

Greg Knaddison

720-310-5623 | http://knaddison.com | http://twitter.com/ Greggles
Dr. Boardman – I have forwarded your inquiry to the Englewood City Council, as well as Englewood City Manager Eric Keck. Mr. Keck’s response is included below.

I have been entertaining emails and private conversations with fire personnel since the presentation and can honestly state that they are torn. In their hearts, they would like to remain with the City of Englewood and continue to serve out their careers here in the community that they have been dedicated to serving for so long. I have had several employees of the Fire/Rescue Department tell me that they want the opportunity to see if the public would support the bond funding necessary to ensure that they can continue with the department. On the other hand, I have also had several employees come forward and indicate that they believe that the proposal from Denver Fire will be in the best interest of the community as the cost of providing fire and EMS services is just way too expensive for a community of 32,000 to tackle alone. They see that the resources, response times, apparatus, and even employment opportunities with Denver will be too good to pass up. Those who have agreed with the Denver Fire proposal have also indicated that they realize that the Fire/Rescue Department is only one of many departments requiring funding and that contracting will be the best option to ensure that the City remains capable of a fiscally sustainable future.

I feel for the constituency of the Fire/Rescue Department. This is not an easy proposal to make nor an easy thing for the employees to wrestle with right now and I can understand the split in their membership.

Thank you.

Leigh Ann

Leigh Ann Hoffhines
Englewood City Manager’s Office

From: ,
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 6:56 PM
To: Council
Subject: Englewood Fire Stations

What do the firemen/firewomen have to say about their jobs with either choice??

Lion DRx Bob Boardman
FYI -- Council Member Gillit asked me to forward this message to all Council members.

Leigh Ann

Leigh Ann Hoffhines
Englewood City Manager's Office

From: Rick Gillit
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:07PM
To: Leigh Ann Hoffhines
Subject: Fwd: Fire Department

Please forward to council.

Best regards,

Rick Gillit
(303) 246-4780
www.EnglewoodCitizen.com

Sent from my Cell phone.

-------- Original message --------
From: Jan Weipert
Date:01/25/2015 2:28 PM (GMT-07:00)
To:
Subject: Fire Department

Rick,
I want to make certain you have my "vote" regarding the situation with funding fire department assistance in Englewood.

I am for the bond and increased tax to keep our fire department. We have a choice to work towards maintaining our independence as a city or decentralizing. One of the gifts we have been given in this country is a protected right of independence and local "rule".

For this basis alone...please vote for our own fire dept.
Sent from my iPad
Council,

I was at Joe Jefferson's community meeting yesterday to discuss the outsourcing of the Fire Dept. to Denver Fire or South Metro. It is too bad that the City is unable to keep the Englewood Fire Dept. as an independent sustainable solution. I do think the Denver Fire Dept. provides a safe and good solution for the City of Englewood.

I am sure this change is a tremendous worry on many as to how it will all turn out. Consolidation I believe allows our 2 cities to hire more Fire Fighters and hopefully cut back on the overlapping and expensive management that comes with managing the Fire Department. The economies of scale will benefit the businesses and the citizens. Equipment acquisitions, training, and maintenance will all work more efficiently.

Change is tough, but I think it is clear that having Denver Fire take over the responsibilities of Englewood Fire will be a great relief. I understand the police dept. and the school system are also going to be a budgetary issue soon as well. Make a deal with Denver Fire, move onto the other services and needs of the city and leave the fire fighting and rescue to Denver Fire.

I understand Gary Sears had this on his agenda for 1 1/2 years and left with no recommendation. It sounds like there is a REAL manager down there now, Heck. I understand he has recommended Denver Fire. As most of you know, I warned you all about Gary, DO NOTHING, Sears. There is a lot of work to be done down at the City of Englewood and more house cleaning with the staff.

Address the issues you might have with the Denver Fire Dept. proposal. Have a clear understanding of their responsibilities and address the problems. I believe you will find far fewer issues with Denver Fire and a comparable service. If you choose to drag out the decision, other services the city provides will be compromised.

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I support the recommendation of City Manager Keck to contract with Denver Fire for fire and emergency medical services. As owner of the high-rise Chase Tower and Wells Fargo Buildings in Englewood, we feel that the City of Denver will be better equipped and trained to handle issues and emergencies for our office towers.

Hugo

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Hugo Weinberger
Vice President
Situs Real Estate Corp.
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fax - (303) 789-3055
Hello Mayor Penn and City Council,

Thank you for making the Fire Department situation a priority. I really appreciate the hard work you have all put in, gathering information and accepting public feedback.

I am a resident of Englewood, I live around the corner from the Acoma station. I have seen first hand how quickly the fire department is able to respond to fire situations in my area. Even witnessed a fire and quick response from fire, ambulance and police this afternoon.

I would like to be able to keep the Englewood Fire Department here in Englewood if at all possible. I would be willing to pay a property tax increase as well as a sales tax increase. It has been in the City for over 100 years and I would hate to see it be outsourced. I believe the City of Westminster faced a similar situation with their Police and Fire Departments and passed a Public Safety Tax. Is that something that would be an option for us?

I understand we need to find a sustainable solution and would be more than happy to help in any way that I can. Thank you for working so hard to find a good solution to this issue. I really appreciate it!

Thank you,
Amy Martinez
Members of Englewood City Council,

I have lived in Englewood since 1996, both as a renter and as a homeowner. I have worked in Englewood for at least ½ of my adult life; both as a small business owner and as an employee. Englewood used to have lower taxes than surrounding municipalities due to the retail of Cinderella City and a decent industrial base. Of course that has all changed in the last several years. I understand that the city has budget constraints regarding how Englewood services will be maintained and improvements to the city will be made. I understand completely that any changes to be done with regards to City Services are taken seriously.

I personally feel that switching over to Denver for Fire Services is really not in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the City of Englewood.

Here is a list of my reasons for using South Metro Fire:

1) South Metro is an accredited Fire Department. I also believe South Metro has a higher ISO rating that Denver currently has.

2) South Metro spent a lot of time creating a Twenty (20) page proposal for providing service Englewood.

3) Denver Fire Department provided a two (2) page proposal for providing service to Englewood.

4) As I understand it all Englewood Firefighters would be required to basically go through all training and start back at introductory levels in their careers.

If Denver takes over services, South Metro would train Englewood Firefighters to bring them up to South Metros standards.

5) I also understand that South Metro has offered to provide Englewood with assistance in upgrading the City's current facilities.

6) I find it difficult to believe that Denver Health would station one ambulance and crew to be idle most of the time covering Englewood when the demand in Denver for those services is almost constant.

7) Closing of the Tejon station is a disservice to the residents and business's of that area of the City. The two nearest CURRENT Denver stations are located at W. Oxford and S. Federal (a Sheridan facility) and on S. Raleigh and W. Yale.

8) Although the city would be saving money initially with using Denver Fire, Englewood will still need to build two facilities for Denver to operate out of in the future. Englewood is basically deferring money outlay by not replacing outdated or obsolete facilities.
I do not always agree that higher taxes should be thrown upon the taxpayer; however, I feel that a tax increase is needed for updating both the Fire Department and the Police Department. I am glad that the new City manager is concerned about Englewood and its future 100 years ahead. We need to look to the next twenty years as to what is needed and how to address those issues. Short, medium and long range planning are required.

I also feel that if we give our Fire Department to Denver to run, how long much time will pass before we do the same with our Police Department, and then our water, street maintenance, and finally be absorbed into Denver proper.

I find it hard to understand how our new City Manager, who in reality started on January 1, 2015, has been able to determine in basically one week which direction our City should go regarding its fire services. I really hope that this is not a case of using the cheapest option at the expense of our citizens and business’s. To me good Fire and Police service is a higher priority than improving our parks, open space and bike paths.

Thank you for your time.

Joe Bolis
Englewood property owner, taxpayer and voter.

This email is free from viruses and malware because avast! Antivirus protection is active.
Sent from my iPad. Marvin and I were at the last council meeting. We feel the citizens are not being listened to. The gentleman that had the information on ambulance response was very interesting. We have lived here since 1959 and any time the school board has wanted money the citizens have given. They need to do the same for the fire department. Don't kid yourself Denver will be after Englewood and their water. I hope we are not around when we become part of Denver. Shame on our councils for getting us to this point.

Marvin and Carolyn Fulton 4955 S. Lipan Dr. 303 789 4173
From: Karen Harrison
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 3:15 PM
To: Council
Subject: Englewood Fire Department Recommendation

I am opposed to a property tax increase to fund a stand-alone Englewood Fire Department or paying South Metro when we have the option of partnering with Denver at a much lesser cost.

Between the property taxes that Isis Books is paying for 2014 and the sales tax revenue that we generated for Englewood in 2014 we have paid over $42,000.00 to the City for the year 2014. I think that is plenty.

We do our best to hold down our cost of doing business and expect our local government to do the same. Thank you, Karen Harrison
I have great concerns about the current issues of Denver assuming fire and medical responsibilities in Englewood. I would rather pay more in taxes and keep our fire department than switch to Denver. I just am one to believe that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! It sounds as though the City would save quite a bit of money by switching to Denver. My concern is at what price! Someone's life? I'd hope not! I have had the Fire department dispatched to my house twice in the 18 years I have lived here and both times the response was quick! I am concerned that if we went with Denver it would greatly increase response times. I am concerned that in order to save this money, Denver would only activate or occupy our stations during peak call times. Fire and medical emergencies don't wait for the perfect time to happen.

I wished that I could have attended the study session last night, but could not due to prior commitments. I know I would vote to keep Englewood Fire even if it were to add 100 dollars to my taxes on my property which I think is only valued at 150,000.00$. At the same time though, I sure would not want to run current businesses out of Englewood.

Will this be put to a vote? Or is council just going to vote on this issue in an up coming session? Well, you now know where I stand on this very important decision.

Thanks,

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Mark Parrish
4738 S. Grant St.
Englewood Co. 80113-6825
I believe the citizens of Englewood should be able to vote on the mill levy increase to fund the Englewood Fire Department. Please place the issue on the upcoming ballot. It's an important issue and our community deserves the chance to decide the outcome!

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone
I would like this issue put to the vote of the citizens of Englewood, not just the council....
Yes, I feel this should be put before the Englewood residents to vote.

Nancy Boden
Englewood, CO

Sent from my iPad
To Whom it May Concern,

I am a longtime City of Englewood resident and would like the opportunity to vote for changes being discussed concerning our fire department.

Catherine Naughton
Hi!

This is my opinion: I am in favor of a mill levy increase or some sort of bonds for fire and police. We need to keep our Fire Fighters & Police in Englewood. We have a lot of history in Englewood; let's keep making the right choices & make more history!

I have volunteered in the Community Relations Dept under Toni Arnoldy, and I would hate for that volunteer opportunity to possibly disappear. This is a great Department!

Council, make the best/right/non-biased decision possible within the allotted time and resources available.

Warm Regards,

Heather Roberts
4488 S. Acoma St
Englewood, CO 80110
Mayor Penn and Council Members of Englewood,

I am writing as a homeowner and citizen of Englewood for 41 years.

We have raised our four children in Englewood and feel it to be our home.

Years back I voted to approve a tax increase for our schools even though our children are older now. The schools are our future, and felt it important to improve them.

I feel the same way regarding our fire department. It is our community that it serves, and serves well.

I would not hesitate to vote in favor of a tax increase to maintain that sense of security for myself, children, and grandchildren.

I attended the council meeting last evening and appreciate all your time given the citizens to voice their opinions.

It was asked what if voters deny the increase? If the voters vote against mill levy, then proceed with outsourcing.

At least give the citizens a chance to vote on it. The fire department has been in need of upgrades for many years now; what's a few more months?

Greatly appreciate your time and efforts on this issue.

Regards,

Cathy Anderson
201 W Stanford Ave

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device
I attended the City Council meeting last night. From what I heard, citizens of Englewood want to keep our own Fire Department. I want to keep our own Fire Department. There were comments from City Council members last night about what they had heard from citizens, but it is hard for me to believe or agree with what I heard as the same Council member said two different things during the meeting and comment time about how many citizens he had heard from. I am willing to have a tax increase to keep our own Fire Department. As it was stated that many of the citizens can't afford a tax increase, but many that live in Englewood rent housing, which the property tax increase would not affect. I feel that the only way for City Council to understand the true feelings of our citizens are for our citizens to be allowed to vote on this issue. This is a big decision that needs to be made and I feel the community needs to make the decision for our city.

I am more than willing to chat with any of you on my thoughts, concerns, and feeling about this issue.

Thank you for your time on this issue.

Judy Buch-Cain
303-995-3010
I think the council should put it on the ballot to see if we would be willing to increase the mill levy in order to keep the station. I, for one, would be happy to pay the extra money.

Barbara Weist

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab®4
Hi Linda,

Thanks for your response. I was at the Council Meeting last night and was not surprised that the public comment was overwhelmingly in favor of pursuing funding to keep the Englewood Fire Department. I would hope that with all the support that has been shown, and the fact that the Fire Fighters Union has voted to support funding for the Fire Department, Council will keep an open mind. You asked for further information on Denver Health and I have provided it below. Please see the link to Denver Health's 2013 annual report.

http://www.denverhealth.org/Portals/0/2013%20Report%20to%20the%20City.pdf

On page 51 it shows that from the time of a 911 call to the time the Denver Paramedics were on scene they had a 10:30 minute response 90% of the time. This annual report also stated on page 56 that:

"The parties recognize that the tiered emergency response system does not currently meet the Denver Equivalent of the NFPA standard. The parties have implemented improvements to the system that have improved and will continue to improve overall response time. The parties have set a goal of November 30, 2009 to meet the Denver Equivalent of the NFPA standard, which they did not meet."

At the meeting last night City Manager Keck stated that he found 120 calls that Englewood Fire had with a response of over 8:00 minutes in 2014. He did not stipulate what type of calls these were or how they were dispatched. According to the 2014 Englewood Fire Response Summary the Fire Department ran a total of 4,250 calls. Using the anecdotal information presented by City Manager Keck the following can be concluded: 120 calls over 8:00 minutes/4250 total calls annually in 2014 = 2.8%; meaning that the Englewood Fire Department arrived on scene in less than 8:00 minutes 97.2% of the time. Based on the above information you can clearly see that Englewood Fire provides a significantly better response time more consistently. Council is aware of what Denver Paramedics response time is 90% of the time, does Council know what Englewood Fire's response time is 90% of the time? The data presented above shows it would be significantly lower than Denver Paramedics by at least 2:30 minutes. While I can appreciate that Denver Fire's response is faster than 10:30 minutes, ultimately it is the Denver...
Paramedic response from time of 911 call to time to hospital that will be the deciding factor in saving lives for the citizens of Englewood. It is an undisputed fact that minutes matter when a life is at risk. For example, consider the resulting medical impact of a 2:30 minute or greater delay in a stroke (the American Heart Association (AHA) states "time is brain") or a heart attack (again the AHA states "time is heart"). I implore you to consider if this were one of your constituents or family members to determine how much savings is a life worth?

I would be curious to know what changes have been made since 2011 to Denver Paramedics and how these changes have been measured? I would encourage Council to understand and explain why they believe it would be in the best interest of the citizens to change to a provider who has documented significant delayed service times and a pattern of other critical issues versus a known entity with a stellar record and no such issues in its 100+ year history. Does Council know why Denver is not posting an ambulance in every station in Denver? Has Council received long term written confirmation that Denver Health would provide this to the citizens of Englewood, even though they are unwilling to provide it to the citizens of Denver? It has been proven and continues to be proven that the Englewood Fire Department's interests lie with the citizens of Englewood. Where is the vested interest of Denver Paramedics?

Based on last nights meeting it appears that the minds of Council has mostly been made up, even after citizen after citizen expressed concern. I fail to see the cost to Council in giving the people a chance to decide, which is at the root of Council's mission and our democracy, to represent the people, particularly when Council is considering significantly decreasing services to its citizens.

> From: 
> To: 
> Date: Mon, 2 Feb 2015 15:13:06 -0700 
> Subject: RE: Denver Paramedics concerns
> 
> Hi John,
> 
> I really appreciate your time on this and your deep concern.
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> Do you have anything more recent since there was a major restructuring in 2011 to rectify these issues? I'm sure you know that DIA now has devoted trucks and EMS onsite as well? I am very interested in anything you can find in the last 2-3 years that is verifiable and not just a news story, since we know the press doesn't always get it right either.
> 
> Thank you again for your continued concerns.
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> Linda
> 
> Linda G. Olson
> Englewood City Council, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem
> H: 303-789-4799
> Under Colorado's Open Records Act (CORA), all e-mails sent by or to me on this city-owned e-mail account may be subject to public disclosure.
From: John Smith
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 10:25 AM
To: Randy Penn
Cc: Linda Olson; Rick Gillit; Joe Jefferson; Bob McCaslin; ; Steven Yates
Subject: Denver Paramedics concerns

Please see the links below and article as you consider changing from your local fire department with a unblemished record to the Denver Paramedics for EMS care, as 70 plus percent of the current fire department response is EMS. I would encourage you to do your own research on Denver Health Paramedics as well. There are many stories of delayed response and assaults to patients. The excerpt from an article below happened in 2011. Please consider that the Denver Paramedics have been plagued with personnel and response issues. It is a common theme throughout the last decade. How can we expect this to change when they respond into Englewood. I would encourage you to also ride with Denver paramedics and come to your own conclusions as to the caliber of personnel that will be welcomed into your homes during the most critical and vulnerable times. In addition fire based EMS has been proven in multiple studies to be a superior model for EMS response and in most cases has been the national trend as "best practice" for decades. Switching to a 2 tiered response is taking a step backwards in time. Firefighter Paramedics are crossed trained and can enter hazardous environments to save lives, are trained in vehicle extrication, Hazmat etc and can function seamlessly with other fire crews on scene. Members of a private ambulance cannot and will not.

I encourage you to do your own research and due diligence!

http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2004/06/21/daily46.html
http://www.jems.com/article/leadership-professionalism/delayed-emergency-response
http://www.thedenerverchannel.com/news/33-minutes-to-34-right
http://www.denverpost.com/ci_19013197
https://www.iaff.org/tech/PDF/Monograph1.pdf
The first 911 calls from the house fire at 455 South Eliot came into Denver Fire just after 4:05 a.m. Tuesday. Two minutes later at 4:07 a.m., Denver Health was notified there could be patients in need of emergency medical care.

Scanner traffic reviewed by 9NEWS indicated that crews on scene quickly became aware there were people trapped inside the burning house.

"We are getting multiple calls from inside the home," one dispatcher indicated. "We do have parties trapped."

A paramedic was dispatched, without an ambulance, at 4:08 a.m. Denver Health dispatchers waited three more minutes to send an ambulance at 4:11 a.m.

Firefighters quickly rescued a mother and her two children from the burning home. They laid them on the front lawn and began emergency care.

"Three parties still on the lawn. One adult, one pediatric, one teenager. All being worked by Denver fire. No ambulances yet," said a firefighter in one radio communication.

The first Denver Health paramedic arrived at 4:14 a.m. It would be another 9 minutes before three ambulances pulled-up around 4:23 a.m.

Those ambulances arrived more than 17 minutes after the first 911 call and more than 15 minutes after Denver Health was notified. An ambulance is supposed to arrive within 9 minutes.

Pat Garcia, 47, and her daughter Diana Mendez, 15, remained in intensive care Thursday evening with what were described as "internal burns."

Juan Alvarado, 7, was also listed in serious condition with "both internal and external burns," according to family members.

It's extremely disturbing to myself and all of the family members," said Colleen Alvarado.

Alvarado says her sister-in law, niece, and nephew were lying on the lawn when they should have been heading to the hospital.

"And they should have understood at that point in time that it was a severe situation and there were people trapped in the home. Automatically an ambulance should have been dispatched," Alvarado said.

Denver Health chief Paramedic Scott Bookman admits mistakes were made.

"It took too long for the ambulance to get there. We acknowledge that, we're looking into it, and we're going to try to fix the problem," Bookman said.

Bookman says Tuesday's call took six minutes longer than the maximum window for an ambulance to arrive.

"The final portion of the system, which is the transport, that broke down. They didn't get there in time," Bookman said.

Bookman points out a paramedic did arrive at the house within 7 minutes, and carried similar equipment to what is available in an ambulance.

"The patients received the care that they needed on scene in a timely manner," Bookman said.
Alvarado wonders if getting to the hospital sooner would have made a difference for her family members, who remained sedated and on feeding tubes and respirators Thursday evening.
Englewood Council,

Thank you for letting me address you last Monday.

I feel strongly that the fire department issue should be left up to the vote of the people. Many Englewood residents who do not receive the Englewood Herald have no idea of the magnitude of this problem. I think you will be surprised at the number of people who would support a bond issue.

Having Denver serve as our fire protection does not solve the problem. It only gives us a temporary fix because the underlying situation of upgrading our equipment and facilities would still exist. I also feel strongly about keeping control of our fire department totally within the realm of our city government.

Jess Gerardi

J.L. Gerardi, Ph.D.

J. Gerardi Bands
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303-761-3270
Could you please give me more info on putting the vote to keep the EFD on the ballot. Thank you Jim Svigel
Council,

I have attended both meetings for public comment, watched the news and have read the Herald. It would appear that most citizens at a minimum want the option to choose the fate of their Fire Department. I would like to keep our fire department and feel that the citizens should have the right to decide. During the last meeting one council member indicated that if you want to know what the firefighters think go ask them. Here is the information. Their union voted to support funding to maintain the local fire department. This seems like pertinent information for the public to know. Why are they not out letting the citizens know their position? They are fearful of making the city leaders or Denver leaders angry, resulting in possible retribution (loss of job or a lessor deal if they go to Denver). I hope this is not the case!!

In addition they have funding and national resources to launch an effective campaign, but have been waiting for the go ahead from council.

I did some research on alternate funding for fire departments in Colorado and found some interesting information. Please see the link and information below in regards to the Evans Fire Department funding model.

http://www.evansfiredistrict.org/general/page/colorado-municipal-spotlights-evans-fire-district

Colorado Municipal Spotlights the Evans Fire District

Recently, the Evans Fire Protection District and City of Evans were featured in the Colorado Municipal League publication Colorado Municipalities, October 2012 edition. This is a publication targeted to and read by thousands of Colorado municipal government officials and others interested in municipal government in the state.

Addressing Shrinking Revenues and Growing Demands

Fire Protection Services in the City of Evans

Long-range revenue predictions for the City of Evans showed that absent any major new growth in the commercial, industrial, or residential sectors, the City would see only very small revenue growth into the foreseeable future. The City's taxing rates were comparable to those of other municipalities in Weld County; however, Evans was the only municipality trying to fund an in-house fire department within that taxing umbrella.

The number of calls for service to the City of Evans Fire Rescue Department was increasing, while the number of responding firefighters was decreasing. Emergency services had to compete with other important public needs like police protection and road maintenance for the City's general fund dollars. No funds were being allocated to replace aging firefighting equipment.

The City responded with a preliminary study and a task force of interested stakeholders to look into preparing a service plan to create a fire protection district and an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City and the proposed district. Creating a Title 32 fire protection district with its own mill levy would provide a more stable and predictable revenue stream that would be devoted solely to providing the highest quality emergency services. In
November 2011, the voters responded by approving the formation of the district and a 5.5 mill property tax to help support it, as well as an IGA between the district and the City concerning the operational relationship between the entities, the sharing of certain revenues and operational functions, and the transfer of facilities and equipment from the City to the district.

It was a three-year effort, but one look at the website for the Evans Fire Protection District (www.evansfiredistrict.org, under "History of EFPD") shows that this was a win-win outcome for the City, the district and, most importantly, the citizens.
My family has lived in Englewood since 1955, and during that time has had no complaints with the city services. It is, in fact, one of the things that makes Englewood a great place to live - an oasis in the middle of urban expansion chaos. In all this time Englewood has seen many changes and growth of different demographics, but has consistently maintained the service quality that keeps the community functioning smoothly.

I am afraid that contracting out a vital service like the fire department will begin the slippery slide into becoming just another part of the Denver megalopolis. Yes, Glendale uses Denver police and fire, but Glendale is completely surrounded by Denver. The residents of Sheridan are also using Denver FD, and they're nowhere near happy with the service. I presume this is due to their being on the outskirts of Denver, and the coverage is necessarily thinner. Englewood would be in this category, too, if we contract with Denver. The parts of Englewood near Hampden avenue would probably be covered, but I suspect the quality of coverage will decline exponentially as it moves south and east.

Given that our taxes are still in the "reasonable" category, I would be willing to pay a little more to keep our city autonomy and character, which includes very fine police and fire coverage. If it's totally infeasible to remain intact, and it becomes a necessity to contract out this critical service, I would rather see us align with the South Metro District, which has a good reputation and is already part of the South Suburban community.

Sincerely,
Kyri Comyn
Gary Dumbauld
5060 S Washington St.

Sent from my iPad
I personally feel that the people who would be responsible to pay for the levy should get to make the decision by being able to exercise their right to vote.
To Whom It May Concern,
My husband and I would both like to vote on this issue and have it on the ballot. We do not want City Council to make this decision for the whole city.
Thanks!
Jenny Radway
Please put the issue on the ballot.

Also, I forgot to thank you all for making a city contribution to the Veteran's Memorial at Englewood High School. I just didn't want to go over my time! I've never spoken so fast.

--
Brenda Hubka
3639 S Fox Street
The citizens of this city have the right to vote on this. Do not violate our rights to do so.
Dear City of Englewood,

Please make sure you let the tax paying residents of Englewood, Co make the final decision on whether or not they would like to keep Englewood Fire or outsource it to another jurisdiction. This should be place on a ballot and the citizens should decide.

Also, the way that you’re communicating this to the people of Englewood is unacceptable. The only way this has been communicated to me is through Nextdoor.

Sincerely,

David Hale
Put it on the ballot:<)))

Lion DRx Bob
The Englewood Water Board has plenty of money to do whatever they want over the objections of residents. Transfer some of their funds to the Fire dept and you should be in good shape.
Ms. Jewell:

Thank you for your recent comment concerning the Englewood Fire Department. I appreciate you taking the time to write to the City on this matter.

Here are the answers to your questions:

1. Metcom is a dispatching agency for the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority. They currently dispatch for South Metro Fire and Rescue, West Douglas Fire Protection District and Englewood Fire/Rescue.
2. The Englewood Fire/Rescue Department personnel work a 24 hour shift according to their collective bargaining agreement.
3. Recent statistics from Metcom for the month of December 2014 indicated that 79% of Englewood Fire/Rescue calls were EMS in nature.
4. I recently had a conversation with Littleton Fire Chief Chris Armstrong concerning the capability of Littleton Fire/Rescue providing training for the Englewood Fire/Rescue Department at our joint training center. It is plausible that another agency could provide training to the Englewood Fire Department personnel.
5. Denver has 38 fire stations and 943 uniformed employees. South Metro Fire Rescue Authority has 17 stations and 357 employees.

Thank you again for your response.

Eric A. Keck
City Manager

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1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, Colorado 80110
The Denver proposal certainly is the most economically viable proposal for the City moving forward. A number of alternatives were examined including entertaining several different proposals from Littleton Fire and Rescue. Denver Fire has indicated that they would hire all of the Englewood Fire/Rescue employees and afford them the opportunity to continue working in our community or choose amongst many other assignments within their system.

As for the EMS based response question, Denver Fire would operate out of the Jefferson and Acoma stations. The Tejon station would be closed due the fact that Denver could responds to calls for service in the northwest quadrant of the City via Station 36 in Sheridan, Station 23 on Federal Blvd. or Station 25 on Raleigh Street. Denver Fire is a traditional department and as such, if a firefighter from Englewood FD who is also a paramedic today would only be able to exercise as an EMT on a Denver Fire rig. However, Denver Health has indicated that they will need to hire an additional 17 paramedics to cover Englewood so some of our current paramedics today will be able to pick up shifts in Englewood with Denver Health in addition to working for Denver Fire.

Denver 911 has had issues in the past; however, subsequent to 2011 they have instituted a Toyota Lean process where they examine all calls and strive for continuous improvement with calls that fall outside of the NFPA 1710 standard for fire and the 9 minute response time in 9 minutes or under on the paramedic side. Recent statistics indicate that they have achieved these standards 90% of the time or better. Given that Denver Fire will be working out of the Jefferson and Acoma stations, their response time will be the same as we see today. Furthermore, our agreement with Denver Fire would stipulate that the Denver Paramedics would also be in our community to provide similar response times. We would be paying for 1 ambulancne 24 hours a day and a second ambulance for 16 hours a day during peak times that will be determined by the run statistics. We will not tolerate calls that will fall outside of the expected standards and Denver Fire recognizes this.

The plan will be to take the contract savings through working with Denver and putting $500,000 into both the Jefferson and Acoma stations. Ultimately, the city will need to replace these stations, however, we will be able to buy ourselves time through improving the stations now.

As enunciated earlier, the Denver agreement will have the Jefferson and Acoma stations staffed and the Tejon station closed.

Thank you again for taking the time to respond to the City. Your feedback will be shared with the City Council.
Have a great day.

Eric A. Keck
City Manager

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1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, Colorado 80110
Rev. McGarr:

Thank you for your email concerning the Englewood Fire/Rescue Department. I appreciate you taking the time to add your voice to this difficult decision. I am very familiar with Wenatchee as I just relocated here from northern Idaho and I can appreciate from whence you came.

The Denver proposal certainly is the most economically viable proposal for the City moving forward. A number of alternatives were examined including entertaining several different proposals from Littleton Fire and Rescue. Denver Fire has indicated that they would hire all of the Englewood Fire/Rescue employees and afford them the opportunity to continue working in our community or choose amongst many other assignments within their system.

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Have a great day.

Eric A. Keck
City Manager

City of Englewood
1000 Englewood Parkway
Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the comment form relating to the Englewood Fire/Rescue Department. I appreciate having your comments heard and will certainly pass them along to the City Council. I did want to take the time to answer some of the questions that you have raised.

The question concerning what would happen to our loyal firefighters is a very good one. I am deeply concerned with our employees and want to see that whatever direction we go in that they are taken care of. In preliminary conversations with Denver Fire, each of our employees would see salary equivalency with Denver and in many cases would see the cost for their benefits decrease as compared to what is paid for today with Englewood. It is true that all employees that would be going over to Denver would need to go through a mini academy that we now understand is approximately 3 to 4 weeks to understand more of the culture and procedures of the department and is not a boot camp for basic or beginning firefighters. Rank is another issue that our transering employees would lose; however, they would be started at the highest level of firefighter and would have their seniority carried over as if they had been with Denver Fire the entire time as it applies to vacation and other benefit accruals. This seniority arrangement would not apply for promotions.

There is no dispute that past decisions have negatively impacted the Englewood Fire/Rescue department. We are now facing significant needs for capital equipment, facilities and personnel. In order to deal with this effectively, it will require a lot of additional money. The fire department is not the only department facing this dilemma. Our infrastructure in the City has also been neglected and since everything seemed to have been built at the same time, now needs to be replaced at the same time. Further delay or neglect will only cost the City more and will require more difficult decisions to be made on what services to continue and which ones to cut in order to remain fiscally sustainable.

The police department is not being considered for outsourcing. They have capital and personnel needs as well that could be covered through the contract savings with Denver Fire.

This decision may seem like it is moving fast but the Council has been looking at it for nearly 2 years with no decision. Several studies and discussions have transpired with no decisions and we owe it to the community and our citizens to make a decision once and for all. Critical decisions must be made such as how to fund improvements and purchase equipment should the department remain as a part of the City. We will also need to work with Denver on an agreement should the council move in the direction of a contract. Time is of the essence either way as ballot issues need to be worked upon should funding be sought for keeping the department.

Again, I appreciate your comments and questions. I would be happy to speak with you in greater detail if more questions arise from this email.

Eric A. Keck
City Manager

City of Englewood
1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, Colorado 80110
Mr. Spafford:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Englewood Fire/Rescue Department. I appreciate you taking the time to lend your voice to the council’s consideration of this matter.

I wanted to take a moment and clarify some points that you have raised in your message.

Denver Firefighters are trained as firefighters and EMTs. EMTs are able to provide basic life support and respond to any all incidents that might occur in Englewood today. You are correct that Denver Firefighters are not permitted to exercise as a paramedic but they can provide the necessary medical care immediately in advance of the Denver Paramedics showing up for transport. Not all Englewood Firefighters are trained as paramedics. There is always at least one paramedic on each shift in Englewood today to help operate the EMS based fire model that we currently have. The fact that Denver Fire does not operate with paramedics does not mean that the care will be any less relevant or helpful. As the Denver proposal has Denver Paramedics stationed in our community, they should respond just as quickly as the Englewood paramedics do today.

Denver Fire’s proposal has them operating out of the Jefferson and Acoma stations. The Tejon Station would not be required to respond to calls as Station 36 in Sheridan, Station 25 on Raleigh St, and Station 23 on Federal Blvd. will be able to respond to calls if the Jefferson Station is out on a call. Denver Fire would also move up other units into the Englewood territory as needed to cover the call load.

While economics is a factor in this decision, it is not the only factor. The ability to manage and respond to events that are large in nature is also a driving factor. Today, Englewood relies on South Metro, Littleton and Denver to address fires and large incidents. Denver would be able to manage everything that is thrown at them.

Thank you again.

Eric A. Keck
City Manager

City of Englewood
1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, Colorado 80110
From: Eric Keck  
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 2:15 PM  
To: Leigh Ann Hoffhines  
Subject: FW: References for Jeremy Letkomiller's Statements on Denver Health & Population Growth

From: Eric Keck  
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 9:49 AM  
To: 'Cassandra Letkomiller'  
Subject: RE: References for Jeremy Letkomiller's Statements on Denver Health & Population Growth

Mr. and Mrs. Letkomiller:

Thank you for providing this information to the city. There is no doubt that the city would not desire to move forward with a system that places the community and its residents and employees’ safety in jeopardy. We will endeavor to exact some answers from Denver Fire/Denver Health on this matter. Our discussions thus far have stipulated that they would provide dedicated paramedics to our community and respond in a time horizon which is not dissimilar to what our highly competent people provide today.

I appreciate the references to back up the presentation provided last night. The presentation by Jeremy was very professional and well done.

Thank you again.

Eric Keck

From: Cassandra Letkomiller  
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 1:43 AM  
To: Council; Eric Keck  
Subject: References for Jeremy Letkomiller's Statements on Denver Health & Population Growth

City Council & City Manager Keck:

Thank you for all of your hard work involved with our finances and for being responsible and bringing real issues to the table since we as a city in Englewood have a great deal of work to do together to straighten things out. Know that although we are in the throes of debate, your efforts are nonetheless appreciated. Let it be known too that council member Steven Yates is wonderful! He took a good hour and a half out of his day to speak with us the other day (many thanks Steve!).

I know one of the concerns that council member Jill had mentioned at the meeting this Tuesday was the issue of folks giving misinformation so I have some web reference links to support portions of the speech my husband and I put together that he presented last night at the city council meeting. Jeremy will be getting to you EBP (evidence based practice) to support more immediate ALS care and the improved patient outcomes.
I will be sending a detailed email in the next day or so with my input on the issue of Denver vs. Englewood for fire/rescue. But! Until I finish my detailed email I wanted to at least send off the references for your review where we (Jeremy & Cassandra Letkomiller) got the data regarding Denver Health getting in trouble for slow response times and for not accurately portraying their 911 call to arrival on the scene times as well as the wiki stats on our population growth currently.

Obviously the big reveals with Denver Health Paramedics and their response times are articles that are several years old. However I can speak that as a member of the medical community locally both firsthand and via speaking to other people Denver Health Paramedics still are much slower in their response time frequently than they are leading everyone to believe (but whether they take 9mins or not, the fact still remains that their fire dept can only perform BLS not ALS, which is another issue in addition that leads lives to being compromised). The often used saying, "the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior" I would say applies in this situation with Denver. If a company has been caught blatantly lying and using poor practices in the past, and you have many local medical professionals (that are also residents) telling you that similar practices are STILL occurring I would find it highly unwise to regard their statements as entirely invalid.

But I digress and will get into this later....here are your references below to check into, I hope it is helpful!

1.) Denver Channel 7 News Investigates: "33 Minutes to 34 Right- A Call 7 Investigation Uncovers Denver's Broken Ambulance System", April 7, 2010
http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/33-minutes-to-34-right

2.) JEMS (Journal of Emergency Medical Services): "Delayed Emergency Response- Minutes Can Make the Difference Between Life & Death- But Does Denver Health Know How to Tell Time?", April 11, 2010
http://www.jems.com/article/leadership-professionalism/delayed-emergency-response

3.)Westword: "Whoops! Denver Health Finally Responds to Response Time Queries", June 12, 2008


http://www.kunc.org/post/are-you-ready-denver-top-10-fastest-growing-us-cities

6.) Population Growth Info: Wiki List of Cities & Towns in Colorado-

Thank you again,
Cassandra Letkomiller RN, BSN

(303) 260-8249
Mr. Clayton:

Thank you for taking the time to lend your voice to the Englewood Fire/Rescue Department discussion. This is a major decision for the community and I appreciate you providing your input.

I will be certain to pass this response on to the City Council for their consideration.

Eric A. Keck
City Manager

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From: Eric Keck  
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 2:15 PM  
To: Leigh Ann Hoffhines  
Subject: FW: Englewood Fire Department Comment

From: Eric Keck  
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 2:14 PM  
To:  
Subject: Englewood Fire Department Comment

Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the online comment form pertaining to the Englewood Fire/Rescue Department. This is a major decision for the community and your opinion on the matter is appreciated as it will lend to the other voices who desire to be heard on this matter.

Taxation is a big concern in this community. While a tax increase has not been seen since 1993 in Englewood, there seems to be a general aversion to taxation even for essential services such as police and fire. My concern with putting forward the proposal for taxation to save the fire department was partly predicated on the concern that many in our community are retired and no longer actively employed to be able to absorb this increase, have another potential increase next year with the school district, and then finally another large increase proposal from the City for other infrastructure. I do not want our community to become weary of taxation when viable alternatives exist for some services that we currently provide.

I will be certain to pass your comments along to the City Council for their consideration.

Thank you again.

Eric A. Keck  
City Manager  
City of Englewood  
1000 Englewood Parkway  
Englewood, Colorado 80110
From: Eric Keck  
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:58 PM  
To: Leigh Ann Hoffhines  
Subject: FW: Englewood Fire Department Comment

Ms. Hopkins:

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to the City and lend your voice to this Englewood Fire/Rescue Department matter. We appreciate your questions and concerns pertaining to the Englewood Fire Department.

First and foremost, the City of Englewood is not proposing to eliminate the provision of fire and emergency medical service. What may occur, if the council decides to do so, is to have a contract that would provide these essential services. I acknowledge that Englewood’s property tax at 5.88 mills is one of the lowest in the region. TABOR has done its job with keeping property taxes low in our community. I appreciate your willingness to pay additional taxes for public safety as the safety of a community is an essential ingredient to a high quality of life. However, not everyone in the community has enunciated a similar feeling. Many of our residents are retired and are not able to accommodate even a small increase in their taxation. The Denver Fire proposal affords us with the opportunity to provide fire and emergency medical services out of the same fire stations today but at a reduced rate due to their economy of scale and efficiency. Furthermore, we have need for many other expensive capital projects such as road and bridge improvements and replacement as well as replacement of non public safety buildings. This will invariably require a tax increase as well not dissimilar to what the school district recently did in order to replace the middle and high schools.

While it is true that not all of the improvements for Englewood Fire need to happen at once, they all will need to be done within the next 3 to 5 years. While the city does not already have adequate funding today, it must ask for the funding through a general obligation bond levy at one time. This is more practical than having a tax increase request every year. In the case of the apparatus, we do need to purchase it all at once as it will provide us with buying power and leverage for discounted pricing as well as the fact that the replacement schedules currently dictate the need to replace the engines and ladder truck now.

A sales tax is also a funding option for the City. However, Englewood already has one of the higher sales tax in the region and an increase could harm our local businesses by driving customers to other jurisdictions to shop. We already are struggling to keep our retailers here as an in-between community in the region. The City only receives $2.9 million in property taxes currently each year due to our low property tax rate.

The city is examining many initiatives that will hopefully help increase the overall property value of the city. These include attraction of new businesses and expansion of current businesses. Exploiting the transportation corridors that we have and our geographic location to bring in destination retail and entertainment venues.. Changing zoning regulations to allow our older housing stock to be modified and modernized to meet the needs and demands of families today. We are also continuing to invest in our parks and other recreation related infrastructure to attract new families. These are a few of the things that we believe will help make the community more appealing.

Thank you again for your email. I hope that you will continue to follow this matter closely.
Eric A. Keck
City Manager

City of Englewood
1000 Englewood Parkway
Englewood, Colorado 80110
Mr. and Mrs. Butler:

Thank you for providing your comments on the Englewood Fire/Rescue Department. I appreciate you taking the time to both fill out this comment as well as attend the City Council meeting.

As stated last evening by councilor Wilson, the numbers that you have quoted concerning the increase in Sheridan’s cost with the City of Denver cannot be substantiated. In conversations with the Sheridan City Manager, their year over year increases have been quite low. As a matter of fact, there increase for 2015 is 1%. The City of Englewood has not yet negotiated an agreement with Denver as the City Council has not made a decision on the direction of the department yet but we would not agree to an agreement that was open to whatever Denver decided to charge for the service on an annual basis. The contract increase would be tied to the consumer price index or a flat percentage such as 1 to 2% per year.

I agree that we should not put forward any capital project expenses that would be pork barrel in nature. The projects that are needed such as road and bridge replacement are for the public’s safety. Other projects such as the expansion of Pirates Cove and park replacement add to the quality of life in the community and should also be strongly considered for funding. Pirates Cove actually makes money for the City’s general fund each year so it would be a good investment of tax dollars.

The fire station location study performed late in 2014 indicated the need to relocate the fire stations in order to optimize the response time in the community if the department were to remain Englewood Fire/Rescue. Since the buildings were built in the early 1970s they were not built to accommodate the diversity of employees that we have today. We have many women in the fire service and they do not have adequate housing at the stations. Furthermore, today’s health standards would require different design standards to ensure that our personnel will not be harmed by living and operating out of the stations. Regardless of where the department ends up, the City will need to replace the stations. The Denver proposal would allow us to update the stations and buy an additional 10 to 15 years of life, if not longer, before replacement were necessary. Englewood Fire/Rescue currently does not have the money to make the changes and would not unless a tax bond levy were approved.

The one aspect that has not been covered by the proposal for keeping Englewood Fire/Rescue is the operations and maintenance of the fire system. Our budget for Fire/Rescue has increased in the following fashion over the past many years:

- 07-08  5.48%
- 08-09  1.45%
- 09-10  1%
- 10-11  3%
- 11-12  6%
- 12-13 (-1%)
- 13-14  5%
The increases in the operating budget of the Police and Fire Departments has exceeded the available revenue growth causing the City to take money from its fund balance. This practice is also not sustainable but was necessary to help ensure a high level of service for public safety.

Thank you again getting engaged on this item.

Best wishes.

Eric A. Keck
City Manager

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