

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Dacono Registered Voters –

RE: A very misleading Dacono ballot question is included on the upcoming November ballot to change the existing Dacono Home Rule Charter:

On 8/28/2023 --- I addressed City Council during Public Comment about the misleading verbiage contained in this ballot question --- which has to do with amending the City Charter to REQUIRE that the City Manager be appointed or removed --- by RESOLUTION only. (The Mayor can VETO RESOLUTIONS and ORDINANCES.) Council voted to include the misleading verbiage anyway.

The Ballot Question regarding the City Manager that you will be voting on --- contains 2 subjects. Both questions are very different and you are asked to vote on 2 totally different subjects regarding the City Manager. (What if you want to vote NO on one subject and YES on the other?)

This is how the Ballot Question will be presented to the voters:

SHALL THE CITY OF DACONO HOME RULE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT AND REMOVE THE CITY MANAGER AND OTHER APPOINTED OFFICERS BY RESOLUTION AND REQUIRE THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVOTE THEIR WORK PRIMARILY TO THE CITY AND NOT HOLD ANY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICE OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO THE INTEREST OF THE CITY? YES ___ NO ___

Notice the 'AND' above in the ballot question --- denoting 2 subjects within one question.

---WHY would the City Attorney, and the Mayor DO THIS?

---The REAL ISSUE is that they don't want the Dacono Council members to have the ability to represent the will of the people. The Mayor can simply VETO anything he doesn't agree with. There will be no more will of the people, only the will of the Mayor concerning the appointment of a City Manager. See Dacono Home Rule Charter, Section 7.7. How soon before EVERYTHING has to be contained in a RESOLUTION, instead of just a simple motion? This is a VERY SLIPPERY SLOPE.

BEAR IN MIND --- The Council would still have the ability to respond to a Mayor's veto in this case, but it will take 5 VOTES, instead of 4; no longer just the majority of Council --- to override the Mayor's Veto.

THEIR GOAL: They want to change the City's Home Charter from a Council-Led City --- to a Mayor-led City. The elected Council Members would then be hobbled and would be able to do nothing without the Mayor's complete approval. (NOTE: This mayor was elected with only 566 votes in Nov. 2021).

During discussion by Council at the August 28th council meeting before the vote to accept the verbiage for this ballot initiative - City Attorney, Kathleen Kelly --- stated that the reason for multiple subjects being placed together in ballot questions --- was because they were written with 'Voter Fatigue' in mind. I'll just leave that right there!!

The Dacono City Manager ballot question on the Upcoming Nov 7 ballot --- is disingenuous and misleading at its very core.

Voters of Dacono --- please consider this November 7 Ballot question regarding the Dacono City Manager --- VERY CLOSELY. Vote 'NO' on this Ballot Initiative; as the 2nd question is just verbal acrobatics designed to mislead.

Don't let our government get bigger so you get smaller. For more truth and facts regarding Dacono, go to this website: www.EyesOnDacono.com.

Jackie Thomas, Concerned Dacono Citizen
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Letter to the Editor:

Rebuilding Trust: Request Mayor & Council to Attend a Town Hall Meeting

In light of recent events, the citizens of Dacono, CO find themselves feeling increasingly disconnected from our city government. We believe that open communication and transparency are vital for a healthy democracy, and it is with this belief that we respectfully request the attendance of Mayor Adam Morehead and the City Council members at a town hall meeting.

As concerned residents, we have witnessed decisions being made without adequate public input or explanation. This lack of engagement has left us feeling unheard and excluded from the decision-making process that directly impacts our lives. We firmly believe that by attending a town hall meeting, our elected officials can bridge this growing divide between the community and city government.

Our personal story reflects the sentiment shared by many in Dacono. As homeowners in this beautiful city, we have invested not only financially but also emotionally in creating a safe and thriving community for ourselves and future generations. However, recent developments have left us questioning whether our voices truly matter when it comes to shaping the future of Dacono.

To address these concerns effectively, we propose organizing a town hall meeting where citizens can express their thoughts, ask questions directly to Mayor Adam Morehead, City Council members, and engage in meaningful dialogue about issues affecting our community. By attending this gathering with an open mind and willingness to listen attentively to citizen concerns, Mayor Adam Morehead will demonstrate his commitment to fostering an inclusive environment where everyone's voice is valued.

We understand that as elected officials you face numerous demands on your time; however, it is crucial for you to recognize that engaging with your constituents is an essential part of your role as public servants. By actively participating in this town hall meeting with citizens of Dacono, you will send a powerful message about your dedication towards rebuilding trust within our community.

To ensure the success of this town hall meeting, we propose collaborating with local community organizations, such as Dacono Habitat for Humanity, Carbon Valley Chamber of Commerce and Dacono Pride of the Glens. Their involvement will help facilitate a structured and productive discussion that addresses the concerns of diverse groups within our city.

We urge Mayor Adam Morehead and City Council members to prioritize this request and make a commitment to attend the proposed town hall meeting. Together, let us work towards fostering an environment where citizens feel heard, valued, and actively engaged in shaping the future of Dacono.

We the undersigned thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jim Turini
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Wake up Dacono

Just to make you aware of your corrupt city government I will list their violations.

Adam Moorhead;
1. Repeatedly violated city charter and state law by following the wrong and illegal advice of the city attorney. Forcing a block recusal of four members of city council leaving council without quorum and then proceeding to conduct city business. (Copy of attorney letter explaining sections of city charter and state of Colorado laws violated upon request email; jim.turini@msn.com)

2. Misappropriation of taxpayer dollars by spending taxpayers money without peoples representation by not having quorum. (Transcripts and video of council meeting where violations occurred available on request email; jim.turini@msn.com)

3. Violating city charter and state law while being a member of law enforcement for personal gain, and misappropriation of taxpayer dollars in order to remove his opposition

Doris Crespo;
1. Lied to the CBI claiming that Jim Turini spoke to her about dismissing the city manager months before he voted to fire him. Actually the email she refers to is simply passing Citizen complaints on to her that I had heard from the citizens. No where in the email was the city manager mentioned by name or title. It refers to city staff being over paid. (Copy of email available on request email; jim.turini@msn.com)

2. Repeatedly violated city charter and state law by following the wrong and illegal advice of the city attorney. Voting to force a block recusal of four members of city council leaving council without quorum and then proceeding to conduct city business. (Copy of attorney letter explaining sections of city charter and state of Colorado laws violated upon request email; jim.turini@msn.com)

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Kevin Plain;
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Michelle Rogers;
On August 14, 2023 Violated city charter by following the wrong and illegal advice of the city appointed attorney. Voting to force a block recusal of two members of city council. (Copy of attorney letter explaining sections of city charter violated upon request email; jim.turini@msn.com)

Tony Cummings;
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