



**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE  
ON CITY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 6:00-8:00PM  
MEMORIAL HALL – 606 MANITOU AVENUE**

This is an opportunity for the public to learn about five municipal projects and provide input on priorities to assist the City Council's decision-making. Please visit each table featuring one of the following projects and indicate your priorities by using the numbered dots provided:

- **Fire Department Training Facility/Document Storage**  
This is a new building planned at the Public Services Facility (at the end of Plainview Place) to address the Manitou Springs Volunteer Fire Department's training needs. The building will also provide for some City records storage and serve as an emergency operations center in times of flood or other disaster situations. The preliminary opinion of costs for this project are \$2.4-3.75 million based on a conceptual design project completed by CU students.
- **Library Expansion**  
In 2016, the City hired an Architect to develop a plan for expansion of the library to provide needed services and functionality while maintaining the Architectural integrity of the original Carnegie building. The draft expansion plan was adopted by City Council in early 2017 and fundraising for the estimated \$2.15 million cost is starting. Interested citizens should volunteer to serve on the Friends of the Manitou Library to help.
- **Hiawatha Gardens Future Use**  
Manitou Springs purchased this property to use for parking and a transit hub in 2015. In 2016 a working group was formed to look at potential reuse or demolition of the building on the site. That group recommended the historic Hiawatha Gardens be rehabilitated. The City Council is in the process of adding the property to the Historic District and will be seeking a grant from the State Historical Fund for a building assessment and re-use study to determine its physical needs, obtain firm cost estimates for that work, and study the opportunities for re-use. Currently, the costs for rehabbing the building and the parking lot are estimated between \$2-3.5 million and may include a public/private partnership.
- **City Hall Interior Remodel**  
Manitou Springs is committed to keeping municipal operations at the current City Hall. However, the existing improvements in the building are not functioning as needed and staff is squeezed for space. To continue serving the public as well or even better than can be accommodated currently, the City needs to look at remodeling existing areas and, potentially, adding additional second floor square footage, which would be contained under the existing roof. Firm cost estimates have not yet been developed, however using average costs for office construction, City Staff estimates approximately \$1.5 million to address all the needs at City Hall.
- **Community Broadband**  
In 2005, the State of Colorado passed a law preventing communities from creating their own broadband networks without a vote of the people. Since that time, 68 communities in Colorado have tried and 68 communities have succeeded in approving ballot measures to support Community Broadband. This year, the citizens of Manitou Springs are being asked to join their neighbors and allow the development of Community Broadband here. This effort is being led by Creative District Director Natalie Johnson and ***there is no cost associated with a vote for broadband.***