

RESOLUTION NO. 1552

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL
ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING PUBLICATION OF
CONTENT AUTHORED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON
THE CITY OF GOLDEN WEB SITE**

WHEREAS, the Golden City Council desires to increase communications between its members and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish a policy for its members to publish facts and its members' opinions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Golden Web site provides a potential outlet communications method between the Council and the citizens of Golden.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. The following policy regarding publication of content authored by its members on the City of Golden Web site is hereby established:

a) All content published by members of the City Council will be clearly marked on the Web site as being attributable to that member of council and that such content is the opinion of the Councilor and not necessarily the policy of the City Council or the City of Golden and shall be segregated on the site so that access shall be through the City Councilor page so as to be clearly associated with an individual Councilor.

b) All content must deal with facts or councilor opinion regarding a matter or issue of local interest to the City of Golden and subject to the City Council's jurisdiction or where the Council might allocate funds in the budget for the issue, or where the opinion of the City Council as elected officials might reasonably be of interest to the citizens of Golden. Issues of national or state interest which do not have a reasonable local element are discouraged.

c) All content shall be generated by the member of Council or endorsed explicitly by that member.

d) Any content's tone shall be civil and debate of issues and facts.

e) No published content shall:

1) be derogatory regarding any individual or group,

2) deal with any matter which may become subject to review by Council in any quasi-judicial manner,

3) be contrary to a previous policy established by the City Council except as to advocate for its repeal as a new business matter,


- 4) contain material from an executive session which has not been properly designated for disclosure,
- 5) disclose confidential information, or
- 6) be in violation of any applicable law.

f) Incumbent members of Council running for re-election or who are subject to recall shall not post matters which are clearly related to advocating for election or retention to the office. Special scrutiny by members of Council during the 3 months prior to an election is expected to prevent posting of campaign related material. Posting of materials related to communications with citizens about the issues and conduct of the office are allowed during this period.

g) Councilors may publish endorsements of candidates for city office and may recommend votes for or against any local ballot issue and provide reasons for their positions subject to the limits of applicable law. Solicitations for campaign funds are not allowed for candidates or ballot issues other than providing contact information for registered committees under the Golden Municipal Code.


h) Procedure for Publishing - All content desired to be published by its members will be sent in hard copy or by e-mail or other acceptable media to all members of the Council for review and comment. Electronic form of the content shall be sent to the City Manager or his designee for formatting and publishing. After two business days such content will be published by the City Manager or his designee on the city site if no more than one member of City Council objects to its content. Objections should be based on violations of this policy and not based on disagreement of opinions expressed. Notice of objection shall be delivered to all members of Council and the City Manager or his designee in writing or via electronic message. If more than one member objects, the content can be edited to remove the objection and resubmitted. If members of Council object after the content is published, the City Manager may remove the content from the site at his discretion until the matter is resolved. If agreement cannot be reached, then the contents can be posted following a majority vote of the City Council at a regular or special meeting.

Adopted the 24th day of February , 2005.



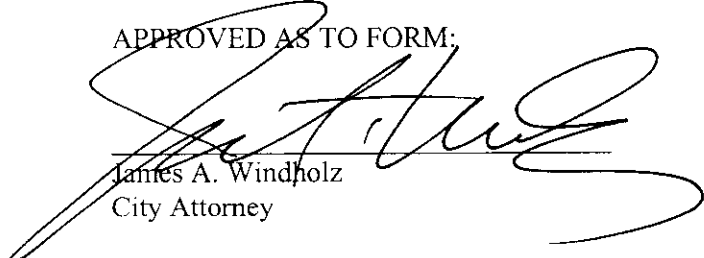
Charles J. Baroch
Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan M. Brooks, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

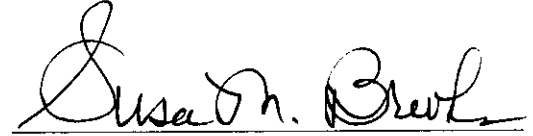


James A. Windholz
City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of February, A.D., 2005.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of
Golden, Colorado