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gineers previously.

- I can present at least an update to you by Sept. 18 with initial thoughts along the spectrum and all the projects on the table.
- Cost estimates will not be ready yet by then but will be ready as the 2018 budget discussion starts.
- Our staff has not yet approached any CSU officials because it was not right for discussion yet.

With respect to reuse questions raised by the TLW-WTF JUC, which includes Monument Sanitation District (MSD), Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and WWSD, Lowe said, "The wastewater folks ... seem to think we are ignoring their concerns. We are not. It's just premature to have that discussion. I didn't want to waste their time with seven different options on reuse. I guess our correspondence with (MSD District Manager Mike) Wicklund is not getting the message across." See [www.ocn.me/v17n8.htm#tlwtjuc](http://www.ocn.me/v17n8.htm#tlwtjuc).

Trustee Shea Medlicott's comments included:

- It feels like we are getting the cart before the horse. We should see the whole picture on capital improvement projects first and then maybe

after that do a study.

- \$18 million (for a reuse plant) is an engineer's guess, and there is a huge spectrum of options that could change that.
- We feel like we are under the gun and have to act right now, but so much testing has to go into this before deciding anything, what kind of facility we need, and approval from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment and EPA, it is a process. Let's wait for the capital improvements workshop and we can ask some tough questions.
- I am looking forward to seeing the executive summary on the engineering report from Woodmoor (Tetra Tech).

Finally, Coopman made a new motion asking Lowe to present a variety of alternative water options on Sept. 18, and if at that time the majority of the board felt that their answers have been satisfied, there would be no further push for an independent study, but if not, the board would make a motion to do the study and would have to find the money to pay for it. Bornstein agreed with Coopman's version and withdrew his initial motion.

Kaiser then made his own comments, including:

- In my opinion, reuse is an absolutely critical part of our plan, although not the only option.
- Experts have been presenting information to the board, so to cite other experts and facts that the whole board has not heard is not appropriate.
- The Water Master Plan has been in place and worked on for many years and should not be disregarded.
- We need to wait for the CIP.
- To throw money around like it doesn't matter is something we need to think very hard about.

The trustees voted 5-1 to approve Coopman's motion. Kaiser voted no.

#### Code enforcement officer introduced

Susie Ellis of Community Preservation Specialists Inc. is the town's new code enforcement officer. Ellis told the trustees, "Smaller communities need the same knowledge and experience" that bigger municipalities do. In other communities where she does this work, she spends most of her time on nuisance-related issues related to health, sanitation, junk cars, weeds, and things that "irritate neighbors and cause blight."

To contact Ellis with community concerns or questions related to code enforcement, call 303-422-4473 or write to [ccompliance@comcast.net](mailto:ccompliance@comcast.net).

See [https://library.municode.com/co/monument/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/co/monument/codes/code_of_ordinances) to see all of Monument's ordinances. These do not include rules imposed by individual homeowners' associations inside the town limits.

#### Tourism master plan

Doug Price, president and CEO of the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), presented information about the Tourism Master Plan for the Pikes Peak Region and how Monument's investment of \$5,000 annually would go toward the promotion of the community and will show the town's dedication to regional tourism.

Price said tourism is the third-largest employment sector in the region including El Paso, Teller, and Fremont counties. The CVB maintains the [www.visitcos.com](http://www.visitcos.com) website, which includes information about Monument/Tri-Lakes along with 10 other towns and Colorado Springs. It also prints visitor guides distributed throughout the region and creates digital and print media campaigns encouraging tourists, corporate trade shows and conventions, and sports teams from all over the U.S. to visit the area.

"We need to put a master plan together over the next 10 years to incorporate infrastructure, facilities, services, attractions, and events that will improve the visitor experience," Price said. That needs to coordinate with master plans of the communities in the Pikes Peak region. Right now, 88 percent of CVB's funding comes from lodging taxes. The master plan will be done in 2018. The trustees' consensus was to consider Price's request as part of the 2018 budget approval cycle in October.

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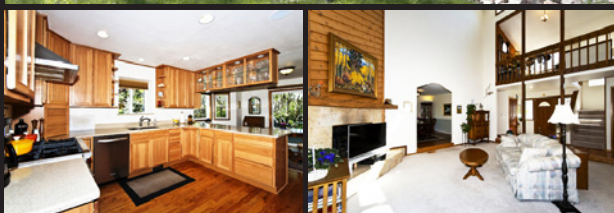
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