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1994	City of Durango Master Facility Program , Reynolds-Larson Associates identifies historic high school building as option for City Hall, including the demolition of the Arts and Sciences building (currently the Community Development/Engineering building at 215 E. 12th St.).
March 2006	Downtown Durango Vision and Strategic Plan mentions “The City has outgrown its city hall, library, and police buildings and will need to replace these facilities within the time horizon of the Downtown Plan.” A new city hall and police station is mentioned as a potential recipient of the 2005 ½-cent capital improvements fund.
2015	City of Durango Master Plan (Blythe Group) mentions a police department that is dealing with a “severe lack of space to properly perform their duties.” Study suggests options including construction of new police building at 201 E. 12 th St. and a new parking structure at existing police facility. Study notes then-current deficit of 100 parking spaces for current police building and approximately 47,000 square of space needed for police by 2025. An additional 113,000 square feet of space also projected to be needed by 2025 for other city departments.
November 2017	City residents (790) provide feedback on how to fund \$200 million in capital needs, including a new police station.
February 2018	City staff begin outreach to residents on expected budget shortfall, and \$200 million in unfunded construction costs that include replacing the police station.
July 2018	City-sponsored survey found residents support sales tax increase for long-term facility needs, including 80 percent of those surveyed would support a tax increase for street maintenance, infrastructure, police services and facilities and library operations.
August 2018	City Council informally agrees to ask voters to approve property and sales tax increase for, in part, long-term construction needs that include a new police station. The effort was shaped by months of public meetings and a survey.
January 2021	During discussions on a proposed homeless managed camp, City Council and La Plata County Commissioners mention Big Picture High School building to be demolished and replaced by fire-apparatus bays, former 9-R building to be renovated for police and fire use.
January 2021	City Council discusses in executive session the possibility of purchasing the WorldPay building within the context of a future city facilities assessment, which was last done in 2015. Staff requested two council members be appointed to a City Facilities Subcommittee.
January 2021	Durango Herald reports on councilor discussions regarding a city campus for existing departments and redeveloping the Police Department, City Hall, Carnegie Building and River City Hall.
August 10, 2021	After months of negotiations, the school board voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a purchase agreement with the fire district.
August 31, 2021	Durango Council and staff meet with DFPD to discuss possibility of police sharing space at the historic high school with the fire district.
March 10, 2022	Fire district holds forum which includes plans to raze former Big Picture High School building. City clarifies that estimated renovation costs for the historic high school building were discussed, but there is no commitment to participating in the project.
May 2022	Fire district asks for city funds to help pay for design of joint fire/police station at 201 E. 12 th St.
January 2023	Public meeting where combined fire station and police station deemed not feasible at River City Hall location. City staff asked City Council to consider 9-R building for City municipal complex that includes the Police Department.

March 2023	Public meeting was held at Council Chambers to consider potential use of historic high school campus. Community was asked if it was in support of project.
May 2023	The Durango Fire Protection District hosted a meeting where a tentative agreement was presented for real estate exchange.
June 2024	Durango Herald editorial board called proposed civic center “labor of love.”
July 2023	Council holds public hearing that includes Civic Center Campus at 201 E. 12 th Street to consolidate City Hall, River City Hall, Carnegie and the Police Department .
August 2023	Agreement Approved by City Council to Swap River City Hall for Historic High School.
Feb. 27, 2024	Conceptual exterior plans presented , including demotion of pool area on north side of the historic high school building; public feedback requested. City staff say if the parking garage is too expensive and there is a major conceptual change to the plan, they will update the public with the information.
April 30, 2024	Public meeting regarding the conceptual interior design of the historic high school building. Public informed that pool addition, in part because of a lack of building integrity, would be removed. Building addition to the proposed police department at 215 E. 12th St. was also noted, as the building is undersized for police use.
May 21, 2024	Discussion with City Council About Cost of Conceptual Design
June 4, 2024	Discussion with City Council About Cost of Conceptual Design and two options for funding .
June 17, 2024	Council directs staff to pursue the reauthorization of the 2005 ½-cent sales tax create a municipal center at the historic high school property.
July 11, 2024	Durango Herald article on Police Department’s need for adequate facility to serve the public.
August 2024	Council tables vote on 2005 sales tax until April 2025.
Sept. 27, 2024	City holds open house at 201 E. 12th street to allow residents to see plans for PD/City Hall project, and offer personal tours for residents who could not attend.
Oct. 12, 2024	City holds open house at 201 E. 12th street to allow residents to see plans for PD/City Hall project, and offer personal tours for residents who could not attend.
Nov. 16, 2024	City holds open house at 201 E. 12th street to allow residents to see plans for PD/City Hall project, and offer personal tours for residents who could not attend.
Spring 2024	Public comment solicited on Civic Center Campus through Engage page .
Summer 2024	City Council to Consider Authorization of 2005 Sales Tax
Fall 2024	The City hosted three open houses for the public to walk through the historic high school building.
October 2024	Historic Preservation Board discusses rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of 201 E. 12 th Street for City Hall/Police Station.
January 2025	City Council passes resolution designating 201 E. 12 th Street as a historic landmark, but former Big Picture Building, which was built in 1957, is not.
April 2025	2005 Sales Tax Reauthorization Approved by Voters with 67% approval.
October 2025	City receives investment-grade rating of AA+ which allows lower borrowing costs for PD/City Hall project.
November 2025	Artaic Group provides update on project at Council meeting .
December 2025	Update on PD/City Hall project given to Historic Preservation Board .
Jan. 21, 2026	City Council meeting provided update to PD/City Hall project.
Jan. 25, 2026	Mayor Yazzie column on updated plans for PD/City Hall project in The Durango Herald.

Jan. 22, 2026	City hosts meeting on Brownfield Cleanup Grant application with Environmental Protection Agency for remediation efforts at historic high school building.
Feb. 24, 2026	City hosts Engage forum on PD/City Hall project to solicit feedback and answer questions.
Jan. 25, 2026	Durango Herald column “Building together: Durango’s new city hall reflects our history and values.” Message included preserving the historic high school and Buckley Park (incl. sledding hill), be fiscally responsible, and ease parking pressure (i.e., parking requirements). Mentions the voter-approved civic center vision [durangoherald.com]
Jan. 28, 2026	Update on PD/City Hall project conceptual master plan given to Historic Preservation Board .
Feb 5, 2026	Durango Herald coverage of conceptual change eliminating underground police parking. Report explains the move from underground parking to secure surface parking, and notes existing City Hall and Police Department sites as feasible alternatives for employee parking (parking requirements).
Feb. 27, 2026	Durango Herald coverage of Engage forum recap regarding the proposed demolition of 215 E. 12th St. (former Big Picture), new PD building to be constructed behind 201 E. 12th St., and exploration of surface parking solutions
May 4, 2026	Engage Durango forum “What’s Next for PD/City Hall Project?” Announces May 20 info session and June 8 connectivity session; highlights review topics including 12th Street Garden, east alley fence alternatives (alley improvements), and a parking update; June 8 to cover Buckley Park connection and public entrances (public amenities). [engage.durangoco.gov]
May 8, 2026	City news release : “City to host information session on May 20” Promotes public meeting at the Recreation Center; outlines breakout topics: rose garden concepts, four secure-screening options for the east alley (alley improvements), interior color palette, and information on the upcoming Buckley Park connection.
May 14, 2026	Durango Telegraph “Making plans” (community notice) Public calendar-style notice that again highlights rose garden, east alley (alley improvements), and Buckley Park connection for the May 20 session
May 20, 2026	Public Information Session (Durango Community Recreation Center) City-led open house on design updates; topics included east alley screening, garden concepts, interior colors, and preview of Buckley Park connectivity.
May 25, 2026	City news release : “City seeks feedback on design concepts for PD/City Hall project” Invites residents to review and vote on four fence designs and nine garden palettes (public amenities) and three interior color palettes; announces June 8 session
May 29, 2026	Durango Herald : “Durango seeks residents’ input on city hall, police station designs” Public outreach via online survey covering fencing options, garden palettes, and east alley screening alternatives.
June 2, 2026	City news release : “City to host community update on PD/City Hall project on June 8” Promotes the June 8 library session to review campus connectivity, Police Department design, Buckley Park connection, exterior paint, and public entrances
June 4, 2026	Engage Durango forum : “City Exploring Civic Campus Parking Options” Public explanation of parking strategy changes: removal of underground garage, adoption of secure surface PD parking, evaluation of off-site parking; frames campus in broader multimodal context and future links to Buckley Park
June 15, 2026	City news release : Buckley Park Master Plan public workshop/charrette (at Buckley Park) City gathers feedback for the Buckley Park Master Plan; the outreach frames amenities such as stage, restrooms, paths, landscape resilience, and integration with surrounding civic projects.
Aug. 3, 2026	City news release: “Historic Preservation Board approves certificate for City Hall project.” HPB approval with conditions on Rose Garden plant care and brick salvage to reconstruct the 1917 north wall (historic preservation, landscape care).

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