

## NEWSLETTER

**HGA LAWSUIT:** On October 23, 2024, Arapahoe County District Court Judge Benjamin Figa ordered HGA to produce the documents requested by HGMD on or before Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. The judge held that the documents were relevant to whether HGMD had been overcharged by HGA.

HGA's attorney argued that the management agreement didn't prohibit HGA from overcharging HGMD as long as the expense was budgeted and that HGMD hadn't claimed that it had been overcharged in the complaint. The judge found that paragraph 17 of the complaint adequately alleged that HGA had overbilled the District.

**2025 BUDGET:** HGMD received the Manager's Budget on **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Last year, the Manager's Budget was received on September 8, 2023, and the combined budget workshops for the HGMD Audit/Finance Committee with the HGA Budget & Finance Committee occurred on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Because HGA refused to provide wage information necessary for the HGMD 2025 budget, HGMD spent weeks conducting a wage survey to determine reasonable wages for employees, and trying to determine other reasonable expenses. The downside was the amount of time spent and the risk that HGMD might not have budgeted enough for a particular employee. The upside is that HGMD was comfortable reducing the budget; established an objective, fair pay scale for teaching staff; and may be able to further reduce wage costs.

HGMD was notified that October 11<sup>th</sup> would be devoted to the HGMD budget. Due to the short turnaround time, HGMD had multiple budget work sessions, and I worked all night to have a budget ready for discussion at 9:00 am on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. We arrived in the boardroom to learn that neither the HGA controller, general manager nor the B&F committee chose to participate. It was a complete waste of time. None of our questions were answered. HGA scheduled the approval of the budgets on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

HGMD approved the 2025 budget on October 15<sup>th</sup>, so HGA could proceed in the afternoon, but because of the short turnaround time by not receiving the Manager's Budget until September 28<sup>th</sup>, HGMD could not comply with the 30-day statutory notice requirement. So HGMD will formally adopt the budget on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**We will have a budget review on November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. Please attend & spread the word.**

**Other Important Meetings:** Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in the Auditorium the Voice for Residents' Club is hosting Sue Blair, President of the Special District Association.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm Directors Robin O'Meara & Daniel Taylor will address recall allegations, and consequences.

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