

The City of Centennial

2010 Annual Report



2010... The Year In Review

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am excited to report that 2010 was a great year for the City of Centennial. Whereas news around the state and nation may have been bleak for 2010, the news in Centennial continues to be positive. The City of Centennial accomplished many things in 2010 and we look forward to seeing the progress come to fruition in 2011.

This was a year to celebrate our beginning. On September 12, 2000, the voters within Arapahoe County in what is now Centennial approved the establishment of their own City. We've come a long way since then. Throughout the last 10 years of self-determination, we became a Home Rule city, experienced the largest public to private public works transition in the country, developed an economic development department, community events and so much more. The City continues to listen and work with our citizens to meet their expectations and to have Centennial be "intentional" and not a "typical" government.

This document is split into four core sections that resulted from the *Our Voice .Our Vision. Centennial 2030*, visioning document completed by residents in 2008. Some of the 2010 accomplishments highlighted in this report are:

With the third highest return rate in the nation, Centennial responded to the Census for 2010, ensuring a correct population of more than 100,000. The demographics show a highly educated and skilled workforce of the future.

Two projects that will certainly shape this community—IKEA Centennial, and The Streets at South Glenn— are destined to become regional destinations for shopping and playing. I believe our partnership with these two extraordinary developments will put us on the map.

In 2010, we made major strides on our master plan for Open Space, Parks and Trails. The City partnered with the Parker Jordan Metro District to complete a missing trail link on the Cherry Creek Regional Trail



and together, with Arapahoe County, developed the Broncos Parkway Trailhead to provide access to the trail.

In 2010, Centennial was once again recognized as the Safest City in Colorado. We also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards and were recognized nationally for our public-private partnership with CH2M HILL by receiving the National Council of Public Private Partnership (NCPPT) Award.

None of this would have been possible without the strong leadership from the City Council and the commitment of the City Manager and staff.

It has been a privilege serving each of you throughout this year to make Centennial the best it can be. I look forward to continuing our work together.

I hope you find this report to be a valuable tool and that you are proud to be in Centennial, I know I am.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy A. Noon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy A. Noon

Centennial Celebrates 10 Years!

Ten years ago, voters within Arapahoe County – in what is now Centennial – approved the establishment of their own City. It wasn't easy getting there. Undaunted, **Arapahoe Citizens for Self-Determination** pursued an election through the legislature and the State Supreme Court to become the City of Centennial.



The Beginning

In the summer of 1998, Randy Pye, John Brackney, Brian Vogt, Ed Bosier and Pete Ross gathered at a pancake house to consider the advantages of incorporating the City of Centennial. They established a volunteer organization known as the Arapahoe Citizens for Self-Determination and an incorporation steering committee that filed a petition in the District Court in October 1998 requesting an election to determine whether the City of Centennial should be formed.



'Founding Fathers' pay visit to Pancake Breakfast

By CHRISTINE INA CASTILLAS
STAFF WRITER

More than 75 people arrived at DeKoevend Park Saturday to feast on pancakes in celebration of the Centennial movement.

Others socialized, munched on rolls, ham or fruit and drank coffee or orange juice. Centennial City Council members flipped pancakes, served other delicacies from behind the grills and laughed and joked with the public who attended the event — until the public was faced with a surprise.

The breakfast venture began about 7:30 a.m., and people wandered in and out of the area until the event ended about two hours later. But for those who stayed from beginning to end, around the middle at 8 a.m., the "Founding Fathers" of Centennial meandered around the park grounds, white hair blaring in the sunlight. Those "Founding Fathers" — Arapahoe County Assessor Ed Bosier, Arapahoe County Commissioner John Brackney, South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce President Brian Vogt and Centennial Mayor Randy Pye — stood before the crowd of people, which included Sen. John Evasco, R-Parker, and

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Left to right: President of the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce Brian Vogt, Centennial Councilwoman Andrea Suhaka, Arapahoe County Assessor Ed Bosier, Centennial Councilman Jack Forhan, Mayor Randy Pye and Arapahoe County Commissioner John Brackney.
Courtesy photo

The District Court conducted hearings and determined the petition was invalid. The volunteers corrected the petition, and on December 12, 1998, in six hours obtained more than 2,500 signatures on a second petition known as the "Centennial Petition."

Colorado Legislature Gives Credence To The Movement

While the Centennial Petition was pending in District Court, legislation known as House Bill 99-1099 was drafted and introduced in the Colorado Legislature to clarify existing law that established a priority for forming large cities, such as Centennial, over smaller competing municipal annexations.

House Bill 99-1099 passed out of the Colorado House of Representatives without a single dissenting vote, and out of the Colorado Senate with only six dissenting votes.

House Bill 99-1099 was the first piece of legislation signed into law by Governor Bill Owens on February 1, 1999.

Colorado Courts Approve An Election

On April 8, 1999 the District Court found the Centennial Petition to be valid and to take priority over competing annexation proposals and ordered an election on whether Centennial should be incorporated but interveners in the District Court case appealed the ruling.

The Colorado Court of Appeals sent the Centennial case directly to the Colorado Supreme Court for determination. The Colorado Supreme Court held oral arguments on May 3, 2000 where the Centennial volunteers once again turned out in large numbers to support the principles of self-determination and the formation of Centennial. The Colorado Supreme Court in a unanimous opinion announced July 21, 2000, that an election should take place to determine if the City of Centennial should be formed.

Election Scheduled And Approved

The volunteer Election Commission for Centennial was appointed, and convened and scheduled an election for September 12, 2000 to determine if the voters within in Centennial wished to form a city.

On September 12, 2000, by a margin of 77%, voters approved the formation of the City of Centennial. Centennial officially became a City on February 7, 2001.

Quality of Life

Community Events

The City of Centennial had a number of community events sponsored by the City and various businesses and non-profit organizations throughout the summer of 2010. Two movie nights took place, one at the Trails Recreation Center, one at deKoevend Park. The 5th Annual Celebrate Centennial Under the Stars was another success with a movie and fireworks with thousands of participants.

The City continued the partnership with the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District on a kids-oriented Spring Fling in May.



Youth Commission

Centennial's Youth Commission and Youth Corps planned and implemented the 2nd Annual Battle of the Bands event. Seven bands competed and a professional band performed. This all ages event included some of the area's most

talented youth musicians. Approximately 1,000 people attended this event throughout the day.

The Youth Commission launched a Youth Achievement Award program to honor and recognize youth that live in the City of Centennial who have made a significant impact on the community through volunteer work or other special deeds and actions. A 2010 senior from Arapahoe High School received a \$1,000 scholarship from SAFEbuilt, the City's building services contractor. The award recipient was a National Honor Society member, Student Council Class Secretary and a Link Crew member. She was also involved in the planning of Arapahoe High School's Green Week.



Census 2010

In 2010, the City of Centennial participated in its first census since becoming a City in 2001. More than 37,000 households in the City of Centennial received a Census 2010 questionnaire. Centennial received the highest mail participation among Colorado cities with a population of more than 100,000 and ranked 3rd in the nation with an 83 percent return. As a

result of the 2010 Census, Centennial's official population is 100,377.

Citizen Survey

Centennial conducted a citizen survey in 2010. Three thousand surveys were mailed at random and geographically dispersed. A total of 940 surveys were returned, for a response rate of 32 percent. This number of responses provided the City with a statistically valid study.

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Aspects of Quality of Life

(percent rating "excellent" or "good")

Your neighborhood as a place to live	91%
Centennial as a place to raise children	90%
Centennial as a place to live	90%
Centennial as a place to work	73%
Centennial as a place to retire	66%

Centennial's Character

(percent rating "strongly" or "somewhat" agree)

City is a safe community with a low crime rate	89%
City offers the best schools	75%
City supports local businesses	69%
City provides and protects open space	65%
City has tight-knit neighborhoods	56%

Top Community Characteristics

(percent rating "excellent" or "good")

Overall quality of business and service establishments	77%
Shopping opportunities	77%
Overall appearance of Centennial	76%
Air quality	74%
Quality of new development in Centennial	74%

Importance of Potential City Projects

(percent rating "essential" or "very important")

Reduce traffic congestion on City Streets	63%
Rebuilding the I-25/Arapahoe Interchange	57%
Acquiring additional open space	54%
Building new trails	50%

Based on citizen survey results, City Council has prioritized areas of improvement such as street maintenance and repair, street resurfacing and lack of bike lanes on City streets.

Economic Health



IKEA Centennial

In 2010, IKEA, the world's leading home furnishings retailer, officially broke ground for its Centennial store. IKEA Centennial will be the 38th store in the U.S. when it opens in Fall 2011.

The 415,000-square-foot IKEA Centennial, with approximately 1,500 parking spaces, is built on 13.5 acres. When open, the store will employ approximately 400 coworkers and reflect the same unique architectural design for which IKEA stores are known worldwide.

IKEA Centennial will be the first IKEA store in the U.S. to incorporate a geothermal component as part of its heating/cooling system, meaning heat will be pumped either from or into the ground, depending on the weather. In addition, solar panels will be placed on the roof of IKEA Centennial.

Best of Centennial

The 3rd Annual *Best of Centennial* Business Awards recognized the following businesses:

- Labs, Inc., *Company of the Year (large business)*
- Knott Laboratory, *Company of the Year (small business)*
- Rainbow Research Optics, *Company of the Year (small business)*
- Saunders Construction, Inc., *Mayor's Award of Excellence*
- IKEA Centennial, *Youth Commission Award for Environmental Stewardship*
- Alpha Bicycle Company, *Citizens' Choice*
- Farro Italian Restaurant, *Flavor of the Year*
- Blu Sky Restoration Contractors, *Entrepreneur of the Year*

Centennial's Private Sector Top Employers

OppenheimerFunds, Inc.
Comcast
Walmart
United Launch Alliance
US Foodservice
Saunders Construction, Inc.
Jones International University

National Cinemedia
Epicurean Catering
Nordstrom FSB
Haselden Construction, LLC
AlloSource
Cisco Systems, Inc.
Pearson eCollege

The Streets at SouthGlenn

The Streets at SouthGlenn celebrated its first anniversary in 2010. The following stores opened throughout the year:

Bling
Bellezza
Just Pets
Pho 95
Cheers Personalized
Pearle Vision
Edible Arrangements
DQ/Orange Julius
Snooze
Corner Bakery
Trice
Shine Boutique
Thomas Kincaid
University of Phoenix
Allie Katz Nail Bar

2010 Office Tenants:

Pearson eCollege
W. Mark Wallis
White, Bear and Ankele
Attorneys at Law
Z1 Solutions
University of Phoenix
Prudential Real Estate

Explore Centennial Shop Local

In March 2009, the City of Centennial launched *Explore Centennial, Shop Local*, a program in which the City of Centennial partners with local businesses to promote their business and encourage residents and daytime employees to patronize local shops and restaurants.

In 2010, 38 businesses and 328 people signed up to participate in this program.

BUSINESS BOOMS

City Services

Animal Services

The City of Centennial contracts the Animal Services program with the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region (HSPPR).

Centennial Animal Services saved 87% of animals, including wildlife, by return, adoption or relocation (in the case of wildlife.) In 2010, the number of dogs licensed increased to 13% of the total estimated population; licensed dogs are returned to owners more quickly than unlicensed dogs, if picked up by Animal Services. In addition, a Centennial Animal Services Officer was awarded the Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers Excellence Award for outstanding leadership and performance.

Land Development Code

On April 19, 2010, City Council adopted a new Land Development Code (LDC). The new LDC will replace an outdated Arapahoe County code that was adopted when the City was formed in 2001. While the old code served the needs of the City throughout the last 10 years, it was not reflective of the desires of City Council and the community.

The principle objectives of the new LDC is to protect the City's neighborhoods, implement design standards, promote sustainable development patterns, provide for housing diversity, streamline approval procedures, and similar functions.

School Safety

- Using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Energy Efficient Community Block Grants (EECBG), the City's Public Works Department completed the installation of four school flashing beacons at Thunder Ridge Middle School and Eaglecrest High School, in cooperation with Cherry Creek School District
- Coordinated the replacement of the traffic signal on Picadilly St. at Thunder Ridge Middle School, which was entirely funded by Cherry Creek School District
- Completed "Safe Routes to School" safety assessments for Hopkins Elementary and Sandburg Elementary

Arapahoe County Sheriff

The City of Centennial continues to contract with the Arapahoe County Sheriff through an intergovernmental agreement to ensure public safety services for residents and businesses in Centennial. The Sheriff's Office provides a full range of public safety services, programs that include patrol services, investigations, school resource officers, traffic enforcement, crime prevention and emergency management.

Passports

In 2010, the City of Centennial became a Passport Acceptance Facility. The City Clerk's Office accepts and processes passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.

Centennial Call Center

The City's Call Center operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. In 2010, the Call Center received 20,818 calls and 622 web requests for service. In 2010, the Call Center had a 93% compliance metric of answering phone calls within 120 seconds, which exceeded the 85% requirement.

Street Rehabilitation

The City provided street rehabilitation on 62.6 lane miles and maintained target paving condition index (PCI) of 78. PCI is a statistical measure that indicates the condition of roadways.

Public Safety

For the sixth consecutive year, Centennial was named the "Safest City" in Colorado with a population of more than 75,000. Centennial ranked 23rd of 400 cities nationwide. The report is issued by CQ Press in its annual publication City Crime Rankings 2010- 2011: Crime in Metropolitan America.



NCPPP Executive Director Rick Norment presented the Centennial City Council with the Service Award recognizing the City's partnership with CH2M HILL for public works services. This was one of six awards presented nationwide.

Transportation Master Plan



Gathering feedback for Centennial's first Transportation Master Plan (TMP) started in 2010. The TMP will provide a vision for the future transportation network in

Centennial. This plan will outline improved vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities that will ensure citizens and businesses have access to a high-quality transportation system for all of their travel needs.

Community input on the TMP's different elements is essential to the success of this project. Several outreach efforts, including Web-based communications, community meetings, and stakeholder interviews, took place throughout 2010.

Traffic Signals

The City of Centennial replaced 1,776 incandescent bulbs with light-emitting diode (LED) modules at 34 intersections using the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy. LED lights are brighter, require 90% less energy than incandescent bulbs, and are expected to result in annual energy cost savings to the City of approximately \$35,000. LEDs last seven to ten times longer than incandescent bulbs, resulting in significant savings in maintenance costs. This LED project included updating the pedestrian signals by adding "countdown timers."

The timers significantly improve pedestrian safety by displaying the crossing time in seconds as the pedestrian crosses the street.

Additional projects include:

- Replaced six severely deteriorated signal poles and painted 21 poles
- Installed new pedestrian signals and crossings at the Arapahoe Rd. and Euclid St. traffic signal
- Using Grant Funds, an audible pedestrian crossing device for the hearing impaired was installed at Arapahoe Rd. and Forest Way.
- Signal re-timing projects were completed on Arapahoe Rd. from Parker Rd. to Liverpool St. and on Dry Creek from Clarkson to Yosemite St.

Public Works

In 2010, Centennial Public Works crews completed the following maintenance activities:

- 651 tons of patching
- 30,060 pounds of crack seal
- 55 tons of gravel shoulder maintenance
- 408 cubic yards of corner ramp, crosspan, curb and gutter and sidewalk replacement
- 4,415 miles of street sweeping
- 1,143,708 feet of pavement striping
- 5,182 square-feet of thermoplastic pavement markings
- 16,172 square-feet of acrylic pavement markings
- 9 snow storms, 33,199 miles of streets and 23.10 inches of snow were plowed
- 755 traffic signs installed/replaced

Capital Project Public Works

The City completed the design for the reconstruction of Arapahoe Rd. from Holly St. to Krameria St. In addition, design began on:

- *a new turn lane from southbound South Chester St. to westbound E. County Line Rd*
- *a new roundabout at the intersection of S. Peoria St. and E. Peakview Ave.*
- *new sidewalks and bus pad improvements to improve access to bus stops and transit stations.*

The City also began construction of street and sidewalk rehabilitation in the Vista Verde neighborhood, which is funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Funding Public Works Projects

Grants

Centennial received grants from a variety of sources, such as the Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Justice, Regional Transportation District, Great Outdoors Colorado, and Arapahoe County.

Nearly \$460,000 of street, sidewalk, and street sign improvements are being implemented in the Vista Verde neighborhood, funded by HUD's Community Development Block Grant program. Other grant funded capital

projects include investing \$2 million from multiple grant sources to modernize Centennial's traffic signal communications systems, improving its open space and trails, and designing/constructing the Centennial Civic Center Park.

Additional grant projects include \$922,900 of DOE Energy Efficiency Block grants on several projects, including installing LED lights on every City operated traffic signal, an energy audit of the City's Civic Center and subsequent energy saving upgrades such as the implementation of the paperless plan review program.

Funding for Projects

Centennial submitted four projects to CDOT in 2010 as candidates for funding through the FASTER Safety Project program. All four were formally adopted by DRCOG and the Transportation Commission. The first two priority projects are in CDOT's 2011 budget, the third is in the 2012 budget and the fourth is in the 2013 budget. This funding brings more than \$1.5 million to roadway improvements on Arapahoe Rd.

DRCOG Grants

The City received a Miscellaneous Equipment Grant in the amount of \$94,230 for signal communication equipment. The City also received a Traffic Signal System Improvement Program (TSSIP) Grant in the amount of \$1,291,150 for signal communication projects such as fiber connectivity for 2011, 2012, and 2013.

The City submitted a successful application for a \$1.1 million early project completion grant from the Denver

Regional Council of Governments for the reconstruction of Arapahoe Road from Holly Street to east of Krameria Street, scheduled in 2011.

The City is using more than \$94,000 in DRCOG Federal Transit Authority New Freedom Accessibility grant funds to replace all of the City's bus benches and improve pads for bus benches where necessary.





Environment

Civic Center Park

In 2010, the City completed the preparation of construction drawings and completed the bidding process for the new Centennial Civic Center Park with a recommendation to award a construction contract for \$4.8 million to Turner Construction.

Construction is expected to be completed by fall of 2011. This new park will be located on 11 acres of land acquired by the City in 2008 as part of the new Centennial Civic Center. The City will fund this project with dedicated revenues for parks from its County Open Space allocation and State Conservation Trust Fund Lottery proceeds. The City has also leveraged its funding for this project with grant awards of \$798,750 from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and \$250,000 from Arapahoe County.

The park will include playgrounds, an amphitheater for special events, water play, picnic shelters, restrooms, mountain view overlook, environmental and historical education, open space meadow, sledding hill, a native plant demonstration garden, climbing walls, walking trails, trailhead for access to regional trails, parking for users. Distinctive entry gateways will provide an identity for the park and community.

Cherry Creek Regional Trail

The City of Centennial and the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District partnered to complete one of the last missing links along the Cherry Creek Regional Trail in 2010.

This remaining link begins at the Broncos Parkway Trailhead, and continues south to the 17 Mile House. This new 10 foot wide concrete trail connects Denver, Aurora, Centennial, Parker, and Franktown and is a part of the Colorado Front Range Trail.

Hikers, cyclists and other outdoor enthusiasts can explore 107 acres of the Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space which includes a one-mile section of both the Cherry Creek and the Regional Trails.

Arapahoe County, Parker Jordan and the City of Centennial partnered to develop the new Trailhead located on Broncos Parkway, just west of Tagawa Gardens. The finished Trailhead provides much needed access to the Cherry Creek Trail.

Financials

The City of Centennial, like many other communities, has faced reductions in revenues and City services as it deals with the negative impacts of prevailing economic conditions.

The continued challenge of this government has been to provide desired City services at the maximum level possible while maintaining fiscally responsible practices.

Centennial has achieved this goal through continued monitoring of revenues and expenditures along with implementing updated policy direction from City Council—defined at workshops and meetings throughout the year.

2011 revenues and use of fund balance (including General Fund, Open Space Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, Land Use Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and Miscellaneous Funds) are budgeted at \$52.4 million, which is fairly consistent with the 2010 Adopted Budget.

Although the City is experiencing better than anticipated revenues, we remain cautiously optimistic going into 2011 from a revenue perspective. 2011 expenditures and other financing uses for all funds are budgeted 1.2% below the 2010 Adopted Budget.

Financial Visibility

In 2010, the City of Centennial received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

Awarded to government units whose comprehensive annual financial reports achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting, the certificate of achievement is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association.

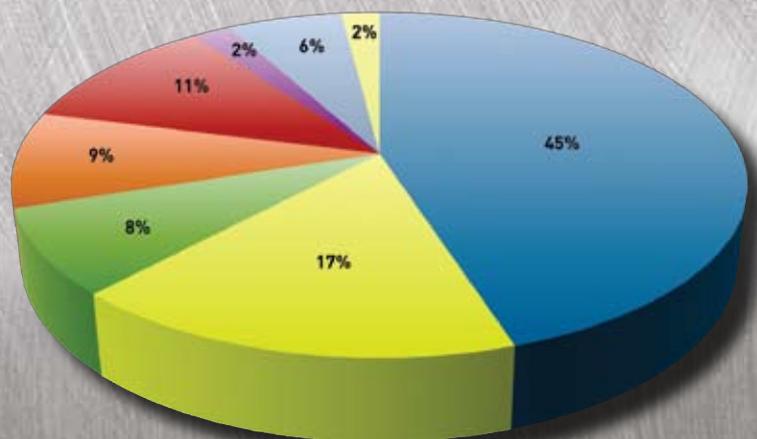
General Fund Revenues

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City and, from a revenue perspective, the General Fund represents 88.4% of the City's total revenue sources. 2011 budgeted revenues for the General Fund are expected to increase from the 2010 Adopted Budget by \$3.0 million (6.8%). This increase is due to a projected increase in sales tax and state-collected locally-shared FASTER (Funding Advancement for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery).

The major revenue sources for the General Fund are: retail sales tax, property tax, use tax and franchise fees.

- Sales Tax: \$21.1 million (45%)
- Property Tax: \$8.1 million (17%)
- Use Taxes: \$4.0 million (8%)
- Franchise Fees: \$4.5 million (9%)
- Intergovernmental: \$5.0 million (11%)
- Other Taxes: \$0.8 million (2%)
- Fines & Fees and Other Income: \$2.7 million (6%)
- Net Use of Fund Balance: \$1.0 million (2%)†

2011 General Fund Revenues totaling \$47.3 million



Use taxes include taxes on building materials and automobiles delivered to persons who reside within Centennial. Franchise fees include fees for use of City-owned rights-of-way by gas, electric, and cable utilities.

† \$1 million additional funding dedicated to street improvements.

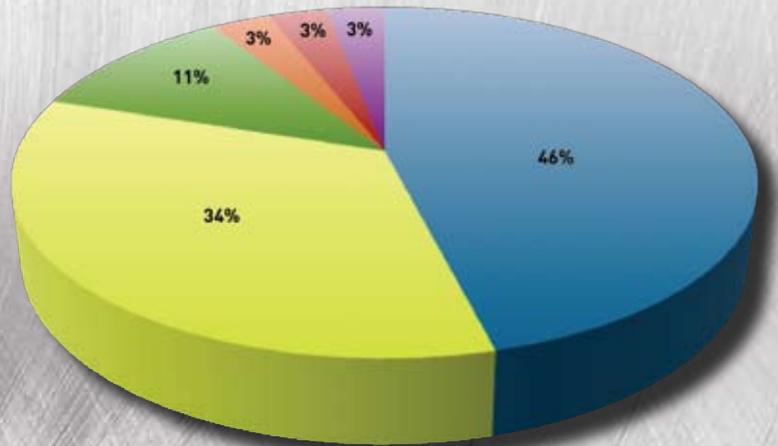
General Fund Expenditures

General Fund expenditures, including transfers to other funds, are expected to increase from the 2010 Adopted Budget by \$3.6 million (8.3%). The 2011 budget includes restoring all contracts for service provision to the 2011 prescribed levels, adding four full-time equivalent positions, inclusion of a 2% performance based salary increase and an additional \$1.0 million toward the City's capital improvement programming.

- Public Safety: \$21.6 million (46%)
- Public Works: \$16.3 million (34%)
- Administrative: \$5.3 million (11%)
- Legislative: \$1.4 million (3%)
- City Management: \$1.4 million (3%)
- Community Development: \$1.4 million (3%)

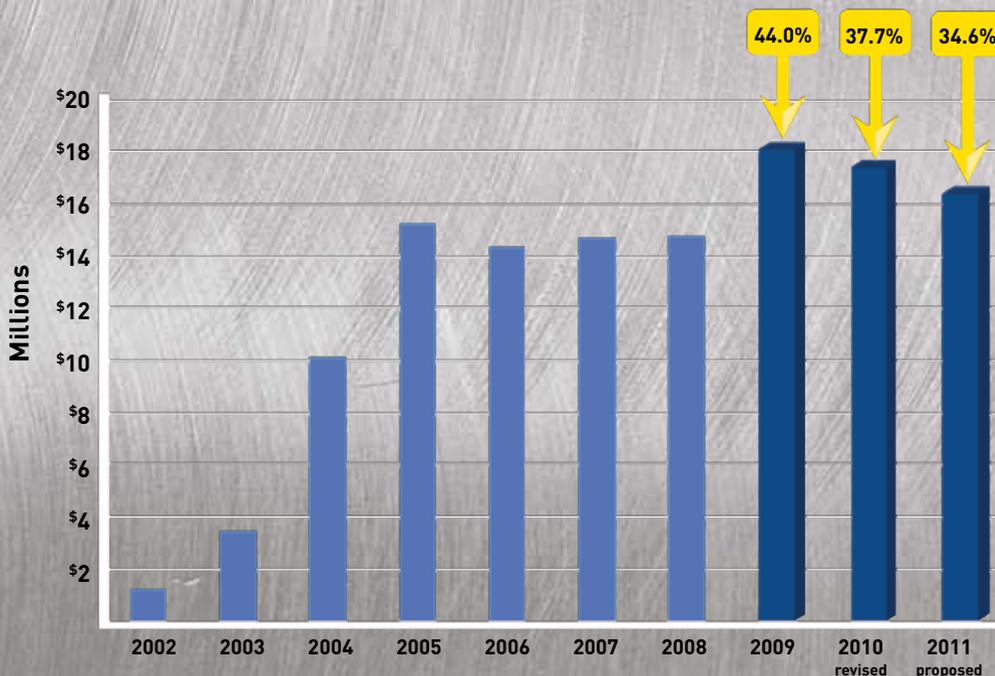
Administrative includes Finance and Sales/Use Tax Compliance, Nondepartmental, Central Services, Human Resources and Risk Management and Support Services. City Management includes City Manager's Office, Economic Development and Communications. Legislative includes Elected Officials, City Attorney, City Clerk and Liquor Licensing. Public Safety includes Law Enforcement, Animal Services and Municipal Court. Community Development includes Community Development Administration and Code Compliance.

2011 General Fund Expenditures totaling \$47.3 million



General Fund-Fund Balance

A healthy fund balance is important to the fiscal strength of the City. It is the City's policy to maintain a fund balance for the General Fund equal to at least 25% of General Fund expenditures and other financing uses. The City anticipates the 2011 ending fund balance for the General Fund to be \$16.4 million (34.6%) of expenditures and other financing uses.



Financial Visibility

In 2010, the City of Centennial received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2009 Annual Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association. The award represents outstanding achievement in budgeting practices and effective budget presentation from a governmental entity.

The City of Centennial



2011 Elected Officials

Mayor Cathy Noon, back row, center.

Back Row, L to R: Todd Miller, District 4; Rick Dindinger, District 1; Mayor Cathy Noon; Ron Weidmann, District 4; Sue Bosier, District 2.

Front Row, L to R: Voory Moon, District 1; Keith Gardner, District 2; Rebecca McClellan, District 3; Patrick Anderson, District 3.



City Offices

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History

Centennial was incorporated on February 7, 2001. The vote to incorporate was on September 12, 2000, approved by 77 percent of the voters. At the time, it was the largest incorporation in U.S. history.

Land Area

Centennial is a city of 28.8 square miles, or 18,432.6 acres. The City lies wholly within Arapahoe County.

Population

With 100,377 residents, Centennial is the seventh largest city in the Denver Metro Area.

Households

Centennial has 38,779 households and a median household income of \$85,185.

Education

Fifty-three percent of the population over 25 years of age has a college education, well above the region and state percentages.

City Officers

Jacque Wedding-Scott,

City Manager

Robert Widner, City Attorney