



Work Session Memorandum

Date: August 6, 2026
To: Mayor and City Councilmembers
Through: Kelly DiMartino, City Manager 
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Subject: July 28, 2026 Work Session Summary: Update on Surveillance Technology Governance Policy

The purpose of this memo is to document the summary of Surveillance Technology Governance Policy discussions during the July 28, 2026 Work Session. All Councilmembers were present except for Councilmember Fudge.

Discussion Summary

- Overall, Councilmembers expressed support with the direction of the policy framework which centers around a use-based approach. Rather than trying to regulate specific hardware or software tool itself, a use-based approach regulates technology based on how its deployed and focuses on uses that have garnered the most community concern such as surveillance.
- Sarah Oliver, Executive Director of Colorado Humanities, also introduced their work, explained the recruitment strategy, and confirmed that interpretation services would be provided as needed.
- Feedback from a resident that there are additional policies that need to be reviewed.
- Question regarding a technology expert for procurement contracting and staff provided a brief overview of the City's Technology Review Board which includes a cross section of the organization, including the Equity & Inclusion Office and Finance.
- Question was asked what proportionate means relating to the surveillance definition: layering of data proportionate to the primary use case and ensuring appropriate safeguards.
- Staff confirmed that the policy is a citywide policy and not just law enforcement focus
- When new technology comes online, may want to deploy a similar rapid civic assembly process as it is hard to capture everything in advance in a policy

- Data privacy concerns raised, which is where the other city policies that particularly govern these issues will be reviewed as part of this process

Next Steps

The next steps are to follow the community engagement plan which includes Colorado Humanities' Community Conversations, launching the Our City page, and gathering feedback from Citizen Review Board, Disability Advisory Board, and the Super Issues meeting where all board and commission members will be invited. Staff anticipate bringing a final draft of the policy to a Council Work Session on November 10 and a resolution for Council consideration on December 1, 2026.

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