

City Council voicemails for May 19, 2025

Hi! My name is Sophia Hellersted. I was planning on attending the meeting tonight, but I think I have come down with something. As I said, my name is Sophia Hellersted. I'm a long-time resident of Westminster. I've owned a home in Skyland Vista for 13 years. I want to address a safety concern in our community and ask how the city plans to address it, specifically the incredibly dangerous traffic on 74th Avenue East near Federal Boulevard.

Last week alone, there were two incidents that miraculously didn't hurt anyone um...any of Westminster residents. Early Monday morning, a speeding vehicle crashed through my fence and into my yard, just feet from where my young son and I were sleeping. Then, on Wednesday afternoon, just a few days later, a speeding vehicle crashed into and knocked down a telephone pole near Orchard Park Academy.

In addition to the safety concerns, our residential street being used as a drag strip is a noise nuisance. Since I've been speaking to my neighbors about the issue, the unfortunate consensus seems to be that this concern has been brought to the city's attention over the last 10 years, if not longer, and it continues to be ignored.

Um...excuse me, our community would like to have both speed bumps and four-way stops installed between Federal and Zuni on 74th Avenue in 2026. We would like this added to the budget, and if the city is unwilling to do this, we would like to know exactly what will be done to address this dire safety concern.

Thank you.