

Ward I Council candidate Phelps withdraws from race

*Former candidate
now endorses
Betty Ann Habig*

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Centennial Ward I council candidate Ron Phelps surprised residents as well as opponent Councilman Vorry Moon when he withdrew from the race. Phelps not only announced his decision at a Ward I meeting on Oct. 13, but also gave his support to candidate Betty Ann Habig, a former councilwoman.

"It was a bittersweet decision. I had very good support," Phelps said. "It was my own choice. I thought about what was best for the city and for the ward. I thought just one clear voice was in the best interest of the city," he said.

Habig said that she was "truly



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BETTY ANN HABIG
is running for Centennial Ward I Council seat.



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Vorry Moon is a candidate for a Ward I councilman seat.

humbled" by his withdrawing from the race and putting his support behind her.

"He is a man of such great integrity," Habig said.

Phelps said that he has doubts about the home rule question,

which is on the ballot asking voters to approve Centennial becoming a home rule city and choosing candidates to serve on a commission to create a home rule charter. He said that he believes the time is wrong, and would vote no on it in

principle.

Phelps's name is already on the ballot that Ward I residents began receiving on Oct. 13. Phelps, a resident of Southglenn, as is Vorry Moon, has served on the Southglenn Civic Association's Board of Directors and as a Centennial Council of Neighborhoods representative.

Moon said, "I don't think it makes a difference to me."

He does question the timing, however, as the ballots are already arriving in Ward I. He believes it could cause a lot of people to waste their votes.

Ward I Councilman Rick Dindinger said, "I don't understand why he (Phelps) withdrew. He seemed like a good candidate, thoughtful and intelligent."

Dindinger said that Phelps must withdraw officially, submitting the paperwork to the city clerk.