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# Skate-ski session



**Brian Tate, left,** and Mark Iverson lead a group of Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club Nordic athletes on a late-afternoon skate skiing workout near Howelsen Hill on Thursday.



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#### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Steamboat Springs' planned \$4.05 million purchase of the Iron Horse Inn was a controversial topic leading up to Election Day. And now that the deal has closed, the incoming City Council will be hard-pressed to reverse the transaction.

The Iron Horse Inn purchase received unanimous approval from the current City Council and has been embraced by city staff. The city intends to use it to provide affordable rental housing for city employees and others. However, the purchase was heavily criticized by City Council candidates in recent months. That criticism included the final taxpayer price tag of more than \$10 million, when interest is included.

Scott Myller, who defeated City Council President Susan Dellinger on Tuesday, said he may have looked to back out of the purchase of the motel just outside of downtown.

"It's in direct competition with the private sector's ability to provide rental housing," Myller said. "It makes them throw up their arms and not even try if the city's going to subsidize it. ... Now that it's closed, I guess we'll have to deal

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