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Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club mothers, from right, Susie Leeson, Jill Ruppel and Sarah Floyd, and 10-year-old Nordic skier Anna Burkholder, ski around a course Tuesday at the base of Howelsen Hill. The club was hosting a parent-child Steamboat Cup relay race. "This is a race where we laugh at the parents," Nordic coach Deb Rose said.

Housing plan to change

City Council will draft major affordable policy revisions

Brandon Gee

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Sweeping changes appear to be in store for the city of Steamboat Springs' affordable housing ordinance.

In a 4-3 vote, the Steamboat Springs City Council decided to move forward with an ordinance that would suspend linkage, an impact fee that requires developers to mitigate — with units or a fee — a percentage of the work force housing their developments are thought to create.

Also Tuesday, and in another 4-3 vote, council endorsed a plan suggested by a group of developers and local busi-

ness leaders that would replace the city's 21-page Community Housing Ordinance with three options for compliance: an affordable housing impact fee set at a percentage of the sales or market value of new developments, a real estate transfer tax and a third, catch-all option that would allow developers to make an alternative

suggestion to be approved or denied by City Council.

The plan would eliminate inclusionary zoning, which along with linkage is one of two key components of the city's affordable housing ordinance. Inclusionary zoning, enacted in 2006, requires

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New snow — Mid-mountain	* 0 in.	Total snow _t	250 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	71 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	82 in.	Conditions	Packed powder

24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountai DR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org

